



BENAZIR INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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The month of September was an eventful and productive period for the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), marked by several important milestones, initiatives, and collaborations at the national, provincial, international, and multilateral levels. During the month, BISP continued to strengthen its institutional engagement with development partners and government stakeholders, while advancing initiatives aimed at improving service delivery and beneficiary facilitation. Particular emphasis was placed on digitalization, disaster preparedness, public awareness, outreach, transparency, and the effective delivery of social protection services.

A major focus during September remained the implementation of the new Digital Wallet Payment System and the nationwide distribution of free Benazir SIMs to women beneficiaries. SIM distribution activities were carried out through BISP district offices across the country, with beneficiaries being facilitated in their transition towards the new digital payment mechanism. The initiative represents an important step towards strengthening digital access, improving the efficiency of payments, and enhancing transparency and accountability within the programme. Awareness and communication activities were also intensified to ensure that beneficiaries understood the process and the importance of safeguarding their mobile phones and Benazir SIMs.

Under the leadership of BISP Chairperson Senator Rubina Khalid, the programme continued to engage directly with beneficiaries and respond to their concerns through innovative and accessible outreach mechanisms. The E-Kacheri remained an important platform for direct interaction, enabling beneficiaries from across the country to communicate their issues and seek guidance regarding BISP services and programmes. Follow-up and facilitation activities were also undertaken to ensure that issues raised by beneficiaries received appropriate attention, reinforcing BISP's commitment to transparency, accountability, and beneficiary-centered service delivery.

Throughout the month, BISP also maintained its focus on the longer-term objective of enabling beneficiary families to move towards greater economic independence and improved livelihoods. Initiatives related to skills development, digital literacy, and human capital development remained central to this objective, particularly through programmes designed to equip beneficiary families and their children with relevant skills and opportunities. Through continued collaboration with provincial departments, international organizations, and development partners, BISP sought to strengthen the impact and reach of its social protection interventions while building a more responsive, transparent, and digitally enabled social protection system for vulnerable families across Pakistan.



CHIEF SECRETARY SINDH SYED ASIF HYDER SHAH REAFFIRMS SINDH GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR BISP



Chairperson BISP Senator Rubina Khalid and Chief Secretary Sindh Syed Asif Hyder Shah discuss operational issues and coordination for effective implementation of BISP initiatives in a meeting held on 7th September.



STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN GOVERNOR AND BISP LEADERSHIP DISCUSS TRANSPARENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF BISP INITIATIVES



A meeting was held on 7th September between the Chairperson, Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), and the Governor State Bank of Pakistan to discuss various operational matters related to SPW and making it more effective and transparent.



BISP CHAIRPERSON SENATOR RUBINA KHALID AND WORLD BANK DELEGATION DISCUSS AWARENESS AND OUTREACH OF BISP INITIATIVES



Senator Rubina Khalid, additional Secretary Dr. Asmat Nawaz and all DGs were also present in the meeting held on 8th September.



SOMALI DELEGATION VISITS BISP HEADQUARTERS TO LEARN ABOUT PAKISTAN'S LARGEST SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAM



Additional Secretary BISP Dr. Asmat Nawaz welcomed the delegation and highlighted the close relationship between Pakistan and Somalia. He assured continued cooperation and support to facilitate Somalia in strengthening its social protection systems.



ADVANCING WOMEN'S DIGITAL AND FINANCIAL LITERACY – GATES FOUNDATION DELEGATION MEETS BISP LEADERSHIP



The meeting held on 10th September focused on Digital and Financial Literacy through BISP Nashonuma Centres, human resource development, integration of women agricultural workers into the formal economy and strengthening grievance redressal mechanisms.



