

Located in the north-west of Bangladesh, Thakurgaon district lies under Rangpur division, and has an area of 1,781 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Tangon, Punarbhaba, Nagar, Pathari, Talma, Kulic, and Dhepa. It is bounded by Panchagarh district on the north, West Bengal of India on the west and south, and Panchagarh and Dinajpur districts on the east.

BRAC operates in Thakurgaon 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), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).



Activities of milk collection and chilling center of BRAC Dairy and Food Project.

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General information

Population	1,380,000
Unions	53
Villages	1,016
Children (0-15)	359,606
Primary schools	954
Literacy rate	52%
Hospitals	6
NGOs	29
Banks	12
Bazaars	85

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Branches	23
Village organisations	1,627
Members	139,414
Borrowers	41,146

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Small enterprise clients	1,943
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	201
Money disbursed	90,632,000
Population covered	5,126

Education

Pre-primary schools	146
Primary Schools	132
ADP centres	77
Community libraries	26

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	283
Number of legal aid clinics	5
HRLE graduates	40,379

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	846
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	3,622
Asset and training received	846
Healthcare availed	472

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	400
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	40

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	157
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	19
Popular theatre teams	5

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	435
Sanitation coverage	87%
Loans for sanitary latrines	1,598
Sanitary latrines installed in school	59

Social enterprises

BRAC dairy and food project	
Chilling centre	3
Nursery	1