

Part of Chittagong, Bandarban is a district in south-eastern Bangladesh. It is one of the three districts that make up the Chittagong Hill Tracts, the others being Rangamati and Khagrachhari. This city is the remotest and least populated city in the country. The majority of people are of indigenous ethnicity, such as Bomong, Marma, Mru, Tanchangya, Khyang, Tripura, Lushei, Khumi, Chak, Kuki, Chakma, Rakhine (or Arakanese), Riyang, Usui and Pankho.

Most of them are highly dependent on irrigation such as jumm farming, which is a 'slash and burn' agricultural technique used in Bandarban and other hill tracts. BRAC has offered few of its core programmes in Bandarban including microfinance, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and the education programme (BEP). Apart from it, BRAC's new initiative, the skills development programme, provides holistic skills development training and decent employment opportunities, enabling young men and women to realise their full potential.

Bandarban is one of the major tourist attractions in Bangladesh. Notable tourist destinations include Tahjindong, Keokradong (the highest peak of Bangladesh), Golden Temple, Boga Lake, Nilgiri Resort, Chimbuk Pahar, Jadipai Waterfall, Nafa-Khum Waterfall, Rijuk Waterfall and Shoilo Propat.



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Our malaria control activities inform and educate people at community level, promote use of insecticide treated bed nets and increase early diagnosis and prompt treatment.

General information

Population	404,093
Unions	31
Villages	1,482
Children (0-15)	67,081
Primary schools	325
Literacy rate	43%
Hospitals	8
NGOs	54
Banks	14
Bazaars	28

At a glance

(as of December 2015)

Microfinance

Village organisations	340
Members	24,031
Borrowers	13,433

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Small enterprise clients	123
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Education

Primary schools	17
Pre-primary schools	4
Adolescent development programme (ADP) centres	38
Community libraries	10

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	163
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	644

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	35
Number of trades	6
Number of graduate students	70