

Lakshmipur is a district in south-eastern Bangladesh. It is a part of Chittagong, with an area of 1,456 square kilometres. It is bordered by Chandpur on the north, Noakhali on the east, Bhola on the south and Barisal on the west. The main rivers in the area are the Meghna, Dakatia, Katakhal, Rahmatkhali and Bhulua.

BRAC has been implementing its core programmes such as microfinance, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), education (BEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), and targeting the ultra poor (TUP) programme in this area. Among them, microfinance serves the highest number of clients (about 100,000) through dabi (microloan) and progoti (enterprise loans).



BRAC Microfinance village organisation members participated at weekly microfinance meeting

General information

Population	1,729,188
Sub-districts	5
Unions	58
Villages	547
Children (0-15)	260,684
Primary schools	732
Literacy rate	62%
Hospitals	5
NGOs	43
Banks	62
Bazaars	474

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	24
Village organisations	1,890
Members	94,490
Borrowers	39,890

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	6,143
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Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	1,784
Assets received	789
Training received	1,784
Health care availed	1,784
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	995
Soft loan received	978

Education

Primary schools	60
Pre-primary schools	89
Shishu niketon schools	22
Adolescent development programme (ADP) centres	40
Community libraries	10

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	23
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	183

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	166
HRLE graduates	32,884
Legal aid clinics	4