Located on the banks of the Arpangacyhia 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 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.

**At a glance**  
(as of December, 2016)

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**Education**

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

**General information**

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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**

**Population covered**: 61,846
**Technologies**: Nutri-garden, Aquaculture