

## Poverty score card survey in 20 more districts: Farzana Raja

ISLAMABAD: Poverty scorecard survey will be conducted in 20 more districts nationwide following completion of test phase of the survey, said Federal Minister/Chairperson Benazir Income Support programme (BISP) Farzana Raja at the 6<sup>th</sup> management board meeting.



Federal Minister/Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Farzana Raja chairs the 6<sup>th</sup> management board meeting. Also seen are Federal Minister for Finance Shaukat Tareen, Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Sayyad Naveed Qamar, Federal Minister for Health Makhdoom Shahabudin and Prime Minister's advisor on Social Sector Shehnaz Wazir Ali along with senior BISP officials.

The 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting was held at the BISP Secretariat and was attended by Federal Minister for Finance Shaukat Tareen, Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Sayyad Naveed Qamar, Federal Minister for Health Makhdoom Shahabudin and Prime Minister's advisor on Social Sector Shehnaz Wazir Ali and senior officials of BISP.

The meeting discussed poverty survey, disbursement of financial aid to deserving families and provision of health facilities (health insurance) to them, assistance of terror-affected families and various other important issues. Commenting on BISP's progress, Farzana Raja said 2.24 million are receiving financial assistance currently and this will be increased to 5 million this year. She said test phase of poverty survey has been completed in 16 districts and soon 20 more districts will be surveyed nation-wide. Farzana Raja said the poverty survey will help compile complete data of those living below the poverty line. The members expressed their satisfaction over the poverty score card survey. They also praised the Waseela-e-Haq scheme of BISP and said it has helped reduce poverty. Federal Minister for Health Makhdoom Shahabudin offered complete cooperation for the Health Insurance programme of BISP.