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Nationwide Poverty Survey by June: Farzana Raja

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Ms. Farzana Raja met a group of parliamentarians from FATA and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at the BISP Secretariat where she briefed them about the Poverty Survey. She told the parliamentarians that for the first time in the history of Pakistan a nationwide Poverty Survey is being conducted

which will help identify families deserving financial assistance under BISP. She said initially the survey was launched in 16 districts and now it is underway in Baluchistan. Nationwide Poverty Survey will be launched by June. Ms. Farzana Raja said this survey will bring transparency and objectivity in the selection of deserving families.

Ms. Farzana Raja asked the parliamentarians to assist the survey teams at the Union Council level by forming public committees whose list should be sent to BISP. These public committees, she said, will accompany the survey teams and take them home to home to facilitate the survey. She also asked the parliamentarians to ensure that every eligible person is registered with NADRA, because registration with NADRA is necessary to benefit from BISP. Ms. Farzana Raja told the parliamentarians that for this purpose NADRA teams will visit their constituency before, during and after the Poverty Survey.

Ms. Farzana Raja called for the cooperation of the parliamentarians to make BISP a success. She said their supervision during the survey will ensure that all deserving families in their constituency are registered so that they could be given financial assistance.

The delegation of parliamentarians comprised Mr. Malik Bilal Rehman, Mr. Sajid Hussain Turi, Mr. Syed Akhonzada Chitan, Mr Abbas Khan Afridi, Mr. Abdur Rashid, Mr. Hafiz Rasheed Ahmad, Haji Khan Afridi, Maulana Saleh Shah Qureshi.