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**ONE MILLION BISP CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SCHOOLS UNDER
WASEELA-E-TALEEM : MARVI MEMON**

Islamabad () BISP has achieved the target of enrollment of one million beneficiary children in schools under Waseela-e-Taleem (WeT) initiative; its official celebration will be launched by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar early next year. This was stated by Minister of State and Chairperson BISP, MNA Marvi Memon during her visit to Govt. Boys and Girls Taleem-ul-Quran High Schools, Rawalpindi wherein BISP children enrolled in these schools were also present.

WeT programme is four years Co-responsibility Cash Transfer (CCT) Programme which was initiated to financially support the primary education of 5 to12 years old children of BISP beneficiary families. Each beneficiary child receives a cash transfer of Rs. 750 per quarter on meeting the admission verification in 1st quarter and attendance requirement of 70% in subsequent quarters till completion of primary education. The design of the



Minister of State and Chairperson BISP, MNA Marvi Memon interacting with a girl during her visit to Govt. Boys and Girls Taleem-ul-Quran High Schools in Rawalpindi. (Dated: December 22, 2015)

Programme was developed by BISP in consultation with all the stakeholders of the programme including World Bank, DFID and Provincial/Regional Education departments.

Under the WeT programme, total Rs. 993.50 Million have been disbursed to the beneficiaries in 32 districts of the country. Rs. 161.80 Million were disbursed in initial five districts and Rs. 831 Million in extended 27 districts.

BISP set a target of reaching out to 1.3 million children of beneficiary families in 32 districts by June, 2016 and has to-date enrolled one million children wherein 47% of the programme beneficiaries are girls. On the occasion, Chairperson BISP said that BISP's endeavors towards the issues of poverty and education are in line with the present government's commitment to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and vision 2025. She further said that BISP aims to expand WeT initiative to the entire country beyond 32 districts as the organization has an equalizer policy towards every region of the country.

Chairperson BISP, MNA Marvi Memon congratulated WeT team under the leadership of Secretary BISP, Muhammad Saleem Ahmed Ranjha, DFID, World Bank and Aurat Foundation on this great achievement.
