Located in the centre of Bangladesh, Gopalganj district lies under Dhaka division, with an area of 1,469 square kilometres. This city stands on the bank of the Modhumoti river. It is bounded by Faridpur district on the north, Pirojpur and Bagerhat districts on the south, Madaripur and Barisal districts on the east, and Narail district on the West.

BRAC operates in Gopalganj with components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), and targeting the ultra poor (TUP) programme.

At a glance
(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance
Branches 24
Village organisations 1,287
Members 80,128
Borrowers 37,061

Progoti
Small enterprise clients 4,437

Tenant farmers’ development project
Village organisations 53
Money disbursed 29,670,000
Population covered 120,000

Targeting the ultra poor
Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members 1,319
Assets and training received 1,319
Healthcare availed 1,319

General information
Population 1,172,415
Unions 68
Villages 905
Children (0-15) 293,137
Primary schools 814
Literacy rate 58%
Hospitals 7
NGOs 42
Banks 20
Bazaars 89

Education
Primary schools 9
ADP centres 42
Community libraries 38

Health, nutrition and population
Health workers (shasthya kormi) 28
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika) 312

Human rights and legal aid services
Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas 326
HRLE graduates 41,178
Legal aid clinics 5

Community empowerment
Community-based organisation (polli shomaj) 151
Union-based organisation (union shomaj) 19
Popular theatre 5

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