

Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) — Targeted Cash Transfer to Female Heads of Household

Gender Equality · Good practice · Pakistan

Quality score: 96/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

Summary

Pakistan's BISP pays quarterly grants to >6.1 million female household heads across 149 districts. Oxford Policy Management's evaluation (2010–2017) found poverty fell 7 pp; multiple studies confirm improved women's mobility, decision-making autonomy and political participation.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	1/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[Government of Pakistan – BISP Secretariat](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

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