

Located on the banks of the Arpangacyhia river, Satkhira is a district in Khulna. The region also shares a notable part of the famous Sundarbans mangrove forest. BRAC runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), among others in this district.

Among them, microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loans) and tenant farmers' development loans. There are about 200,000 members and 50,000 borrowers. BEP stands as the second largest programme in this district, running 400 schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP), and *gonokendros* (community library). 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), and combating communicable diseases and common health problems, forming the key component of essential healthcare. WASH mainly deals with water and sanitation services. It has achieved 84 per cent sanitation coverage by installing sanitary latrines in schools and villages. BRAC also



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Aftermath situation of cyclone Aila in Satkhira district

runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), agriculture and food security (AFSP), and community empowerment (CEP) programmes in this area.

## General information

Population	2,079,884
Unions	78
Villages	1,423
Children (0-5)	750,233
Primary schools	1,145
Literacy rates	53%
Hospitals	8
Banks	28
Bazaars	252
NGOs	87

## At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

### Microfinance

Village organisations	1,857
Members	85,459
Borrowers	42,490

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	4,038
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### Tenant farmers' development programme

Village organisations	439
Population covered	7,726
Money disbursed	246,310,000

### Education

Pre-primary schools	250
Primary schools	49
ADP centres	122
Community libraries	62

## Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers ( <i>shasthya shebika</i> )	1,606
Health workers ( <i>shasthya kormi</i> )	312

## Community empowerment

Community-based organisation ( <i>polli shomaj</i> )	273
Union-based organisation ( <i>union shomaj</i> )	23
Popular theatre teams	8

## Water, sanitation and hygiene

Sanitation coverage	84%
Deep tubewells installed	27
Loans for sanitary latrines	47

## Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	441
HRLE graduates	82,810
Legal aid clinics	10

## Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	1,125
Assets and training received	1,125
Healthcare availed	1,386
Others targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	1,210

## Agriculture and food security programme

Agricultural extension programme	
Population covered	22,706