

Located in the south-west of Bangladesh, Pirojpur district lies under Dhaka division, and has an area of 1,399 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Gabkhan, Baleshwar, Damodar, Kochakhali, and Sandha. It is bounded by Gopalganj and Barisal districts on the north, Barguna district on the south, Jhalokati district on the east and Bagerhat district on the west.

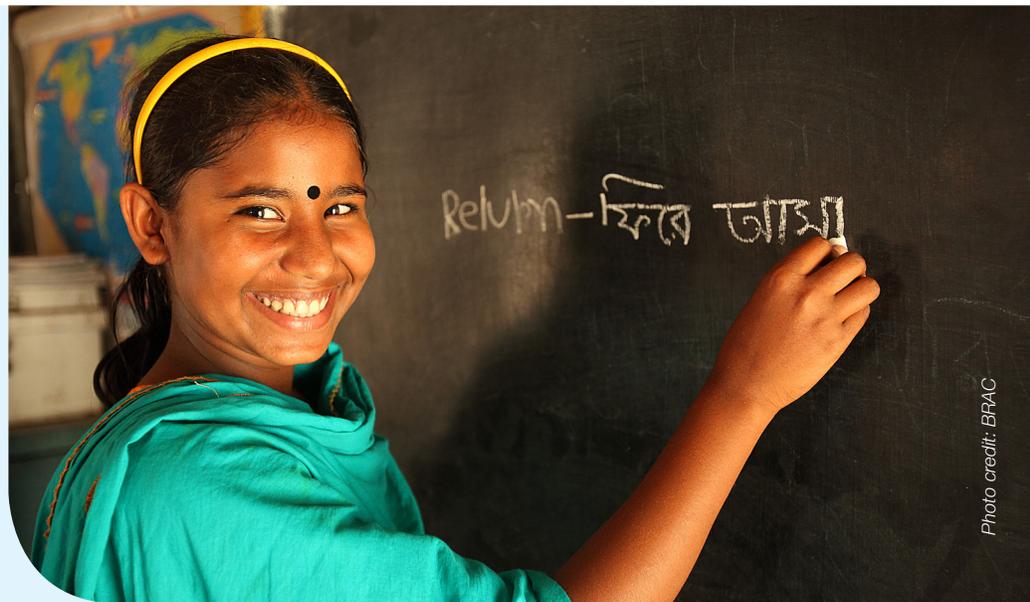


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Students are playing and reading with happiness at BRAC primary school.

BRAC operates in Pirojpur 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), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and targeting the ultra poor (TUP).

General information

Population	1,221,280
Unions	51
Villages	648
Children (0-15)	454,522
Primary schools	1,119
Literacy rate	65%
Hospitals	8
NGOs	48
Banks	61
Bazaars	147

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	16
Village organisations	1,042
Members	45,145
Borrowers	28,510

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Small enterprise clients	1,996
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	350
Population covered	9,653
Money disbursed	297,892,000

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	766
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	993
Asset and training received	766

Education

Pre-primary schools	5
Primary schools	5
Shishu niketon schools	5

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	190
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	18
Popular theatre	4

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	50
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	580

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	289
HRLE graduates	52,142
Legal aid clinics	6
Cases filed	453
Complaints resolved	1,522

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	1,261
Sanitation coverage	75%
Loans for sanitary latrines	66,800