

Chapai Nawabganj

Located in the north-west of Bangladesh, Chapai Nawabganj district lies under Rajshahi division, and has an area of 1,703 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Ganges and Mahananda. It is bounded by West Bengal of India on the north, south and west, and Rajshahi and Naogaon districts on the east.

BRAC works at Chapai Nawabganj with quite a few components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), and skills development programmes.



A Shantal woman walks through a rural street in Chapai Nawabganj district, Bangladesh.

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General information

Population	1,647,521
Unions	45
Villages	1,135
Children (0-15)	494,256
Primary schools	678
Literacy rate	49%
Hospitals	29
NGOs	42
Banks	17
Bazaars	88

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	23
Village organisations	1,690
Members	106,630
Borrowers	46,602

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Small enterprise clients	3,636
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	234
Money disbursed	255,474,000
Population covered	200,960

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	28
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	274

Education

Primary schools	92
Shishu niketon schools	155
Pre-primary schools	155
Community libraries	59

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	131
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	19
Popular theatre	5
Human rights violation cases reported	111

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	74
HRLE graduates	240
Legal aid clinics	5
Cases filed	26
Complaints resolved	295

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	27
Number of trades	5
Number of graduate learners	98

Social enterprises

Aarong production centres	2
BRAC dairy and food project	
Chilling centres	5