

Located in south-eastern Bangladesh, Khagrachhari is part of Chittagong Hill tracts. The main rivers there are Chengi, Kasalong and Maini. Most of the areas of Khagrachhari are hilly areas. The main ethnic groups living in the district are Tripuras, Chakmas, and Marmas. Majority of the people live on jhum (slash and burn farming) cultivation.

BRAC operates a few components at Khagrachhari, such as microfinance, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), education (BEP) and skills development programme.

Chittagong hill tracts are famous for its scenic views and Khagrachhari is no exception. It is surrounded by green hills, waterfalls, rivers, temples and is rich in culture. Notable tourist destinations include the Alutila Mysterious Cave, Richhang Waterfall, Touduchhori Waterfall and Dighinala Reserve Forest.



Women from the indigenous community attend a village organisation meeting in Chittagong Hill Tracts.

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General information

Population	613,917
Sub-districts	9
Unions	38
Villages	1,702
Children (0-15)	244,237
Primary schools	580
Literacy rate	46%
Hospitals	9
NGOs	40
Banks	8
Bazaars	86

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	9
Village organisations	417
Members	25,979
Borrowers	19,297

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Small enterprise clients	721
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Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	183
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	845

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	35
Number of trades	5
Number of graduate learners	70
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Education

Primary schools	245
Pre-primary schools	45
Adolescent development programme (ADP) centres	189
Community libraries (gonokendros)	40
Education support programme	43
Innovation for Improving Early Grade Reading Activity (IIEGRA)	
Number of sub-districts	3
Number of Government primary schools	105
Number of students	10,385
Number of teachers	525