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**In the interest of transparency Ehsaas launches Emergency Cash Information Portal; All emergency cash applicants to get responses within 15 days: Dr. Sania**



April 24, 2020 -Islamabad: To ensure transparency, Ehsaas has launched the information portal today, making details of Ehsaas Emergency Cash disbursements available to the public. The dashboards of the innovative portal will outline the number of beneficiaries being benefited under each of the three categories with up to tehsil wise breakdowns countrywide. The approval for the launch of this portal had been accorded by the Prime Minister Imran Khan on April 22, 2020.

The portal transparently reflects the amount released to Ehsaas partner banks for payments to eligible families, and the number of families who have withdrawn money. To explore real time data relating to disbursements, the portal can be accessed via the website of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division, [https://www.pass.gov.pk/ecs/uct\\_all.html](https://www.pass.gov.pk/ecs/uct_all.html). Under the Ehsaas Emergency Cash, the operations have been ongoing since April 9. To-date, overall disbursements of Rs.68.946 billion have been made to 5.745 million beneficiaries across the country for categories 1 and 2.

While addressing a press conference along with Dr. Shahbaz Gill on the official release of information portal at Press Information Department, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Social Protection and Poverty Alleviation Dr. Sania Nishtar said, "Ehsaas Emergency Cash is a merit-based program to benefit 12 million families living in poverty due to COVID-19 restrictions and we are taking every possible measure to ensure utmost transparency". She further added, "Integrity is the hallmark of Ehsaas Emergency Cash payments and we are promoting it through data driven identification of beneficiaries, scrutiny of eligibility through data analytics, wealth profiling etc, payments based on biometric verification, and open access to disbursements portal." "Through the portal, any person can navigate information regarding number of deserving families benefitting from the program as well as the total amount paid out at district and Tehsil levels."

About responses to all applicants under categories 2 and 3, Dr. Nishtar announced that applicants of Ehsaas Emergency Cash program would receive the final SMS regarding payment of the amount or rejection based on their eligibility within the next 15 days. Those who will not receive the SMS of collecting their payments must fall under the category of government employees or those having travel history, exceeding PTCL bills, possessing cars etc.

Further concluding the press conference, Dr. Nishtar stated that applicants must avoid unnecessary visits to the payment sites who had not received message of collecting their payments. She said the condition of renewal of expired Computerized National Identity Cards had been withdrawn to facilitate beneficiaries. And, offices of National Database Registration Authority (NADRA) will open from April 27, 2020 to facilitate beneficiaries who are facing problems in their biometric verification.