

Located in south-eastern Bangladesh, Rangamati is part of Chittagong. It is regarded the largest district in Bangladesh with an area of 6,116 square kilometres. Majority of the population represent tribal ethnicities such as Chakma, Marma, Tanchangya, Tripura, Pankua, Lushai, Kiang, Murang, Rakhain, Chak, Bowm and Khumi.

BRAC works in Rangamati with quite a few components, such as microfinance, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), education (BEP) and skills development programme. Among them, HNPP have the largest network, serving the highest number of clients. Microfinance is offering two types of loans - dabi (microloan) and progoti (enterprise loan). BEP interventions target marginalised children, providing access to education through informal schools. BRAC's new initiative, the skills development programme, is providing holistic skills development training and decent employment opportunities to enable young women and men to realise their full potential.

Rangamati is a popular tourist zone in Bangladesh. It is surrounded by green hills, waterfalls, rivers, temples and the rich culture of multi-tribal ethnicities. Notable tourist destinations include the tribal and cultural museum, the hanging bridge on Kaptai Lake, Shuvolong Waterfall, Royal Chakma Palace, and Shajek & Marissa Valley.



A village organisation meeting with women from the indigenous community (Chakma) in Rangamati

General information

Population	595,979
Sub-districts	10
Unions	50
Villages	1,555
Children (0-15)	212,764
Primary schools	619
Literacy rate	50%
Hospitals	11
NGOs	56
Banks	43
Bazaars	57

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	10
Village organisations	422
Members	17,875
Borrowers	12,798
Progoti	
Small enterprise clients	470

Education

Pre-primary schools	60
Primary schools	176
ADP centres	72
Community libraries	49
Education support system	32

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	311
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	665
Health centres	31

Skills development

Number of master craft person (MCPs)	27
Number of trades	5
Number of learners	60
Number of graduate learners	130