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**Benazir Income Support Programme has become a mechanism of reforms; the world is getting benefitted from the experiences of BISP, Racheed Bin Masud, Country Director World Bank**

**By fighting poverty BISP is helping the world in fighting extremism and terrorism, says Ms. Farzana Raja**

**ISLAMABAD:** Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) is playing vital role in the fight against poverty and terrorism. Poverty and terrorism are interlinked with each other. Thus, the steps of BISP with regard to poverty eradication are also helping in fight against terrorism. Ms. Farzana Raja, Chairperson BISP, said this while talking to the Country Director World Bank, Mr. Racheed Bin Masud here at BISP Secretariat on Tuesday. Mr. Iftikhar Malik, Senior Social Protection Specialist World Bank and Secretary BISP were also present on the occasion.



**Islamabad: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Ms. Farzana Raja talking to Racheed Bin Masud, Country Director World Bank here in BISP Secretariat, Islamabad. (Dated: June 07, 2011)**

Racheed Bin Masud appreciated the role of BISP in poverty alleviation and said that BISP and the World Bank are working as partner to achieve the desired objectives. He said that BISP has now become a role model for the world community and its experience is source of learning in the social sector for other developing countries. He said that BISP, in fact, is a mechanism of reforms. He

added further that the cooperation between BISP and the World Bank will be continued and the President of the World Bank himself is a great supporter of the programme.

Earlier, Ms. Farzana Raja presented a briefing regarding various initiatives of BISP including Waseela-e-Haq, Waseela-e-Rozgar and Life Insurance scheme. She said that we have gathered valuable data as a result of poverty survey which would prove instrumental for informed policy making in future. She said that we are trying to develop BISP into an institution having inbuilt self-corrective mechanism to ensure objectivity, transparency and sustainability of the institution.

The prospects of cooperation regarding education related Conditional Cash Transfer and other areas of mutual interest also came under discussion during the meeting. Both sides agreed to launch a cumulative process for exploring avenues of further support for BISP.