

**Government of Pakistan  
Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division  
Press Release**

**WB president visits BISP headquarters**



November 2, 2019 – Islamabad: David Malpass, President of the World Bank Group during his visit to Pakistan visited headquarters of BISP. David Malpass was leading a delegation consisting of two regional vice presidents and other high-ranking officials from the Bank. Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Social Protection and Poverty Alleviation and Chairperson BISP Dr. Sania Nishtar together with Dr. Zafar Mirza, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination welcomed the World Bank's President and his delegation and briefed them on the importance attached by the government to the uplift of the marginalized segments of the society and the positive contribution Ehsaas is making to address poverty and inequality in Pakistan.

Dr. Nishtar informed the delegation on government's multi-sectoral Ehsaas Program and stated that despite limited fiscal space, social protection has been placed high on the government's agenda and significantly increased resources have been allocated for social protection.

Dr. Nishtar also informed Malpass about on new payment model of Kifalat program, which will promote financial inclusion of women through one woman one bank account.

During the briefing, Malpass was also apprised of the governance reforms undertaken at BISP to bring transparency and efficiency in operations.