

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Nilphamari district lies under Rangpur division, and has an area of 1,547 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Teesta, Jamuneshwari, Chikni and Dhaigan. It is bounded by India on the north, Rangpur district on the south, Lalmonirhat district on the east and Panchagarh and Dinajpur districts on the west.

BRAC operates in Nilphamari with quite 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), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), skills development, and migration programme.



Farmers are collecting potato from the field in Domar, Nilphamari.

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General information

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| Population | 1,907,497 |
| Unions | 60 |
| Villages | 378 |
| Children (0-15) | 503,787 |
| Primary schools | 940 |
| Literacy rate | 50% |
| Hospitals | 9 |
| NGOs | 62 |
| Banks | 15 |
| Bazaars | 98 |

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

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| Branches | 32 |
| Village organisations | 2,459 |
| Members | 139,099 |
| Borrowers | 58,331 |

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| Small enterprise clients | 3,889 |
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Tenant farmers' development project

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| Village organisations | 203 |
| Money disbursed | 300,507,000 |
| Population covered | 3,278 |

Education

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| Pre-primary schools | 288 |
| Primary Schools | 229 |
| ADP centres | 191 |
| Community libraries | 42 |

Human rights and legal aid services

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| Human rights legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i> | 354 |
| Number of legal aid clinics | 6 |
| HRLE graduates | 73,104 |

Targeting the ultra poor

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| Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members | 28,656 |
| Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members | 1,060 |
| Asset and training received | 28,656 |
| Healthcare availed | 28,656 |

Health, nutrition and population

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| Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>) | 1,417 |
| Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>) | 142 |

Community empowerment

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| Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>) | 218 |
| Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>) | 29 |
| Popular theatre teams | 6 |

Water, sanitation and hygiene

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| Committee members | 7,766 |
| Loans for sanitary latrines | 3,611 |
| Sanitary latrines installed in school | 108 |
| Deep tubewell installed | 2,700 |

Migration

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| Number of unions | 5 |
| Number of volunteers | 24 |
| Number of communication worker | 1 |

Skills development

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| Number of master craft persons (MCPs) | 62 |
| Number of trades | 7 |
| Number of graduate learners | 140 |

Social enterprises

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| BRAC dairy and food project | |
| Chilling centre | 3 |
| Nursery | 1 |