

Bagerhat is a district in Khulna. It shares a part of the Sundarbans, which is the world's largest mangrove forest. BRAC runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Among them, microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loan) and tenant farmers' development loans.

On the other hand, BRAC's Education programme (BEP) stands as the second largest programme in this district. BEP runs 300 schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP), and *gonokendros* (community libraries) in Bagerhat. BRAC's health programme is also running successfully in this district. This programme is a combination of preventive, curative, rehabilitative and promotional health services, focusing on improving maternal, neonatal and child health (IMNCS). It also combats communicable diseases and common health problems forming the key component of essential health care. Another core programme is water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), which mainly deals with water and sanitation services. In this district, WASH has achieved 80 per cent sanitation coverage by installing sanitary latrines in the schools and



Village women collecting arsenic free safe drinking water from a water treatment plant supply set up by BRAC WASH.

villages. Apart from these, BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), the community empowerment programme (CEP), disaster management and climate change (DMCC), gender justice and diversity (GJD) and fisheries successfully.

General information

Population	1,476,090
Unions	76
Villages	1,048
Children (0-15)	483,237
Primary schools	1,248
Literacy rates	59%
Hospitals	9
Banks	15
Bazaars	238
NGOs	86

At a glance

(as of December 2015)

Microfinance

Village organisations	1,523
Members	137,055
Borrowers	35,357

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	3,666
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	340
Population covered	12,513
Amount of money disbursed	135,777,000

Education

Pre-primary schools	45
Primary schools	34
ADP Centres	13
Community libraries	33

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	1,172
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	245

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	280
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	21
Popular theatre team	9

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Sanitation coverage	80%
Sanitary latrine installed in schools	66

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	92
HRLE graduates	61,341
Legal aid clinics	9

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) member	3,400
Asset received	3,400
Health care availed	3,400

Disaster management and climate change

Trained clients	2,000
Women groups	80
Women groups' members	2,000
Assets received	400
Distribution of trees for plantation	2,000

Gender, justice and diversity

Gender quality action learning: <i>Gender kormi</i>	13
<i>Sampriti</i> centres	20
<i>Sampriti</i> centres members	600

Social enterprises

Fisheries	2
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