



## 1. NEW BISP SURVEY TO COVER REMOTE AREAS IN BALOCHISTAN

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QUETTA: Benazir Income Support Programme Chairperson Marvi Memon said on Thursday that the survey conducted by the social safety net in Balochistan in the past was not up to the mark and it would be ensured in the new survey that the province got equity so that maximum number of poor women could benefit from the BISP.

Speaking to members of local bodies in Qila Saifullah, she said it would be possible only if far-flung areas of Balochistan were covered in the new survey.

"Balochistan is our priority and government would make sure that no deserving woman in Balochistan remains deprived of financial assistance provided by the BISP,"

Ms Memon said.

In a bid to understand the problems being faced by women, the BISP chief along with provincial minister Nawab Ayaz Khan Jomezai and respective local government office-bearers visited the offices of Union Council Sadar.

Talking to a group of women, she said that being the directory of the poor the updated National Socio-economic Registry would be an asset. The document would contribute to effective policy-making and better targeted programmes.

She said the BISP would initiate the new survey by the middle of this year in Mirpur (AJK), Charsadda, Lakki Marwat, Haripur, Chakwal, Layyah, Faisalabad, Bahawalpur, Jacobabad, Sukkur, Thatta, Gilgit, Qila Saifullah, Kech, Nasirabad and Mohmand Agency.

## 2. BISP PICTURE

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*(Urdu newspapers also carried the story and picture)*



### 3. BISP NEWS

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4,700 rupees is the current three-month stipend of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), increased from the previous sum of Rs4,500, the programme's chairperson announced on May 4. According to a report, a new registration survey of the BISP is in being launched in several districts of Balochistan

### 4. BISP FUNDS CAN BE USED IN BETTER WAY

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LAUNCHED in the last government of Pakistan People's Party, Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) over the years has truly emerged as a model social safety net programme for the world to follow. Different world personalities have also recognized its success to reaching out to millions of poor families and its contribution to the socio-

economic uplift of the previously neglected women folk.

Since the installation of the present government, it has significantly enhanced allocations for the BISP raising it to Rs 110 billion over the last three years. Speaking in Dera Murad Jamali on Wednesday, BISP Chairperson Marvi Memon announced enhancement in the stipend of BISP beneficiaries saying that on the instructions of the Prime Minister, the three month stipend for poor families has been enhanced to Rs 4700 from Rs 4500. We welcome this increase in stipend but at the same time will highlight the fact that the amount is very negligible given the soaring prices of essential commodities. In fact, this stipend or the assistance being provided by other poverty alleviation programmes like Baitul Maal do provide some sort of temporary relief to the disadvantaged segments of the society but do not bring any long term change in their economic health. We also understand the financial constraints of the government and providing billions of rupees to this mega project is indeed an uphill task. Therefore, we will suggest the government to also allocate funds towards arranging such training programmes for the poor people that they could start earning their livelihood in a matter of one or two years and live a respectable life. This will also help bring down our poverty ratio in real sense which currently stands at alarming level. In addition there is also need to cleanse the BISP from the illegal and non-deserving beneficiaries. As the BISP dynamic chairperson Marvi Memon has announced to re-conduct the poverty survey, we expect that best international and modern techniques will be used in the compilation of data in order to



ensure that the money of tax payers only reach the deserving families.

## **5. WORLD BANK APPROVES US\$10M FOR ‘SOCIAL SAFETY’**

--- 10,000 extremely poor households to directly benefit

By: David A. Yates

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The World Bank Board of Executive Directors has approved a new financing agreement of US\$10 million International Development Association (IDA) credit agreement to provide income support to Liberians, particularly extremely poor and food insecure households in the country.

The agreement, which was approved last Tuesday, May 3, will establish key building blocks of a basic national safety net delivery system of Liberia and Liberia Social Safety Nets Project (LSSNP).

It will directly benefit 10,000 extremely poor and insecure households in four of Liberia’s most food insecure counties including Bomi, Maryland, Grand Kru and River Gee.

Also, the LSSNP will indirectly benefit all households that will be captured in the Social Registry, who would be potential beneficiaries of other safety net programs.

World Bank Liberia Country Manager Inguna Dobraja said, “The Social Safety Nets project focuses on delivering cash transfers to the

poorest households in the country by providing accompanying measures to support their food security.”

Madam Dobraja said the project places emphasis on addressing vulnerability and reducing poverty in the targeted project areas and will carry out cash transfer, implement measures that will promote growth, quick and high yielding nutritious food through home gardening.

Additionally, the project will also provide support for increasing awareness on improved nutrition among targeted households as a means of reducing vulnerability.

She said that Liberia has a high degree of malnutrition among children and the lack of dietary diversity in the most food insecure and chronically poor households.

These accompanying measures will encourage beneficiary households to improve consumption and invest in the human development of their families, particularly young children, as well as pregnant women and lactating mothers, the World Bank Liberia Country manager said.

The LSSNP, according to her, will provide support for further developing Liberia’s long-term systems building in the larger social protection sector.

It will contribute to increased efficiency and accountability in the delivery of social services through the creation of a national social registry that seeks to collect information on all poor households in Liberia.



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“The LSSNP marks a significant step forward in the support to long-term recovery and resilience building for communities affected by shocks in Liberia,” said Suleiman Namara, Task Team Leader.

He said the systems developed under this project will help make social protection interventions better targeted, more accessible, as well as strengthen coordination of affordable service delivery in the country.

<http://liberianobserver.com/business/world-bank-approves-us10m-%E2%80%98social-safety%E2%80%99>