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Benazir Income Support is helping poor stand on their feet irrespective of their political affiliations, Karamatullah Khan, Speaker KPK Assembly;

Addresses Ceremony to distribute cheques amongst Waseela-e-Haq beneficiaries and Launching of Mobile Phone Banking.

Abbottabad: Benazir Income Support Programme is the practical manifestation of the dreams of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto. Direct financial assistance to beneficiary families would help them out in overcoming their financial problems. This Programme is entirely apolitical which its distinct feature as well. Karmatullah Khan, Speaker Khyber Pakhtunkhwa expressed these views while speaking as chief guest at the ceremony held here to distribute cheques amongst Waseela-e-Haq beneficiaries, cash grant payments and Launching of Mobile Phone Banking under BISP. Ms. Sajida Tabbasam, Ms. Naeema Nisar, notables of Hazara Division and large number of beneficiary families also attended the ceremony.

Speaker Khyber Pakhtunkhwa said that Waseela-e-Rozgar 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.

Mr. Ikram Ghani, DG BISP Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on the occasion presented details of the various initiatives of BISP. He informed the audience that an amount of more than Rs. 15 billion have 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 financial assistance in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and they have successfully launched their businesses.

Mr. 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, Speaker Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly distributed cheques amongst 17 beneficiaries under Waseela-e-Haq, distributed mobile phones amongst 100 beneficiaries and monthly financial assistance amongst 50 beneficiaries.