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BISP connects with specialist organisations for a common cause, positions itself for adoption of sophisticated technology

Islamabad / Lahore () BISP chairperson / Minister of State MNA Marvi Memon and Dr Amjad Saqib Chairman Akhuwat inked a Memorandum of Understanding at Lahore laying the basis for working together for poverty eradication through micro-finance. The understanding was solemnised in a dignified yet simple event at the historical Mian Mir Mosque in the presence of more than 500 men and women. BISP Chairperson stated that microloans extended by specialist organisations such as Akhuwat were a preferred mode for poor women to graduate out of poverty. Ms Memon distributed cheques for microloans under the Chief Minister's Scheme for Self Employment.

BISP chairperson held a meeting with Dr Umer Saif, Punjab information Technology Board and discussed innovative solutions for improving BISP services. Dr Saif assured BISP of its utmost support in accessing cutting edge technologies for improving service efficiency and effectiveness.

Ms Marvi Memon and Secretary BISP Muhammad Saleem Ranjha visited the BISP Tehsil office at Harbanspura. The Chairperson held an open session and solicited women beneficiaries' views on working of the BISP office. She sensitized them about the introduction of the Payment Complaints Management System(PCMS) and instructed BISP staff to efficiently address clients' issues. Ms Marvi Memon emphasised that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's government had significantly enhanced the amount of BISP's cash transfer and was working day and night to alleviate poverty and vulnerability.

Ms. Marvi Memon also held detailed meetings with Alkhidmat Foundation, Kawish e-Clinic at Gulab Devi Hospital and Taba Foundation and identified common areas of interest and collaboration. She also addressed an event on e-entrepreneurship held under the auspices of e-Pakistan Vision 2025 and appreciated the opportunities being exploited by enterprising youth for income generation.