

Located on the banks of the Arpangacyhha river, Satkhira is a district in Khulna. The region also shares a notable part of the famous Sundarbans mangrove forest. BRAC runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), among others in this district.

Among them, microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loans) and tenant farmers' development loans. There are about 200,000 members and 50,000 borrowers. BEP stands as the second largest programme in this district, running 400 schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP), and *gonokendros* (community library). HNPP is another core programme running successfully in this district. It is a combination of preventive, curative, rehabilitative and promotional health services, focusing on improving maternal, neonatal and child health (IMNCS), and combating communicable diseases and common health problems, forming the key component of essential healthcare. WASH mainly deals with water and sanitation services. It has achieved 62 per cent sanitation coverage by installing sanitary latrines in schools and villages. BRAC's new initiative, the skills development programme, provides holistic skills development training and



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Aftermath situation of cyclone Aila in Satkhira district

decent employment opportunities to enable young women and men to realise their full potential. BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), agriculture and food security (AFSP), and community empowerment (CEP) programmes in this area.

General information

Population	2,079,887
Sub-districts	7
Unions	79
Villages	1,436
Children (0-5)	748,133
Primary schools	1,085
Literacy rates	66%
Hospitals	11
Banks	28
Bazaars	252
NGOs	87

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	28
Village organisations	1,857
Members	85,459
Borrowers	42,490

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	4,850
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Tenant farmers' development programme

Village organisations	785
Population covered	799
Money disbursed	2,845,000

Education

Pre-primary schools	250
Shishu niketon schools	38
Adolescent development programme (ADP) centres	45
Community libraries (gonokendros)	62
Education support programme	15

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers
(*shasthya shebika*) 1,225

Health workers
(*shasthya kormi*) 212

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation
(*polli shomaj*) 273

Union-based organisation
(*union shomaj*) 23

Popular theatre teams 8

Skills development

Number of master craft
persons (MCPs) 732

Number of trades 9

Number of learners 1,500

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education
(HRLE) *shebikas* 441

HRLE graduates 84,410

Legal aid clinics 10

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra
poor (STUP) members 673

Assets and training
received 673

Healthcare availed 477

Others targeted ultra
poor (OTUP) members 1,000

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Sanitation coverage 62%

Committee members 7,645

Deep tubewells installed 27

Loans for sanitary latrines 79

Subsidised latrines
distributed 10,034

Agriculture and food security programme

Agricultural extension programme

Population covered 61,846

Technologies Nutri-garden,
Aquaculture