

Dhaka is the capital city of Bangladesh. It is located on the banks of the Buriganga river. BRAC has its headquarters in Dhaka, where it is running most of its core programmes. Among them, microfinance is the largest, offering two types of loans – dabi (microloan) and progoti (enterprise loans). BRAC’s Education Programme (BEP) stands as the second largest in this district.

BEP runs about 2,500 schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP), and *gonokendros* (community libraries). The health, nutrition and population programme (HNPP) is another core programme running successfully in this district. It is a combination of preventive, curative, rehabilitative and promotional health services, focusing on improving maternal, neonatal and child health (IMNCS), as well as combating communicable diseases and common health problems, forming the key component of essential healthcare. Another core programme is water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), which mainly deals with water and sanitation services. In this district, WASH has achieved 92 per cent of sanitation coverage by installing sanitary latrines in schools. BRAC’s new initiative, the skills development programme, provides holistic skills development training and decent employment opportunities



BRAC Health Worker’s home visit in Korail Slum, Dhaka.

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to enable young women and men to realise their full potential. Apart from these, BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), gender justice and diversity (GJD), urban street children programme (USCP), migration and a few social enterprises successfully.

General Information

Population	12,517,361
Villages	1,999
Children (0-15)	1,877,605
Primary schools	1,417
Literacy rate	71%
Hospitals	206
Banks	62
Bazaars	169
NGOs	1,069

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Village organisations	3,453
Members	192,457
Borrowers	91,579

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	31,106
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Education

Pre-primary schools	1,178
Primary schools	1,355
ADP centres	373
Community libraries	13

Urban street children programme

Total centres	2
Total street children	1,700

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	2,971
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	391
Health centres	2

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Sanitation coverage	92%
Sanitary latrine installed in school	39
Deep tubewells installed	295

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	43
HRLE graduates	14,267
Legal aid clinic	1

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	1,450
Assets received	1,450
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) member	3,000
Soft loans received	3,000

Migration

Number of safe migration facilitation centre (SMFC)	1
Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitators	3
Number of volunteers	18

Gender justice and diversity

MEJNIN (<i>meyeder jonno nirapad nagorikotta</i> - safe citizenship for girls)	
Community watch groups (CWGs)	97
CWG members	1,552
Student watch group (SWGs)	102
SWG members	2,880
<i>Snehaloy</i>	
Total daycare centres	15
Total children	312

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	297
Number of trades	8
Number of graduate students	599

Social enterprises

Aarong outlets	7
Nursery	2