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).

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

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

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

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
- Aarong Outlet: 1

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