

Located in central Bangladesh, Narayanganj is part of Dhaka, with an area of 760 square kilometres. About 34 kilometres away from the nation's capital, Narayanganj is located on the banks of the Shitalakshya river. It is one of the major hubs of business and industry in Bangladesh, especially for jute trade, processing plants and the textiles sector.

BRAC operates few of its programmes in Narayanganj including microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), gender, justice and diversity (GJD), and human rights and legal aid services (HRLS). Among them, microfinance is the largest programme in the area, covering approximately 100,000 clients through dabi (microloan) and progoti (enterprise loan).



Happy students of BRAC primary school

## General information

Population	2,948,217
Unions	41
Villages	1,374
Children (0-15)	672,730
Primary schools	1,425
Literacy rate	52%
Hospitals	6
NGOs	45
Banks	40
Bazaars	199

## At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

### Microfinance

Branches	30
Village organisations	1,670
Member	131,274
Borrowers	103,794

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	17,850
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### Education

Primary schools	330
Pre-primary schools	130
ADP centres	105
Community libraries	26

### Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	117
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	1,034

## Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	138
HRLE graduates	34,428
HRLE course completed	1,547
Legal aid clinics	5
Cases filed	316
Complaints resolved	1,571

## Gender justice and diversity

### Economic empowerment for poor and vulnerable women in Bangladesh (EEP)

Number of trades	13
Total participants	3,600
Number of trained participants	3,419

## Social enterprises

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