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**Roll out of Ehsaas Governance and Integrity Policy and Observatory begins**



November 15, 2019 – Islamabad: Poverty Alleviations and Social Safety Division today began the implementation of the Ehsaas Governance and Integrity Policy, which was formally approved by the Cabinet and launched earlier this week. The purpose of the policy is to build systems that strongly discourage corruption, and to promote efficiency, transparency and accountability for results and compliance with the rules.

Dr. Sania Nishtar convened a meeting attended by the Principal Accounting Officers and ancillary organizations of the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division (PASSD) namely BISP, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal, Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund, and Trust for Voluntary Organizations. The meeting discussed a roadmap for implementation of the new policy and addressed questions around making it as robust as possible.

“By tackling corruption and promoting accountability at every level, the Governance and Integrity Policy will ensure that resources go to those who need them the most,” said Dr. Sania Nishtar, who is Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Nets and also Chairperson of BISP. “This roadmap is the first step in delivering the policy, which we will continue to improve on over time.

All the organizations at the table agreed to take the ownership of the “Ehsaas Governance and Integrity Policy” and “Ehsaas Governance and Integrity Observatory”. Taking the agenda forward, it was decided that all ancillary organizations under PASSD will jointly develop a tracking mechanism to ensure the policy compliance, collaborate on best practices and present the report to their respective Board of Directors on the Governance and Integrity Policy at least once a year.

To support the implementation of this policy, PASSD has appointed a governance focal person and has also begun to establish a “Governance and Integrity Observatory” to oversee progress.