

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Joypurhat district lies under Rajshahi division, with an area of 965 square kilometres. The main rivers are the Tulsī, Ganga and Haramati. It is bounded by Dinajpur district on the north, Naogaon district on the south, Bogra and Gaibandha districts on the east, and Bogra and Naogaon districts, and the Indian province of West Bengal on the west.

BRAC works at Joypurhat 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 the integrated development (IDP) programme.



A disable girl student of BRAC school got a wheel chair from children with special needs (CSN) under BRAC education programme in Joypurhat.

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General information

Population	950,441
Sub-districts	5
Unions	32
Villages	988
Primary schools	371
Literacy rate	64%
Hospitals	6
NGOs	46
Banks	14
Bazaars	72

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	18
Village organisations	1,640
Members	40,480
Borrowers	37,799

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Small enterprise clients	6,212
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	598
Money disbursed	403,193,000
Population covered	10,921

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	234
Number of legal aid clinics	5
HRLE graduates	44,674

Integrated development

Unions covered	5
Households covered	2,408
IGA training received	757
IGA support received	790
Education support received	502
Health support received	141

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	430
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	43
Health centre	1

Education

Pre-primary schools	81
Primary Schools	18
<i>Shishu niketon</i> schools	137
ADP centres	84
Community libraries (<i>gonokendros</i>)	44
Education support programme	77

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	139
Union-based organisation (union <i>shomaj</i>)	21
Popular theatre teams	5

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	1,978
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	2,584
Assets and training received	1,978
Healthcare availed	1,014
Soft loan received	2,527

Social enterprises

BRAC dairy and food project	
Chilling centres	2