

Jamalpur is located on the banks of the Brahmaputra river. This district is famous for the production of popular handicrafts such as nakshi kantha (embroidered quilts). BRAC runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in this district.

Microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprises loan), and tenant farmers' development loans. There are around 100,000 members and 45,000 borrowers. BEP stands as the second largest programme in this district, running primary schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP) and *gonokendros* (community libraries). 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 WASH, which mainly deals with water and sanitation services. In this district, WASH has achieved 49 per cent sanitation



Weekly Health Forum meeting in Jamalpur district.

coverage by installing sanitary latrines in schools. Apart from these mentioned programmes, BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), gender justice and diversity (GJD), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), and community empowerment (CEP) programme successfully.

General information

Unions	68
Villages	1,361
Population	2,292,000
Children (0-15)	1,290,000
Primary schools	1,220
Literacy rates	40%
Hospitals	7
Banks	135
Bazaars	210
NGOs	96

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Branches	36
Village organisations	1,971
Members	109,058
Borrowers	44,795

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	1,516
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	395
Population covered	6,432
Money disbursed	114,348,000

Education

Primary schools	87
ADP centres	290
Community library	76

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	450
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	45

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Sanitation coverage	49%
Sanitary latrines installed in schools	53

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	384
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	39
Popular theatre	9

Gender justice and diversity

Schools	25
Student workshops	43
Teachers' workshops	18
Community workshops	5

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	1,175
Assets received	1,175
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	19,210
Soft loans received	19,210

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	449
HRLE graduates	104,610
Legal aid clinics	11

Social enterprises

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Production centres	1
Sub-centres	85
Staff	80
Workers	3,550