

Located in the north, Sirajganj is part of Rajshahi division. Jamuna Bridge, the largest in the area, has helped shorten the distance between Dhaka and northern Bangladesh. Besides the Jamuna, other rivers in the area include the Baral, Ichamati, Karatoa and Phuljuri. Due to its proximity to these rivers, Sirajganj experiences heavy riverbank erosion every year. Agriculture is the main source of income in the area.

BRAC operates most of its core programme including microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), gender justice and diversity (GJD) and migration. In addition, BRAC Dairy operates here as a social enterprise, providing livelihood opportunities for poor, rural farmers. Microfinance programme serves about 200,000 clients through dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loan) and the tenant farmers' development project.



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Weekly dabi loan collection of microfinance programme.

General information

Population	3,228,000
Unions	83
Villages	2,180
Children (0-15)	1,780,000
Primary schools	880
Literacy rate	42%
Hospitals	296
NGOs	51
Banks	103
Bazaars	427

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Village organisations	2,180
Members	141,002
Borrowers	57,300

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	5,782
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	390
Population covered	7,105
Money disbursed	21,455,900

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	945
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	1,073
Assets and training provided	945
Healthcare provided	2,144

Education

Primary schools	168
Pre-primary schools	155
ADP centres	219

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	64
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	640

Gender justice and diversity

Gender quality action learning (GQAL): <i>Sampriti</i> centres	20
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Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	287
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	33
Popular theatres	9

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	462
HRLE graduates	75,200
Legal aid clinics	7

Migration

Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitators	4
Migration associates	4
Volunteers	23

Social enterprises

Dairy (<i>chilling centres</i>)	6
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