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**BISP HOLDS 1<sup>st</sup> TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON NSER UPDATION**

**CHAIRPERSON BISP URGES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TO FAST ACCOMPLISH  
THE SACRED TASK OF NSER UPDATION**

**BISP INVITES UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR BRIEFING ON WASEELA-E-TALEEM  
PROGRAM**

**BISP CONVENES FIRST EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Islamabad ( ) Learning from the past experience, the most deserving people of the country have to be targeted for provision of financial assistance through National Socio-economic Registry (NSER) updation, minimizing the inclusion and exclusion errors. NSER updation is a sacred task and we are duty bound to fast accomplish this task for the benefit of the poorest of the poor. This was stated by Minister of State and Chairperson BISP, MNA Marvi Memon during her welcome address in the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee on NSER updation at BISP Secretariat.



The Technical Committee comprises of the representatives from Planning Division, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Economic Affairs Division, BISP board members, BISP

officials, Punjab Social Protection Authority, PD&R, Population Council, FATA Secretariat, P&D GB, P&D Baluchistan, BOS Sindh, BOS KP, Social Welfare AJK, OPM, World Bank, ADB, DFID, various universities and research institutes. Technical Committee is a sub-committee of Technical Advisory Committee on NSER updation whose first meeting was held last month at BISP Secretariat.

BISP maintains the NSER of more than 27 million households identified through poverty scorecard survey. Out of 27 million households, 7.7 million families have been identified which are living below the cut-off score of 16.17. BISP intends to update NSER following the best international practices as the poverty data needs to be updated every 5 years due to demographic changes. The purpose of the meeting was to finalize the tool and variables required for the updation of NSER. With the assistance of development partners, BISP had proposed revised variables for the NSER updation which were discussed in detail during the meeting.

Chairperson BISP, during the meeting, stressed that today in 2015, technologically superior solutions are available which must be employed to maximize the accuracy for NSER updation and minimize the time required for updation.

Later in the day, in two separate events, university students, representatives of various research institutes and members of academia were invited to BISP Secretariat for briefing and brainstorming sessions on BISP and its Waseela-e-Taleem program. These interactions were part of BISP's efforts to create awareness among public regarding contributions and services provided by the organization in general and Waseela-e-Taleem Program in particular.

University students and faculty members from Quaid-e-Azam University, COMSATS, Baharia University, NDU and Iqra University attended the briefing. Through Waseela-e-Taleem initiative, BISP is urging its over 5 million beneficiary families to send their children to schools so that they can become literate and economically self-sufficient in the future. Waseela-e-Taleem is a conditional cash transfer program, under which, more than 800,000 beneficiary children have been enrolled in schools. Beneficiary families are provided a monthly stipend of Rs. 250 per child from the age of 5 to 12 years with a condition of 70% attendance in schools besides monthly cash grant of Rs. 1500.

In the second event, the members of research institutes and academia were invited to be part of BISP's Education Advisory Council. Education Advisory Council will assist BISP in improving its services under Waseela-e-Taleem initiative by providing feedback. It will also help BISP in establishing linkages in the education sector so that the potential of Waseela-e-Taleem initiative could be maximized for the betterment of beneficiary children. The representatives of the following organizations were in attendance: Ministry of Commerce, FBR, World Bank, UNDP, UNICEF, ILO, UNAIDS, Population Council, PID and Institute of Social and Policy Sciences. Senator Ms. Rubina Khalid was also present on the occasion.