

Jamalpur is located on the banks of the Brahmaputra river. This district is famous for the production of popular handicrafts such as nakshi kantha (embroidered quilts). BRAC runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in this district.

Microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprises loan), and tenant farmers' development loans. There are around 50,000 members and 45,000 borrowers. BEP stands as the second largest programme in this district, running primary schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP) and *gonokendros* (community libraries). HNPP is another core programme running successfully in this district. It 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. Another core programme is WASH, which mainly deals with water and sanitation services. In this district, WASH has achieved 51 per cent sanitation coverage by installing sanitary latrines in schools. Apart from these mentioned programmes,



Weekly Health Forum meeting in Jamalpur district.

BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), gender justice and diversity (GJD), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), skills development, and community empowerment (CEP) programme successfully.

General information

Unions	68
Villages	1,361
Population	2,292,000
Children (0-15)	1,290,000
Primary schools	1,220
Literacy rates	40%
Hospitals	7
Banks	135
Bazaars	210
NGOs	96

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	31
Village organisations	1,842
Members	50,728
Borrowers	45,653

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	1,840
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	426
Population covered	7,211
Money disbursed	215,954,000

Education

Pre-primary schools	172
Primary schools	104
Shishu niketon schools	186
ADP centres	150
Community library	72

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	450
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	45

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	2,112
Sanitation coverage	51%
Sanitary latrines installed in schools	53

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	384
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	39
Popular theatre	9

Gender justice and diversity

MEJNIN (*meyeder jonno nirapad nagorikotta - safe citizenship for women*)

Number of community watch groups (CWG)	25
CWG members	375
Number of student watch groups (SWG)	25
SWG members	625

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	10,781
Assets and training received	10,781
Healthcare availed	10,781
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	20,350
Soft loans received	20,350

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	449
HRLE graduates	106,294
Legal aid clinics	10

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	55
Number of trades	5
Number of graduate students	117

Social enterprises

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Production centre	1
Sub-centres	84
Staff	69
Workers	3,325