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Nationwide Poverty Survey

Firms submit proposals to BISP

NGO's, civil society and community notables are being included in the Poverty Survey being conducted nationwide by Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) to maintain transparency and ensure speedy delivery of benefits to the deserving families, said Federal Minister/Chairperson BISP Farzana Raja on Friday.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister/Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme Farzana Raja presides over the ceremony for submission of bids by private firms for Nationwide Poverty Survey. The ceremony was held at the BISP Secretariat on Friday.

Addressing the media at a ceremony for submission of proposals by private firms for the nationwide Poverty Survey, Ms Farzana Raja said BISP has set a new trend by inviting the media to the ceremony for submission of proposals by private firms for execution of Nationwide Poverty Survey. She said this will help maintain transparency. In the first phase of Poverty Survey 16 districts have been surveyed and 0.6 million families have been registered, whereas,

for the nationwide survey NGO's, civil society and community notables have been taken aboard to ensure transparency in the whole process. Farzana Raja said survey teams will go door to door so that deserving families get relief under this programme. She said under the Aaghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Baluchistan package, Poverty Survey will first be concluded in the province.

BISP had declared 11 firms eligible for the Poverty Survey, out of which 10 submitted their proposals. The firms which submitted the proposals are Rural Support Programme Network, Islamabad, Anjum Asim Shahid Associates (Pvt Ltd), Karachi, Kher Khegera Tanzeem, Peshawar, Fincon Consulting Services Pakistan, Islamabad, Avais Hyder Liaquat Nauman Chartered Accountancy, Islamabad, Europe Pvt Ltd, Hungary, Socio-Economic and Business Consultants (SEBCON), Islamabad, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Creative Consultants, Peshawar, Contech International, Lahore.

Farzana Raja said the deserving families in surveyed districts will be given Benazir Cards and in the next phase they will be provided Health Insurance and Technical Training for one member of the family to enable it to become self-sufficient.