

# Pakistan National Social Protection Program

**The National Social Protection Program (NSPP) is a US\$100 million credit** to support the Government of Pakistan through: (a) a Program for Results (PforR) in an amount of US\$90 million by making disbursement against the key results in the Government's program, and (b) a Technical Assistance component in an amount of US\$10 million to finance critical areas to achieve the quality of results.

The World Bank's operation supports three elements of the Government's Safety Net Program: (a) the basic cash transfer program; (b) the Waseela-e-Taleem (WeT) program to incentivize primary school enrollment of BISP beneficiary families' children; and (c) facilitation support to improve Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) beneficiaries' access to complementary social and productive services.

The Program will strengthen the existing safety net systems established by BISP through consolidation of achievements and ensuring effective delivery of basic income support as well as cash transfers linked to education co-responsibilities. A strengthened safety net system will continue to protect the poorest against falling into destitution, help them to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty by investing in the human capital of their children, and will facilitate pathways toward improved welfare and economic self-sufficiency. Various evaluations of BISP have shown that it has demonstrated impacts on promoting the human capital development by reducing children's short term malnutrition and improving enrollment and attendance in the primary education.

The Bank's operation will support the following Result Areas:

## *Results Area 1: Institutional and Systems Development*

1. **Updating the National Socio-Economic Registry (NSER).** The Program will support the nationwide update of the NSER to maintain it as a relevant and credible registry. The Program will also support the Government to develop a recertification strategy including data analysis to assess the exit of beneficiaries who no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the basic income support benefit, and the entry of new families who meet the eligibility criteria. Under this support, the Program will also include testing and evaluation of options for dynamic update of NSER data.

2. **Improving Safety Net Administration and Strengthened Service Delivery.** The Program will support the improvement of BISP systems to advance towards a more beneficiary centric service delivery model, including, improved communication, information management, payment systems, and strengthening BISP's outreach through enhanced capacity at the local level.

## *Result Area 2: Income Support for Human Development and Access to Complementary Services*

3. **Consolidation and Expansion of WeT.** The Program will support consolidation and scale-up of the WeT program in additional districts to boost enrolment and attendance of primary education of BISP beneficiaries' children.

4. **Access to Complementary Social and Productive Services.** The Program will facilitate BISP beneficiary families' access to complementary social and productive services delivered by other institutions in the country. These include health insurance, nutrition Conditional Cash Transfers, formal and non-formal skills training, access to finance, and asset transfers.