

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.



Group of village women participated at maternal, neo-natal and child health (MNCH) issue meeting in Gaibandha.

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General information

Population	2,379,255
Sub-districts	7
Unions	82
Villages	1,465
Primary schools	737
Literacy rate	46%
Hospitals	7
NGOs	118
Banks	59
Bazaars	153

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

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

Progati

Small enterprise clients	3,537
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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

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	259
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	32
Popular theatre teams	7

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	88
Number of trades	8
Number of graduate learners	251
Number of disabled learners	17

Social enterprises

BRAC dairy and food project	
Chilling centre	1