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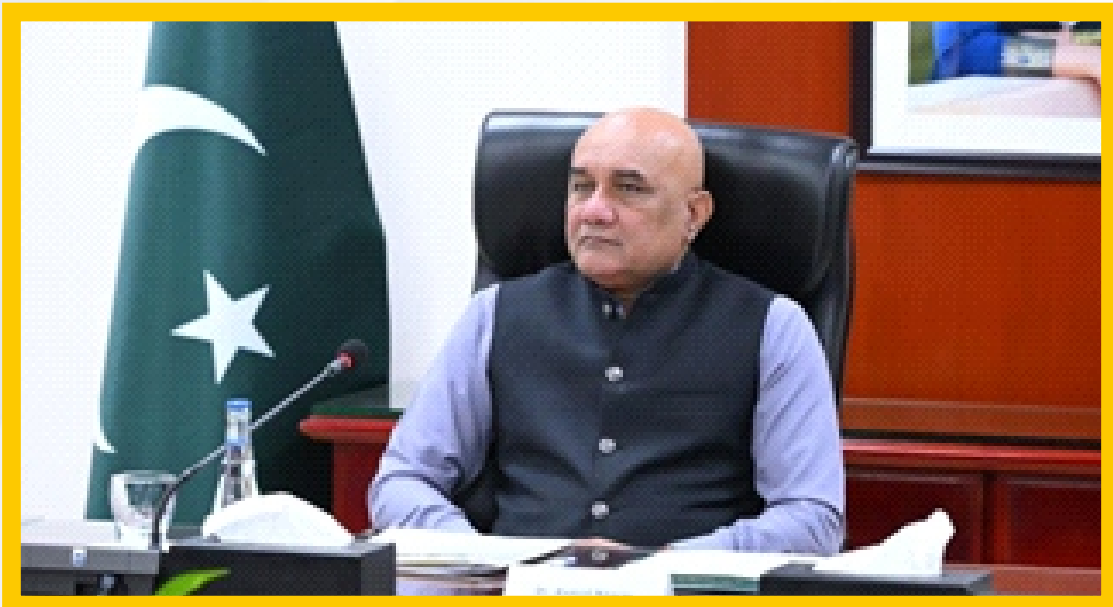
BISP CHAIRPERSON SENATOR RUBINA KHALID CALLS FOR STRONGER PROVINCIAL COOPERATION ON THE NASHONUMA PROGRAM IN PESHAWAR



BISP Chairperson Senator Rubina Khalid met with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Additional Chief Secretary, Lieutenant (Retd.) Islam Zeb, in Peshawar on 11th September.



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK'S SECOND TRIPARTITE PORTFOLIO REVIEW MISSION VISITS BISP



The Asian Development Bank (ADB) delegation visited BISP on 11th September. Additional Secretary Dr. Asmat Nawaz welcomed the delegation.



STRENGTHENING FIELD CAPACITY – BISP, WHO AND UNICEF CONDUCT JOINT TRAINING FOR NASHONUMA PROGRAM TEAMS



The Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), in collaboration with the World Food Programme (WFP), the World Health Organization (WHO), and UNICEF, organized a training session in Lahore on Phase III of the Benazir Nashonuma Programme on 11th September.



STRENGTHENING DIGITALIZATION AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS – BISP SIGNS MOUS WITH THE MINISTRY OF IT AND THE PAKISTAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY



The Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the National Information Technology Board (NITB) and the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) at BISP Headquarters, Islamabad on 14th September.



PAKISTAN BUSINESS FORUM EUROPE EXPLORES COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES WITH BISP



The meeting held on 14th September explored the potential for collaboration with the overseas Pakistani business community. Additional Secretary Dr. Asmat Nawaz welcomed the delegation.



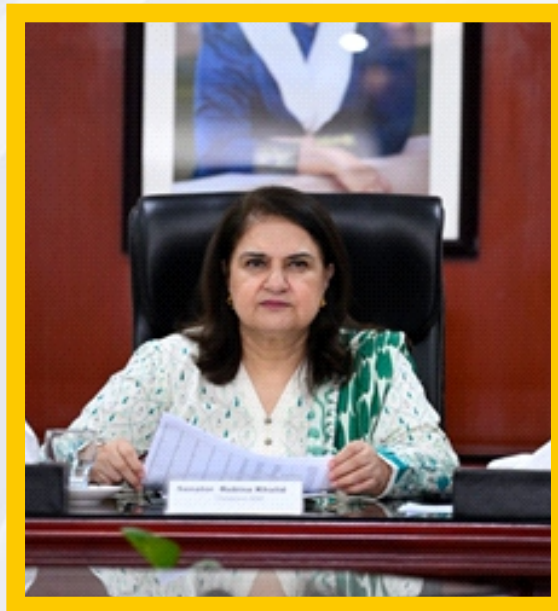
BISP CHAIRPERSON SENATOR RUBINA KHALID CALLS FOR A HOLISTIC POLICY APPROACH TO COMBATING MALNUTRITION



