

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Lalmonirhat district lies under Rangpur division, and has an area of 1,241 square kilometres. It is bounded by West Bengal of India on the north, Rangpur district on the south, Kurigram district on the east, Nilphamari and Rangpur districts on the west. The main rivers in the area are the Dharla and Teesta.

BRAC operates in Lalmonirhat with a few programmes, 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 skills development.

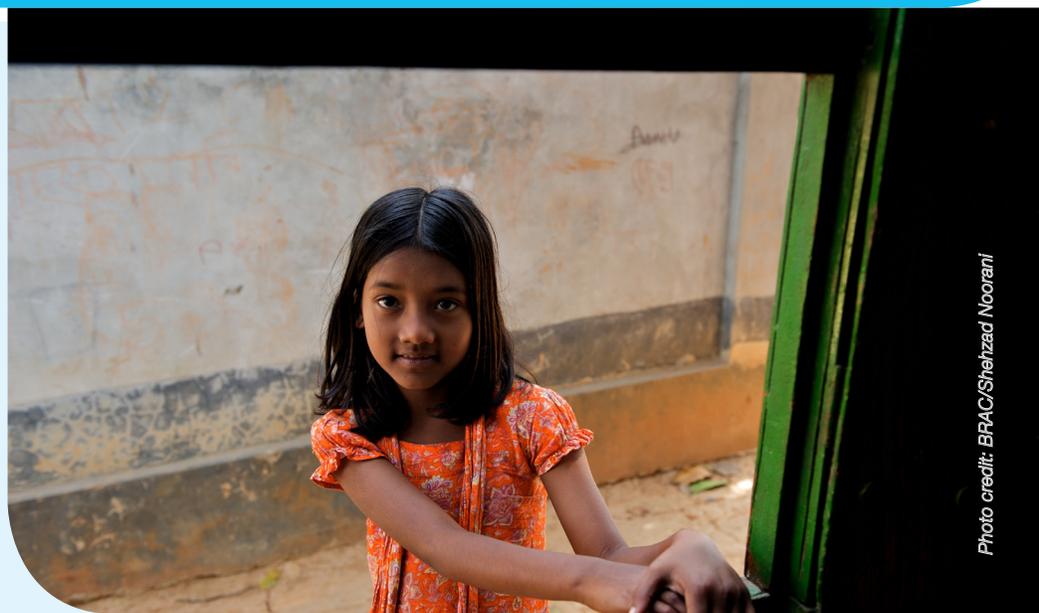


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A girl child stands outside a BRAC pre-primary school in a rural village.

General information

Population	1,256,099
Unions	45
Villages	478
Children (0-15)	503,088
Primary schools	763
Literacy rate	65%
Hospitals	19
NGOs	57
Banks	49
Bazaars	101

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	21
Village organisations	1,578
Members	144,831
Borrowers	45,159

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Small enterprise clients	1,939
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	404
Money disbursed	232,138,000
Population covered	12,308

Education

Primary schools	137
Pre-primary schools	161
Shishu niketon	181
ADP centres	229
Community libraries	50

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	210
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	1,823

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	300
HRLE graduates	775
Legal aid clinics	5

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	554
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	1,040
Asset and training received	554
Healthcare availed	1,094

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	201
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	22
Popular theatre	5

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	60
Number of trades	6
Number of learners	160