

Located in the centre of Bangladesh, Faridpur district lies under Dhaka division, with an area of 2,073 square kilometres. The main rivers are the Padma, Old Kumar, Arial Khan, Gorai, Chandana, Bhubanshwar and Lohartek. It is bounded by Narail, Magura and Rajbari districts on the west, Rajbari and Manikganj districts on the north, Gopalganj district on the south, and Dhaka, Munshiganj and Madaripur districts on the east.

BRAC works at Faridpur with 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), gender, justice and diversity (GJD), migration, and skills development.



An artisan putting intricate hand embroidery on clothes that are sold out of BRAC's chain of trendy handicraft stores, Aarong.

General information

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| Population | 1,912,989 |
| Unions | 81 |
| Villages | 1,887 |
| Children (0-15) | 489,501 |
| Primary schools | 783 |
| Literacy rate | 44% |
| Hospitals | 8 |
| NGOs | 72 |
| Banks | 65 |
| Bazaars | 63 |

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

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| Branches | 39 |
| Village organisations | 2,161 |
| Members | 157,168 |
| Borrowers | 56,509 |

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| Small enterprise clients | 5,069 |
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Tenant farmers' development project

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| Village organisations | 573 |
| Money disbursed | 387,640,000 |
| Population covered | 14,082 |

Education

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| Pre-primary schools | 189 |
| Primary Schools | 148 |
| ADP centres | 90 |
| Community libraries | 53 |

Human rights and legal aid services

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| Human rights legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i> | 6 |
| Number of legal aid clinics | 10 |
| HRLE graduates | 1,675 |

Water, sanitation and hygiene

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| Committee members | 1,935 |
| Sanitation coverage | 90% |
| Loans for sanitary latrines | 196 |
| Sanitary latrines installed in school | 1 |
| Deep tubewell installed | 20 |

Health, nutrition and population

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| Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>) | 1,470 |
| Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>) | 156 |

Community empowerment

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| Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>) | 284 |
| Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>) | 30 |
| Popular theatre teams | 8 |

Gender justice and diversity

Gender quality action learning (GQAL)

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| <i>Sampriti</i> centres | 20 |
| <i>Sampriti</i> centres members | 600 |
| Gender <i>kormi</i> | 20 |

MEJNIN

(*meyeder jonne nirapad nagorikotta-safe citizenship for women*)

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| Number of community watch groups | 20 |
| Community watch group members | 300 |
| Number of student watch group | 20 |
| Student watch group members | 500 |

Migration

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| Number of safe migration facilitation centre (SMFC) | 1 |
| Number of community-based organisation (CBO) facilitators | 4 |
| Number of unions | 23 |
| Number of volunteers | 46 |

Skills development

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| Number of master craft persons (MCPs) | 85 |
| Number of trades | 8 |
| Number of graduate learners | 167 |
| Number of disabled learners | 18 |

Social enterprises

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| Nursery | 1 |
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