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Various Ministries/organizations of UAE pledges full support for BISP

Madame Farzana Raja underlined the significance of social development and BISP's initiatives in this regard

ABU DHABI: Various ministries and organizations working in the social sector of United Arab Emirates (UAE, on behalf of UAE government, have shown their agreement to take various measures aiming to enhance support base for Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP). This agreement came during different meetings of Madame Farzana Raja, Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP, with His Highness Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, UAE Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, H.E Mariam Mohammad Khalfan al Roumi UAE Minister for Social Welfare and His Excellency Hazza Mohammed Falah Al Qahtani, Director-General of the UAE Office for the Coordination of Foreign Aid.



Abu Dhabi: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja talking to Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, UAE Minister for Higher Education and Scientific Research. (Dated: October 11, 2011)

Madame Farzana Raja, during these meetings, presented details of the various initiatives of BISP and underlined the significance of developing human and social development sectors and said that development of these sectors would lead to economic growth and betterment of the lot of the poor and vulnerable people of society.

During her meeting with Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, the Chairperson BISP termed it imperative to think globally and act as a universal family so that the needs of deprived strata of society could be catered effectively. She briefed His Highness about the various pro-poor initiatives undertaken by BISP. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan appreciated the trail blazing role played by BISP towards providing sustenance to the poor and assured of his fullest support to Pakistan and BISP.

Meanwhile, Madame Farzana Raja also held a meeting with Ms Mariam Mohammad Khalfan al Roumi, UAE Minister for Social Welfare. She thanked the Minister and acknowledged the support of the government and people of UAE in all trying circumstances. Ms Mariam Mohammad on the occasion stated that both countries are friends and brothers and for UAE people Pakistan is like a second home. She appreciated the work of BISP and promised that she, in her capacity as member of Cabinet, would write a recommendatory letter to all UAE funds and humanitarian agencies/NGOs for extending support to BISP in service of the millions of deserving families of Pakistan.

Earlier, the Chairperson also met with Hazza Mohammed Falah Al Qahtani, Director-General of the UAE Office for the Coordination of Foreign Aid. Mr. Hazza assured Madame Farzana Raja that in his capacity as the Director General of OCFA, he would advise the government and the different large humanitarian funds to support BISP in its various initiatives.

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Sec. General Red Crescent Authority (UAE) agrees to Support various initiatives of BISP aiming at poverty alleviation

Madame Farzana Raja briefed Mohammed Khalifa Ahmed about the working of BISP in details

Abu Dhabi: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja has said that Red Crescent Authority (RCA) of United Arab Emirates (UAE) has always provided generous support to Pakistan when it was direly needed.

While meeting with Mohammed Khalifa Ahmed Al Qamzi, Secretary Gen of UAE RCA, she expressed her gratitude to RCA and the people of UAE for this kind support including earthquake 2005, floods of 2010 and 2011. It was mutually agreed that technical teams of both the organizations will meet in the next fifteen days to study the details and move forward with the idea of possible collaboration between BISP and RCA.



Abu Dhabi: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja meeting with Mohamed Khalifa Ahmed Al Qamzi , Secretary General Red Crescent Authority (RCA). Mr. Jamil Ahmed Khan, Pakistani Ambassador in UAE is also present on the occasion. (Dated: October 9, 2011)

Mr. Mohammed Khalifa Ahmed Al Qamzi appreciated the efforts of BISP particularly the poverty scorecard survey and the invaluable data gathered about the socio-economic conditions of every household of Pakistan. While mentioning the brotherly relations

between the people of UAE and Pakistan, he acknowledged the role played by the Armed Forces of Pakistan in establishing the UAE Air Force and armed forces. He said that Pakistan was the most important country for the people of UAE.

The Secretary General RCA also shown agreement to support BISP in its endeavors and proposed that they needed to study the initiatives of BISP in detail particularly its Vocational Training and Health Insurance schemes.

Earlier, Chairperson BISP apprised Secretary General RCA about the initiatives of BISP and its technology based operations as well as e governance. She informed RCA about the transparency of BISP and the worldwide appreciation it has accomplished during a short span of time after its establishment.

Madame Farzana Raja explained that due to expansion of BISP to more than 7 million families all over Pakistan, there was an urgent need to seek donor support for plugging the budgetary gap for continued support of the poor people of Pakistan. Chairperson BISP also address Pakistani community based in UAE and apprised them of the efforts of BISP regarding poverty alleviation. Pakistani Community pledged its full financial support to BISP on the occasion.