

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Kurigram district lies under Rangpur division, with an area of 2,296 square kilometres. The main rivers are the Brahmaputra, Dharla, and Teesta. It is bounded by West Bengal of India on the north, Gaibandha district on the south, the Indian province of Assam on the east, and West Bengal of India, Rangpur and Lalmonirhat districts on the west.



A BRAC targeting the ultra poor (TUP) beneficiary, stitches clothes on her sewing machine to earn a small living at rural village in Kurigram.

BRAC works at Kurigram with components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), and targeting the ultra poor (TUP) programme.

General information

Population	2,150,974
Unions	72
Villages	1,585
Children (0-15)	752,841
Primary schools	1,212
Literacy rate	56%
Hospitals	9
NGOs	71
Banks	10
Bazaars	210

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Branches	38
Village organisations	3,706
Borrowers	52,321
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Small enterprise clients	6,425

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	250
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	30
Popular theatre	7

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	363
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	2,111

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	305
HRLE graduates	79,953
Legal aid clinics	8

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	30,244
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	1,386
Assets received	31,244
Healthcare and training received	919

Social enterprises

Ayesha Abed Foundation (AAF)	1
Total artisans	300