Gazipur is one of the nearest cities to Dhaka. It is mostly popular as the birth place of the language movement martyr, Abdur Jabbar. Some of the important rivers like Old Brahmaputra, Shitalakshya, Turag, and Bangshi also cross the city. BRAC has been working in Gazipur since 1996. It runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), and health, nutrition and population (HNPP) in the district.

Among them, microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (micro loan) and progoti (enterprise loan) and tenant farmers’ development loan (agricultural loan). On the other hand, BEP stands as the second largest programme in the district, running around 500 schools, the adolescent development programme, and gonokendros (community libraries). HNPP is another core programme which is a combination of preventive, curative, rehabilitative and promotional health services focusing on improving maternal, neonatal and child health (IMNCS), as well as combating communicable diseases and common health problems, forming the key component of essential healthcare. BRAC’s new initiative, skills development programme, is providing holistic skills development training and decent employment opportunities to enable young women and men to realise their full potential. Apart from these programmes, BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), community empowerment (CEP), gender, justice and diversity (GJD), migration and several social enterprises successfully in this area. BRAC has established an international standard training center called BRAC center for development management (BCDM) in Rajendrapur to offer appropriate training facilities for development and continuation of education for managers works for BRAC or involved in other development organisations.
### At a glance

**Microfinance**
- Branches: 27
- Village organisations: 1,482
- Members: 109,842
- Borrowers: 42,232

**Progoti**
- Small enterprise clients: 14,676

**Tenant farmers’ development project**
- Village organisations: 165
- Population covered: 5,000
- Money disbursed: 65,000,000

### Education

- Pre-primary schools: 150
- Primary schools: 77
- Shishu niketon schools: 102
- Community libraries: 68
- ADP centres: 21

### Health, nutrition and population

- Health volunteers (shasthya shebika): 1,793
- Health workers (shasthya kormi): 84
- Health centre: 1

### Community empowerment

- Community-based organisation (polli shomaj): 127
- Union-based organisation (union shomaj): 8
- Popular theatre teams: 5

### Human rights and legal aid services

- Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas: 368
- Legal aid clinics: 6
- HRLE graduates: 51,251

### Migration

- Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitators: 4
- Unions: 27
- Volunteers: 27

### Gender justice and diversity

**MEJNIN (meyeder jonne nirapad nagorikotta - safe citizenship for women)**
- Community watch groups: 18
- Community watch group members: 270
- Students watch groups: 18
- Students watch group members: 450

### Skills development

- Number of trades: 6
- Number of graduate students: 562

### Social enterprises

- Chicken: 1
- Dairy: 1
- Nursery: 2
- Seed processing centre: 1
- Printing pack: 1
- Poultry: 1
- Agricultural research and development centre: 1
- Tissue culture lab: 1