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Benazir Income Support is helping poor and deserving families in the country irrespective of their political affiliations, Faisal Karim Kundi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly.

Addresses Ceremony to distribute cheques amongst Waseela-e-Haq beneficiaries.

D. I. Khan: Benazir Income Support Programme is the practical manifestation of the dreams of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Mohtarama Benzair Bhutto. Direct financial assistance to beneficiary families would help them in overcoming their financial problems. This Programme is entirely apolitical which its distinct feature as well. In the first phase of the programme forms were distributed to public representatives irrespective of their political affiliations and in the second phase poverty survey was carried out through third parties. Faisal Karim Kundi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly expressed these views while speaking as chief guest at the ceremony held here to distribute cheques amongst Waseela-e-Haq beneficiaries and cash grant payments under BISP. Makhdoom Syed Murid Kazim MPA and ex-minister Revenue Khyber Pukhtunkhwa, Nawabzada Samiullah Alizai MPA, notables of D. I. Khan Division and large number of beneficiary families also attended the ceremony.

Deputy Speaker National Assembly said that Waseela-e-Haq scheme is providing poor families with an opportunity to achieve financial self sustainability. He expressed his hope that the recipients of interest free financial assistance would be able to launch and pursue their businesses successfully. He praised the President and the Prime minister for taking very keen interest in the program and for their constant supervision of the programme. He lauded the services of BISP chairperson Ms. Farzana Raja for her tireless work to implement the program in a transparent manner.

Dr. Ikram Ghani, DG BISP Khyber Pukhtunkhwa and FATA on the occasion presented details of the various initiatives of BISP. He informed the audience that an amount of more than Rs. 15 billion has been distributed amongst BISP beneficiary families in the province. Other than monthly financial assistance, BISP has provided relief to IDPs, Flood affectees and families of bomb blast victims. More than 500 women household have been provided with interest free loan in Khyber Pukhtunkhwa and most of them have successfully launched their businesses. He also mentioned that under Waseela e Rozgar programme Vocational training has already been started in Karak, Lakki Marwat and Batagram and BISP will soon launch vocational training in D. I. Khan and tank.

Dr. Ikram Ghani also highlighted Life Insurance being provided to BISP beneficiaries through which an insurance cover of Rs 100,000 is being provided to beneficiary families in case of death of bread earner of that family. He appreciated the guidance

and support of President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani which is resulting in the success of the programme. He said that Chairperson BISP Ms. Farzana Raja with her utmost efforts and dedication is running this programme on the basis of modern technology and innovations.

Later, Deputy Speaker distributed 76 cheques of Rs. 150000 each amongst beneficiaries under Waseela-e-Haq and monthly financial assistance amongst 15 beneficiaries.