

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Nilphamari district lies under Rangpur division, and has an area of 1,547 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Teesta, Jamuneshwari, Chikni and Dhaigan. It is bounded by India on the north, Rangpur district on the south, Lalmonirhat district on the east and Panchagarh and Dinajpur districts on the west.

BRAC operates in Nilphamari with quite 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 programme.



Farmers are collecting potato from the field in Domar, Nilphamari.

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General information

Population	1,907,497
Unions	60
Villages	378
Children (0-15)	503,787
Primary schools	940
Literacy rate	50%
Hospitals	9
NGOs	54
Banks	15
Bazaars	98

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	33
Village organisations	2,534
Members	142,213
Borrowers	66,769

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Small enterprise clients	4,703
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	208
Money disbursed	7,504,000
Population covered	3,592

Education

Pre-primary schools	255
Primary Schools	479
ADP centres	191
Community libraries	43

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	354
Number of legal aid clinics	6
HRLE graduates	74,077

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	29,507
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	2,430
Asset and training received	29,507
Healthcare availed	29,507

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	1,417
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	142

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	218
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	29
Popular theatre teams	6

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	177
Number of trades	7
Number of graduate learners	140
Number of learners	317

Social enterprises

Nursery	1
Sanitary napkin and delivery kits centre	1