

Chapai Nawabganj

Located in the north-west of Bangladesh, Chapai Nawabganj district lies under Rajshahi division, and has an area of 1,703 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Ganges and Mahananda. It is bounded by West Bengal of India on the north, south and west, and Rajshahi and Naogaon districts on the east.

BRAC works at Chapai Nawabganj with quite a few components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and skills development.



A Shantal woman walks through a rural street in Chapai Nawabganj district, Bangladesh.

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General information

Population	1,647,521
Unions	45
Villages	1,135
Children (0-15)	494,256
Primary schools	678
Literacy rate	48%
Hospitals	29
NGOs	42
Banks	17
Bazaars	89

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Village organisations	1,670
Members	105,512
Borrowers	45,622

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Small enterprise clients	3,232
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	225
Money disbursed	234,100,000
Population covered	200,450

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	36
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	360

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	152
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	19
Popular theatre	5

Education

Primary schools	97
Pre-primary schools	99
Community libraries	59

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	287
HRLE graduates	52,085
Legal aid clinics	5

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	416
Sanitation coverage	62%

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	49
Number of graduate learners	100
Number of disabled learners	12

Social enterprises

Aarong production centre	2
BRAC dairy and food project	5
Chilling centres	5
Poultry	1