

Bagerhat is a district in Khulna. It shares a part of the Sundarbans, which is the world's largest mangrove forest. BRAC runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Among them, microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loan) and tenant farmers' development loans.

On the other hand, BRAC's Education programme (BEP) stands as the second largest programme in this district. BEP runs 300 schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP), and *gonokendros* (community libraries) in Bagerhat. BRAC's health programme is also running successfully in this district. This programme is a combination of preventive, curative, rehabilitative and promotional health services, focusing on improving maternal, neonatal and child health (IMNCS). It also combats communicable diseases and common health problems forming the key component of essential health care. Another core programme is water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), which mainly deals with water and sanitation services. In this district, WASH has achieved 76 per cent sanitation coverage by installing



Village women collecting arsenic free safe drinking water from a water treatment plant supply set up by BRAC WASH.

sanitary latrines in the schools and villages. Apart from these, BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), the community empowerment programme (CEP), skills development and fisheries successfully.

## General information

Population	17,277,443
Sub-districts	9
Unions	75
Villages	1,031
Children (0-15)	583,451
Primary schools	1,092
Literacy rates	59%
Hospitals	9
Banks	17
Bazaars	238
NGOs	76

## At a glance

(as of December 2016)

### Microfinance

Branches	26
Village organisations	1,627
Members	133,642
Borrowers	38,313

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	3,911
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### Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	342
Population covered	11,989
Amount of money disbursed	135,549,000

### Education

Pre-primary schools	40
Shishu niketon schools	6
Adolescent development programme (ADP) centres	18
Community libraries	34

## Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers ( <i>shasthya shebika</i> )	650
Health workers ( <i>shasthya kormi</i> )	219

## Community empowerment

Community-based organisation ( <i>polli shomaj</i> )	280
Union-based organisation ( <i>union shomaj</i> )	21
Popular theatre team	9

## Water, sanitation and hygiene

Sanitation coverage	76%
Committee members	10,780
Deep tubewell installed	215
Sanitary latrine installed in schools	139
Loans for sanitary latrines	2,361

## Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	407
HRLE graduates	62,719
Legal aid clinics	9

## Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) member	857
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	1,115
Asset and training received	857
Health care availed	857

## Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	53
Number of trades	5
Number of graduate learners	105

## Social enterprises

Fisheries	2
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