

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Kurigram district lies under Rangpur division, with an area of 2,296 square kilometres. The main rivers are the Brahmaputra, Dharla, and Teesta. It is bounded by West Bengal of India on the north, Gaibandha district on the south, the Indian province of Assam on the east, and West Bengal of India, Rangpur and Lalmonirhat districts on the west.

BRAC works at Kurigram with components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), skills development, and targeting the ultra poor (TUP) programme.



A BRAC targeting the ultra poor (TUP) beneficiary, stitches clothes on her sewing machine to earn a small living at rural village in Kurigram.

## General information

Population	1,675,000
Sub-districts	9
Unions	72
Villages	1,585
Children (0-15)	502,500
Primary schools	1,208
Literacy rate	58%
Hospitals	13
NGOs	54
Banks	13
Bazaars	176

## At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

### Microfinance

Branches	25
Village organisations	1,905
Borrowers	42,644

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	1,835
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### Tenant farmers' development project

Population covered	1,050
Money disbursed	3,117,154

### Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	176
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	1,824
Health centres	2

### Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	51
HRLE graduates	38,612

## Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	250
Popular theatres	7

### Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	32,479
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	653

### Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	15
Number of trades	10
Number of graduate learners	40

### Education

Pre-primary schools	156
Primary schools	29
Shishu niketon schools	145
ADP centres	187
Community libraries	37

### Social enterprises

Ayesha Abed Foundation (AAF)	1
Total artisans	300