

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 Paira, 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).



Students are playing and reading with happiness at BRAC primary school.

Photo credit: BRAC

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

(as of December, 2016)

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