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Benazir Income Support Programme

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**Chairman BISP calls on Chief of Air Staff**

Islamabad ( ) Chairman Benazir Income Support Programme Enver Baig called on Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Tahir Rafiq Butt at Air Headquarters, Islamabad today.

During the meeting Chairman BISP Enver Baig explained different activities of BISP including cash transfers and vocational training program, which is the key to the economic empowerment of the beneficiaries at the grass root level.



**Islamabad:- Chairman BISP Enver Baig calling on Air Chief Marshal Tahir Rafique Butt, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force (24-02-2014)**

Mr. Enver Baig apprised the Air Chief of BISP's vocational training scheme, which has been designed to make the BISP beneficiaries economically independent

and self reliant. Under this scheme beneficiaries would be provided training in different employable trades and their job placement will also be ensured with the help of local chambers of commerce and industry. He explained that BISP has already signed MoUs with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Korangi Trade & Industrial Zone, and a renowned international food chain.

Mr. Enver Baig discussed other aspects of vocational training programme whereby some of the trainees would be provided opportunities of overseas employment as well as micro-credit to establish their own business and earn their livelihood.

Chairman BISP told that this would be the main graduation programme of BISP, as per the vision of Prime Minister, and the beneficiaries would be graduated out of poverty from the programme after acquiring suitable skills and jobs to earn a decent livelihood.

During the meeting, Air Chief Marshal Tahir Rafiq Butt appreciated the stance and efforts of BISP with regards to poverty alleviation in the country. He offered the facilities of Pakistan Air Force for vocational training of BISP beneficiaries and said that the land will be provided to BISP for building of suitable vocational training institutes.

Mr. Enver Baig said that the different donors have already shown interest in development of training institutes and the collaboration of PAF will be helpful in this regard.