

# **SPEECH OF PRESIDENT MAMNOON HUSSAIN FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE FINAL EVALUATION REPORT OF BISP'S IMPACT**

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Ambassadors/Diplomats  
Development Partners and  
Representatives of the Civil Society, Academia, Media

**Ladies & Gentlemen!**

AssalamAliakum& Good Morning

It gives me great pleasure to be amongst you all at BISP Headquarter Islamabad. I wish to commend the efforts of BISP Management for organizing this event on “the Launch of Final Evaluation Report of BISP’s Impact”.

It is an honor for me as the Chief Patron of BISP to look at the achievements and progress it made, particularly in the last four years under PML-N Government. I am pleased that the BISP team, under the leadership of MsMarviMemon, is working diligently for ensuring the transparency and efficiency in the operations of BISP. Making the impact evaluation report public is a great leap in this

direction. The report not only enlightens us about the achievements of BISP but also has highlighted certain challenges for course correction.

### **Distinguished Guests!**

The Constitution of Pakistan under article 38 ensures the promotion of social and economic well-being of all the citizens of Pakistan. Present Government has expressed a strong resolve to reform the social protection mechanism in line with Constitution of Pakistan and its manifesto. In the last four years, the government placed special emphasis on the expansion of BISP and improvement of its delivery mechanism.

In this regard, BISP has a key role to improve the socio-economic welfare of the poorest and most vulnerable. The government increased the cash transfer for the poorest of the poor by more than 60 percent over the last four years, from Rs 3000/- to Rs 4834/- per quarter for current financial year.

The number of beneficiaries has increased from 1.7 million in 2008/09 to 5.3 million at present. BISP annual disbursement rose from Rs. 16 billion in 2008/09 to Rs. 97 billion in 2015/16 and Rs. 115 are allocated for the current fiscal year 2016/17. All these interventions are reflective of the noble cause of current government to extend a helping hand to the underprivileged and excluded segments of our population.

BISP, so far, has made marvelous progress by increasing its beneficiaries and improving targeting and disbursement mechanism over the last four years and has delivered the commitments that it has made. BISP is making payments to more than 94% of its beneficiaries through technology based payment mechanisms like Debit cards and Biometric verification system.

I am happy to say that with the right approach and implementation of focused policies by PML-N Government, BISP has truly become a pride of Pakistan as it is the largest social safety net initiative in South Asia and one of the largest around the world. Opting modern payment mechanisms, BISP has transformed into an exemplary program for the rest of the world.

## **Ladies & Gentlemen!**

Recognizing the importance of education for human development and low level of child school enrolment among BISP Beneficiaries, PML-N Government has made significant investment in BISP Waseela-e-Taleem Programme. I am happy to see that Waseela-e-Taleem has been rolled out to 32 districts all across Pakistan and 1.3 million children have been registered in the programme. Monthly stipend has been increased to Rs. 250 per month per child from Rs. 200 in the current financial year.

## **Ladies & Gentlemen!**

Last but not least I again commend the efforts of BISP management and leadership who have worked day and night for fulfilling a visionary and prophetic mission of helping the poorest of our country. There is nothing more satisfying and rewarding than knowing the fact that our meager efforts are bringing change in the lives of millions of families around Pakistan. I wish the BISP management best of luck and hope that their zeal and vigor will make this program grow to tremendous lengths in the future.

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