

Located in the north, Sirajganj is part of Rajshahi division. Jamuna Bridge, the largest in the area, has helped shorten the distance between Dhaka and northern Bangladesh. Besides the Jamuna, other rivers in the area include the Baral, Ichamati, Karatoa and Phuljuri. Due to its proximity to these rivers, Sirajganj experiences heavy riverbank erosion every year. Agriculture is the main source of income in the area.



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Weekly dabi loan collection of microfinance programme.

BRAC operates most of its core programme including microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), community empowerment (CEP), and human rights and legal aid services (HRLS). In addition, BRAC Dairy operates here as a social enterprise, providing livelihood opportunities for poor, rural farmers. Microfinance programme serves about 200,000 clients through dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loan) and the tenant farmers' development project.

General information

Population	2,944,080
Unions	83
Villages	2,180
Children (0-15)	1,780,465
Primary schools	1,563
Literacy rate	68%
Hospitals	27
NGOs	65
Banks	126
Bazaars	162

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Village organisations	2,291
Members	140,961
Borrowers	59,792

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	6,400
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	402
Population covered	26,507
Money disbursed	28,146,500

Targeting the ultra poor	
Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	699
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	1,080
Assets and training provided	699
Healthcare provided	699
Education	
Primary schools	59
<i>Shishu nicketon</i> schools	230
Pre-primary schools	157
Adolescent development programme club (<i>kishori club</i>)	128
<i>Gonokendro</i>	69
Education support programme	131
Health, nutrition and population	
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	45
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	564

Community empowerment	
Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	287
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	33
Popular theatres	9
Human rights violation cases reported	239
Human rights and legal aid services	
Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	462
HRLE graduates	76,316
HRLE course completed	3,325
Legal aid clinics	7
Complaints resolved	2,131
Cases filed (civil and criminal)	1,021
Social enterprises	
BRAC dairy and food project	
Chilling centres	6