

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.



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

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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

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Village organisations	1,809
Members	129,651
Borrowers	48,903

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Small enterprise clients	6,154
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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

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