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Mission Director USAID calls on Chairman BISP

Islamabad: (.....) Mission Director of USAID in Pakistan Gregory C. Gottlieb called on Chairman Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) M. Enver Baig at BISP Secretariat today.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Mr. Enver Baig discussing matters with Mission Director USAID, Mr. Gregory Gottlieb in a meeting held here at BISP Secretariat. (Dated: December 20, 2013)

During the meeting both the dignitaries shared their future plans with regards to their organizations. Chairman BISP lauded the contribution of USAID in helping the poorest of the poor segments in Pakistan and also appreciated its

collaboration in the Un-conditional Cash Transfer initiative of BISP. Chairman BISP explained that the institution is in the process of re-visiting and re-designing its graduation schemes. He stated that he is looking forward for a long term relationship with USAID in improving BISP and address some critical structural issues that have been highlighted over the period of last four years by various donor s agencies.

Chairman also informed the Mission Director that under the directives issued by the Prime Minister, monthly stipend was raised from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 1200. He further stated that BISP will continue to provide support through un-conditional cash transfer to its beneficiaries with the key objective to graduate as many families out of the poverty trap and make them stand on their own feet. BISP will also expand the un-conditional cash transfer to more identified families gradually.

Mission Director congratulated Mr. Enver Baig on his appointment as the Chairman of BISP and stated that USAID is expanding its work on nutrition and health care in Pakistan for which they will work with BISP and provide all necessary support to BISP. Mission Director lauded the services of Chairman BISP and assured full cooperation of USAID to BISP in future.