

Integrated Development Programme

In accordance with BRAC's strategic priority and plan (2011-2015), the integrated development programme (IDP) aims to reduce poverty and vulnerability. IDP improves livelihood opportunities and ensures access to basic services for poor and marginalised people in hard-to-reach areas.



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IDP focuses on *haor* basins (wetlands), chars (riverine islands) and areas with indigenous populations.

A single programme intervention often falls short of liberating marginalised people from the vicious cycle of poverty, malnutrition and diseases. Recognising these issues, BRAC takes a holistic approach to bring positive change.

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An IDP-IP courtyard meeting in Panchbibi of Joypurhat
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Key Components

IDP-Haor

As of July 2014, about 70 per cent of the year's targets have been met. Some of the key achievements include:

- Opening 121 primary and 199 pre-primary schools
- Providing 47,136 households with microfinance services
- Identifying 2,790 ultra poor households to receive assets
- Training 211 shasthya shebikas and 581 newborn child health workers
- Grants provided to 18,371 ultra poor for hygienic latrine installation
- Engaging 5,000 households in vegetable gardening and training 75 livestock extension workers
- Training 114 IDP staff and 472 village organisations (VO) members, polli shomaj members, shasthya kormis and shasthya shebikas, and human rights and legal aid services shebikas on gender awareness course
- Resolving 293 disputes
- Training 5,575 human rights and legal education graduates
- Forming 1,384 polli shomaj and 13 popular theatre groups
- Forming 621 village development organisation (VDO)
- Conducting 18 pre decision-making orientations and 107 courtyard meetings for potential migrants

Common platforms used to reach the community include:

- Establishing two area offices in Chamakpur, Habiganj district and Shyamarchar, Sunamganj district under this pilot with 2,726 and 6,408 households respectively
- Forming VDOs with 25 to 40 households
- Assigning one programme organiser for 250 to 300 households (eight to 10 VDOs)

Char development and settlement project IV (CDSP-IV)

CDSP-IV has been implemented in five chars in Noakhali (Hatiya and Subornorchar) since January 2012. Chars are extremely vulnerable to flooding, soil erosion, loss of land and other natural calamities which cause residents to struggle for food and other essential services. CDSP-IV has been:

- Targeting 12,741 households with:
 - Microfinance and capacity building
 - Human rights and legal services
 - Health and family planning
 - Disaster management and climate change
 - Agriculture and value chain development
 - Water, hygiene and sanitation
- Delivering services from six branch offices with 105 staff
- Engaging 10,588 members under 434 VOs

IDP-Indigenous project (IDP-IP)

IDP-IP empowers indigenous populations through improved livelihood opportunities, protection and promotion of indigenous cultural practices, leadership capacities and advocacy. IDP-IP activities or achievements include:

- Providing services to 40,000 indigenous people in four sub-districts of Naogaon, Joypurhat and Dinajpur districts
- Recruiting all staff from indigenous communities
- Conducting 1,861 courtyard meetings for mobilising and building awareness among 40,472 members
- Providing leadership training to 859 community leaders and 911 youth leaders; 355 community and 354 youth leaders are playing leadership role in the society
- Providing livelihood support to 983 households
- Engaging 1,302 members in small income-generating activities
- Providing other services, such as education to 368 students, sanitation to 390 households, health services to 140 households, organisational support to 16 adibashi clubs and advocacy through the National Coalition for Indigenous People (NCIP)
- Observing the day of indigenous culture and festivals