BISP Chairperson Senator Rubina Khalid highlighted the importance of integrating nutrition during “Act for NUTRITION,” a conference held on 18th September on the issue of Malnutrition and Stunting.



BISP CHAIRPERSON SENATOR RUBINA KHALID REVIEWS NATIONWIDE BENAZIR SIM DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN



The meeting held on 21st September reviewed province-wise and region-wise progress, details of beneficiaries who have not yet received their free Benazir SIMs, availability of SIMs, partner bank retailers and the status of Non-BVS beneficiaries.



STRENGTHENING PUBLIC OUTREACH AND GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL – CHAIRPERSON BISP SENATOR RUBINA KHALID HOLDS LIVE E-KACHERI



Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid, on 22nd September held a live E-Kachehri from BISP Headquarters as part of the Programme's ongoing public outreach and grievance redressal efforts.



EXPANDING ACCESS THROUGH DIGITALIZATION – BENAZIR SIM DISTRIBUTION AND DIGITAL WALLET ROLLOUT GAIN MOMENTUM NATIONWIDE



Under the new Digital Wallet Payment System, the distribution of free Benazir SIMs to women beneficiaries of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) is underway across the country.



EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT – SENATOR RUBINA KHALID MEETS BENAZIR HUNARMAND PROGRAM TEAM TO ADVANCE SUSTAINABLE POVERTY GRADUATION



Chairperson BISP Senator Rubina Khalid chaired a meeting held on 25th September with the Benazir Hunarmand Programme (BHP) team at BISP Headquarters to review province-wise enrollment targets and progress in skill training for willing individuals from BISP beneficiary families.



UNICEF HOLDS TWO-DAY ORIENTATION AND PLANNING SESSION FOR BISP OFFICIALS ON BENAZIR NASHONUMA PROGRAMME 3.0



A two-day Orientation and Planning Session for BISP Officials on the Benazir Nashonuma Programme (BNP 3.0) took place in Multan on 28th September, conducted by UNICEF in collaboration with BISP and development partners.



CHAIRPERSON BISP SENATOR RUBINA KHALID CHAIRS HIGH-LEVEL MEETING TO REVIEW FULL OPERATIONALIZATION OF PAYMENT INTEROPERABILITY



Senior management from all six Partner Financial Institutions HBL, HBL Microfinance Bank, JazzCash, Easypaisa, Bank of Punjab, and Bank Alfalah participated in the meeting held on 29th September.



BISP PARTICIPATES IN THE 7TH MICRONUTRIENT FORUM GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON “NUTRITION AT THE FRONTIERS OF A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT”



On 29th September, Dr. Asim Ijaz, Director General CCT/NSER, Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), participated as a guest speaker in the session “Enabling Policy Coherence for Nutrition.”



BISP & WFP STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION ON SOCIAL PROTECTION AND NUTRITION IN BALOCHISTAN



Mir Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, Minister for Planning and Development, Government of Balochistan, attended a meeting held at the World Food Programme (WFP) Provincial Head Office in Quetta on 30th September on the occasion of the visit of WFP Country Director Anita Hirsch.



GOVERNOR OF PUNJAB MEETS BISP CHAIRPERSON SENATOR RUBINA KHALID



The President of the BISP Officers Association, Sardar Azmat, and the President of the All Pakistan BISP Employees Welfare Association, Sardar Shiraz, met with Chairperson BISP, Senator Rubina Khalid, and Governor of Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan on 30th September.