

Located in central Bangladesh, Tangail is part of Dhaka division, 106 kilometres away from the capital city. The main rivers in this area are Jamuna, Dhaleshwari, Jhenai, Bangshi, Louhajang, Langulia, Elongjani, Jugni, Fotikjani and the Turag. Agriculture is the main source of income as the majority of the population is involved in farming.

BRAC operates most of its core programmes in the area including microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), migration, and skills development programme. Among them, microfinance has reached the most number of clients through dabi (microloan) progoti (enterprise loans) and tenant farmers' development project. BEP's target interventions reach marginalised children, giving them access to informal education. CEP and HRLS are promoting legal empowerment, while HNPP is providing healthcare services to rural women and children. Migration is raising awareness about safe migration through its numerous activities. BRAC's new initiative, the skills development programme, is providing holistic skills development training and decent employment opportunities to enable young women and men to realise their full potential. Tourist



A group of women attend a health forum conducted by a health worker (shasthya shebika) of BRAC's health, nutrition and population programme (HNPP).

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attractions in Tangail include Atia Mosque, Sagardighi, Ichamati Dighi, and Nagarpur Dighi.

General information

Population	3,605,083
Unions	110
Villages	2,516
Children (0-15)	1,405,982
Primary schools	2,781
Literacy rate	47%
Hospitals	13
NGOs	88
Banks	26
Bazaars	205

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Village organisation	3,503
Members	103,680
Borrowers	83,090

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	6,838
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	437
Population covered	37,385
Money disbursed	253,161,000

Education

Primary schools	92
Pre-primary schools	177
ADP centres	244
Community libraries	111

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	64
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	670

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	387
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	46
Popular theatre	12

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	527
HRLE graduates	110,727
Legal aid clinics	13

Migration

Safe migration facilitation centre (SMFC)	1
Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitators	4
Volunteers	24

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	24
Number of trades	4
Number of graduate students	80

Social enterprises

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