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**Madame Farzana Raja thanks Turkish Support for Flood Affected people of Pakistan;
Turkish Ambassador for improved Social Sector Cooperation between Pakistan and
Turkey**

Islamabad (): The people of Pakistan and Turkey enjoy unprecedented bonds of friendship. The mutual cooperation in the social sector needs to be enhanced further for the wellbeing and benefit of the people of both the countries. Mr. Babur Hizlan, Turkish Ambassador in Pakistan and Madame Farzana Raja, Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) shared these views during a meeting here at BISP Secretariat Thursday.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja talking to Turkish Ambassador, Mr. Babur Hizlan here at BISP Secretariat. (Dated: September 29, 2011)

Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP briefed the visiting ambassador about the details of various initiatives taken by BISP and informed him that the socio-economic conditions of millions of poor families are being improved through these efforts. She said that the programme has become most vital initiative in the social sector as a result of these measures.

Madame Farzana Raja said that the poverty and terrorism are directly co-related. Hence, BISP has made poverty alleviation its prime focus. She said that more than 1.3 million poor families are being served in the province a Khyber Pakhtunkhaw, which is on frontline during the war against terrorism.

Besides measures like Vocational training, BISP is working on innovative steps to promote education in the country. She said that the natural calamities like the floods and earthquakes have adversely affected the economy of Pakistan in general and the poor segments of society in particular. She said that BISP is taking every step possible to support it beneficiary families affected by the floods.

Madame Farzana Raja lauded the help provided by Turkey to provide relief to the victims of earthquake and floods in Pakistan and expressed her gratitude to Turkish government and people. She underlined the need of enhanced mutual cooperation in the social sector.

Mr. Babur Hizlan applauded the efforts of BISP regarding poverty alleviation and termed establishment of BISP as an important endeavor of the present democratic government of

Pakistan. He took keen interest in the vocational training programme of BISP and underlined the scope of mutual cooperation in this sector. During the meeting, the possibilities of mutual cooperation in various sectors of the economy also came under discussion.