Located in south-central Bangladesh, Barguna district lies under Barisal division, and has an area of 1,831 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Paire, Bishkhali, Khakdon and Baleshwar. It is bounded by Jhalokathi, Barisal, Pirojpur and Patuakhali districts on the north, Patuakhali district on the east and south, and Pirojpur and Bagerhat districts on the west.

BRAC operates in Barguna with a few programmes such as microfinance, 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).

### General information

- **Population**: 927,890
- **Sub-districts**: 6
- **Unions**: 42
- **Villages**: 563
- **Children (0-15)**: 183,685
- **Primary schools**: 732
- **Literacy rate**: 58%
- **Hospitals**: 6
- **NGOs**: 74
- **Banks**: 10
- **Bazaars**: 118

### At a glance

**Microfinance**

- **Branches**: 11
- **Village organisations**: 827
- **Members**: 32,575
- **Borrowers**: 19,908

**Progoti**

- **Small enterprise clients**: 2,144

**Tenant farmers’ development project**

- **Village organisations**: 388
- **Money disbursed**: 301,498,000
- **Population covered**: 8,543

**Agricultural extension programme**

- **Population covered**: 29,832
- **Crops introduced (hybrid rice, wheat, sunflower, vegetable)**

**Community empowerment**

- **Community-based organisation**
  - **polli shomaj**: 103
- **Union-based organisation**
  - **union shomaj**: 8
- **Popular theatre**: 4

### Health, nutrition and population

**Health workers (shasthya kormi)**: 107

**Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)**: 552

### Human rights and legal aid services

**Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas**: 138

**HRLE graduates**: 29,926

**Legal aid clinics**: 5

### Water, sanitation and hygiene

**Committee members**: 6,634

**Loans for sanitary latrines**: 313

**Sanitary latrines installed in school**: 14

**Deep tubewell installed**: 56

### Targeting the ultra poor

**Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members**: 23,753

**Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members**: 936

**Healthcare availed**: 23,753

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