

Located in the south-west of Bangladesh, Pirojpur district lies under Dhaka division, and has an area of 1,399 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Gabkhan, Baleshwar, Damodar, Kochakhali, and Sandha. It is bounded by Gopalganj and Barisal districts on the north, Barguna district on the south, Jhalokati district on the east and Bagerhat district on the west.



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Students are playing and reading with happiness at BRAC primary school.

BRAC operates in Pirojpur with quite a few programmes, such as microfinance, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), and targeting the ultra poor (TUP).

## General information

Population	1,208,937
Unions	51
Villages	648
Children (0-15)	453,151
Primary schools	1,119
Literacy rate	65%
Hospitals	7
NGOs	51
Banks	60
Bazaars	147

## At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

### Microfinance

Branches	16
Village organisations	1,004
Members	50,002
Borrowers	23,409

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	1,804
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### Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	501
Population covered	4,800
Money disbursed	377,427,000

### Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	142
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	1,222

## Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	286
HRLE graduates	49,542
Legal aid clinics	6

## Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	501
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	980
Asset and training received	2,700
Healthcare availed	1,150

## Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	190
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	18
Popular theatre	4