

Government of Pakistan
Benazir Income Support Programme

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BISP TO CONDUCT SURVEY FOR INCLUSION OF IDPS
IN THE PROGRAMME

Islamabad () Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) has started working for providing long term relief to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) of North Waziristan. Special instructions in this regard for inclusion of IDPs in the BISP cash transfers and other initiatives. Chairman BISP Enver Baig said this in a meeting with Federal Minister for SAFRON, Lt. Gen (r) Abdul Quadir Baloch, to discuss the possibilities of BISP interventions for IDPs.

BISP is a Social Safety Net mechanism of Federal Government which is globally renowned for its efficient and transparent targeting and disbursement mechanisms. The beneficiaries of BISP have been identified through a Poverty Scorecard Survey. However, due to security reasons, survey could not be conducted in North Waziristan tribal area.

Chairman BISP Enver Baig said that following the directions of Prime Minister of Pakistan to provide relief to the IDPs, he has instructed the officials and partner firm to immediately conduct the survey. On the basis of survey, beneficiaries among IDPs would be determined and will be included in the Programme by disbursing retrospective payments. After inclusion, these beneficiaries will be eligible for all the benefits of BISP, including Unconditional and Conditional Cash Transfers, Health Insurance and Vocational Training interventions.

Chairman BISP said that this was an opportunity for BISP to conduct the survey of IDPs of North Waziristan and include them in our database of more than 27 million households all over the country. He added that these efforts would bring these impoverished and underprivileged people in the mainstream, in addition to making them eligible for benefits of the Programme. He further stated that BISP has augmented its efforts to give priority to this task, as per the instructions of Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Federal Minister SAFRON appreciated the efforts of BISP with regards to the issue of IDPs and added that the Programme would be provided all necessary help from concerned agencies working for the rehabilitation of IDPs.
