Located in the centre of Bangladesh, Madaripur district lies under Dhaka division, and has an area of 1,145 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Padma, Arial Khan and Kumar. It is bounded by Faridpur and Munshiganj districts on the north, Barisal district on the south, Shariatpur district on the east, and Gopalganj district on the west.

BRAC operates in Madaripur with 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 migration programme.

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**Children attend a BRAC pre-primary school in a rural village of Bangaldesh.**

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### At a glance
*(as of December, 2016)*

#### Microfinance
- Village organisations: 1,809
- Members: 129,651
- Borrowers: 48,903
- Progoti
  - Small enterprise clients: 6,154
- Tenant farmers' development project
  - Village organisations: 188
  - Money disbursed: 143,545,000
  - Population covered: 7,414

#### Health, nutrition and population
- Health workers *(shasthya kormi)*: 94
- Health volunteers *(shasthya shebika)*: 545

#### Community empowerment
- Community-based organisation *(polli shomaj)*: 144
- Union-based organisation *(union shomaj)*: 21
- Popular theatre: 4

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### General information

- Population: 1,212,198
- Sub-districts: 4
- Unions: 60
- Villages: 1,069
- Children (0-15): 473,241
- Primary schools: 714
- Literacy rate: 54%
- Hospitals: 4
- NGOs: 38
- Banks: 57
- Bazaars: 122

### Education
- Primary schools: 31
- Shishu niketon: 45
- Pre-primary schools: 35
- Community libraries: 59
- Education support programme: 34

### Human rights and legal aid services
- Human rights and legal education (HRLE) *shebikas*: 300
- HRLE graduates: 41,290
- Legal aid clinics: 4

### Targeting the ultra poor
- Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members: 683
- Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members: 820
- Asset and training received: 683
- Healthcare availed: 353

### Migration
- Number of community-based organisation (CBO) facilitator: 1
- Number of unions: 7
- Number of volunteers: 7

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