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BISP TO WORK ON IMPROVING ITS OUTREACH IN BALOCHISTAN

CHAIRPERSON BISP CALLS ON CM BALOCHISTAN

Islamabad: BISP is committed to improving services for the poorest most vulnerable populations of Pakistan and especially as per directions of PM of Pakistan for the people of Balochistan. This was stated by MOS/chairperson MNA Marvi Memon in a meeting with CM Balochistan in CM House Quetta.

CP BISP requested CM Balochistan to facilitate BISP in establishing its offices in far flung areas ie in all districts of the province with the help of district administration. CM Balochistan immediately gave directions to concerned authorities to work out for a plan and assured Chairperson BISP that full cooperation in this regard will be provided. Chairperson BISP informed CM Balochistan that vacant positions in Bisp Balochistan would be filled on merit through NTS and on priority so that the poorest segments of Balochistan would be serviced better.

CM Balochistan asked Chairperson BISP for undertaking the resurvey of BISP poverty database as he felt that during last five years many people in the survey had exited poverty and many had entered poverty. He said it was urgently required and that his government will be passing a resolution in Balochistan assembly on same soon which will be honored by the federal government. Chairperson BISP appreciated this advice and assured the CM that technical work on said resurvey had commenced and his government and parliament's political guidance on same was critical.

CM Balochistan And BISP Chairperson discussed ways and means of starting a self employment scheme in Balochistan with the help of donors on the same basis as was successfully being done in Punjab. Chairperson BISP informed the CM that in order to get poor to graduate out of poverty BISP had joined hands with PPAF Akhuwat and PMIFL and encouraged Balochistan BISP beneficiaries to take advantage of such schemes with assistance of Balochistan government.

Later Chairperson BISP visited Agriculture College Quetta where she presented the concept of Agro buddies and asked the students of college to help the poor beneficiaries of bisp in learning the modern techniques of agriculture to graduate them out of poverty and to jointly coming up with income generation projects which could later be funded by donors. She also visited sardar Bahadur Khan Women university and launched the same scheme.

BISP Balochistan hosted a roundtable at its Quetta offices with Balochistan government officials led by Dr Qaiser Bengali and NGOs to discuss methodology for future resurvey of NSER and future of projects which were donor funded which have to be handed over to provinces by end of 2016. The inputs were valuable and the Chairperson BISP committed that these voices would formally be part of the Advisory Technical Council on resurvey so that the next poverty scorecard could be world class.

Chairperson BISP also convened a meeting of all BISP Balochistan staff from all districts to instruct them to improve services for BISP beneficiary.