

Located in central Bangladesh, Narayanganj is part of Dhaka, with an area of 760 square kilometres. About 34 kilometres away from the nation's capital, Narayanganj is located on the banks of the Shitalakshya river. It is one of the major hubs of business and industry in Bangladesh, especially for jute trade, processing plants and the textiles sector.

BRAC operates few of its programmes in Narayanganj including microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and human rights and legal aid services (HRLS). Among them, microfinance is the largest programme in the area, covering approximately 100,000 clients through *dabi* (microloan) and *progoti* (enterprise loan).



Happy students of BRAC primary school

General information

Population	2,948,217
Unions	41
Villages	1,374
Children (0-15)	672,730
Primary schools	1,425
Literacy rate	52%
Hospitals	6
NGOs	35
Banks	40
Bazaars	199

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Village organisations	1,670
Member	125,830
Borrowers	77,794

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	15,588
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Education

Primary schools	299
Pre-primary schools	130
Adolescent development programme (ADP) centres	105
Community libraries	26

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	117
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	1,034

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	138
HRLE graduates	33,671
Legal aid clinics	5

Social enterprises

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