

Situated by the bank of the famous river Padma, Rajbari district lies under Dhaka division, and has an area of 1,118 square kilometres. The other main rivers in the area are the Kumar, Garai, Madhumoti and Chandana. It is bounded by Pabna district on the north, Faridpur and Magura districts on the south, Manikganj district on the east, Kushtia and Jhenaidah districts on the west.

BRAC operates in Rajbari with quite a few programmes, such as microfinance, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), education (BEP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and skills development.



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Sitting on a colourful jute mat she participated to paint, a girl child writes in her textbook in a BRAC primary school in a rural village.

General information	
Population	1,149,778
Unions	42
Villages	1,036
Children (0-15)	263,362
Primary schools	440
Literacy rate	52%
Hospitals	5
NGOs	48
Banks	58
Bazaars	86

At a glance	
<i>(as of December, 2015)</i>	
Microfinance	
Branches	28
Village organisations	1,923
Members	107,568
Borrowers	43,764
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Small enterprise clients	4,575
Tenant farmers' development project	
Village organisations	438
Money disbursed	270,851,000
Population covered	12,094
Education	
Pre-primary schools	200
Primary Schools	98
ADP centres	131
Community libraries	33

Human rights and legal aid services	
Human rights legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	5
Number of legal aid clinics	5
HRLE graduates	1,125
Water, sanitation and hygiene	
Committee members	13,026
Sanitation coverage	83%
Loans for sanitary latrines	4,203
Sanitary latrines installed in school	79
Health, nutrition and population	
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	806
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	93

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation <i>(polli shomaj)</i>	143
Union-based organisation <i>(union shomaj)</i>	22
Popular theatre teams	3

Skills development

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

Social enterprises

BRAC dairy and food project	
Chilling centre	2
Poultry	1