

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Panchagarh district lies under Rangpur division, and has an area of 1,405 square kilometres. The main rivers in the district are the Karatoya, Atrai, Tista, Nagor and Mahananda. Agriculture is the major source of income for people in this city, but tea cultivation is also a growing sector.

BRAC operates a few components at Panchagarh, such as microfinance, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), education (BEP), community empowerment (CEP), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), and human rights and legal aid services (HRLS). Among them, microfinance and HNPP have the largest network, serving the highest number of clients. BEP interventions target marginalised children, providing access to education through informal schools. CEP is strengthening the community institutions where as HRLS focusing on basic rights of marginalised women.



Students are playing and reading with happiness at BRAC primary school.

General information

Population	1,046,212
Sub-districts	5
Unions	43
Villages	825
Children (0-15)	156,932
Primary schools	610
Literacy rate	52%
Hospitals	5
NGOs	34
Banks	13
Bazaars	52

At a Glance

(as of December 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	19
Village organisations	1,715
Members	47,848
Borrowers	44,188

Progoti	
Small enterprise clients	2,224

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	151
Union-based organisation (Union shomaj)	39
Popular theatre	5

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	36
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	337

Education

Pre-primary schools	85
Shishu niketon schools	189
ADP centres	42
Community libraries	36
Education support programme	35

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	77
HRLE graduates	45,501
Legal aid clinics	4

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) programme	826
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) programme	1,145
Asset and training received	826
Healthcare availed	1,971
Soft loan received	1,145