

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Lalmonirhat district lies under Rangpur division, and has an area of 1,241 square kilometres. It is bounded by West Bengal of India on the north, Rangpur district on the south, Kurigram district on the east, Nilphamari and Rangpur districts on the west. The main rivers in the area are the Dharla and Teesta.

BRAC operates in Lalmonirhat with a few programmes, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

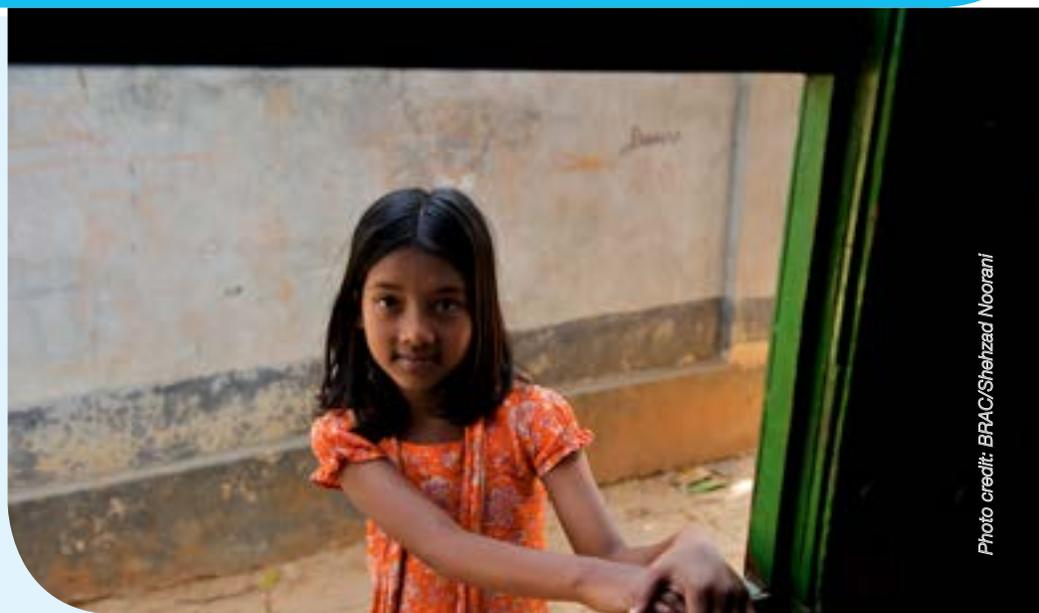


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A girl child stands outside a BRAC pre-primary school in a rural village.

General information

Population	1,256,099
Unions	45
Villages	478
Children (0-15)	503,787
Primary schools	763
Literacy rate	65%
Hospitals	20
NGOs	57
Banks	49
Bazaars	101

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Branches	20
Village organisations	1,534
Members	96,996
Borrowers	36,388

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Small enterprise clients	1,764
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	392
Population covered	7,306

Education

Primary schools	132
Pre-primary schools	157
ADP centres	184
Community libraries	50

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	230
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	1,655

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	300
HRLE graduates	54,331
Legal aid clinics	5

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	9,548
Sanitation coverage	54%
Loans for sanitary latrines	1,843
Sanitary latrines installed in school	59

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	19,690
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	4,063
Asset and training received	16,690
Healthcare availed	19,690

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	226
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	22
Popular theatre	5