Located in the north of Bangladesh, Gaibandha district lies under Rangpur division, and has an area of 2,115 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Ghaghat, Karatoya, Bangali and Teesta. It is bounded by Kurigram and Rangpur districts on the north, Bogra district on the south, Jamalpur, and Kurigram districts on the east, and Dinajpur and Rangpur districts on the west.

BRAC works at Gaibandha with components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), and skills development.

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**At a glance**

*(as of December, 2016)*

**Microfinance**

- Branches: 30
- Village organisations: 2,296
- Members: 70,000
- Borrowers: 63,064

**Progoti**

- Small enterprise clients: 3,537

**Tenant farmers’ development project**

- Village organisations: 148
- Money disbursed: 249,097,000
- Population covered: 48,004

**Education**

- Pre-primary schools: 350
- Shishu niketon Schools: 383
- ADP centres: 43
- Community libraries (gonokendras): 55

**Human rights and legal aid services**

- Human rights legal education (HRLE) shebikas: 164
- Number of legal aid clinics: 12
- HRLE graduates: 110,340

**Health, nutrition and population**

- Health volunteers (shasthya shebika): 1,260
- Health workers (shasthya kormi): 136

**Targeting the ultra poor**

- Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members: 1,588
- Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members: 922
- Assets and training received: 1,588
- Healthcare availed: 553
### Community empowerment

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