

Located in central Bangladesh, Tangail is part of Dhaka division, 106 kilometres away from the capital city. The main rivers in this area are Jamuna, Dhaleshwari, Jhenai, Bangshi, Louhajang, Langulia, Elongjani, Jugni, Fotikjani and the Turag. Agriculture is the main source of income as the majority of the population is involved in farming.

BRAC operates most of its core programmes in the area including microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), migration, and skills development programme. Among them, microfinance has reached the most number of clients through dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loans) and tenant farmers' development project. BEP's target interventions reach marginalised children, giving them access to informal education. CEP and HRLS are promoting legal empowerment, while HNPP is providing healthcare services to rural women and children. Migration is raising awareness about safe migration through its numerous activities. BRAC's new initiative, the skills development programme, is providing holistic skills development training and decent employment opportunities



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A group of women attend a health forum conducted by a health worker (shasthya shebika) of BRAC's health, nutrition and population programme (HNPP).

to enable young women and men to realise their full potential. Tourist attractions in Tangail include Atia Mosque, Sagardighi, Ichamati Dighi, and Nagarpur Dighi.

General information

Population	3,749,086
Sub-districts	12
Unions	110
Villages	2,516
Children (0-15)	1,462,143
Primary schools	2,781
Literacy rate	46%
Hospitals	12
NGOs	88
Banks	51
Bazaars	457

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	69
Village organisation	3,582
Members	212,342
Borrowers	92,504

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	8,587
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	440
Borrowers	7,863
Money disbursed	313,901,000

Education	
Primary schools	21
<i>Shishu niketon</i> schools	283
Pre-primary schools	88
ADP centres	174
Community libraries	111
Education support programme	75
Health, nutrition and population	
Health workers <i>(shasthya kormi)</i>	67
Health volunteers <i>(shasthya shebika)</i>	670
Community empowerment	
Community-based organisation <i>(polli shomaj)</i>	387
Union-based organisation <i>(union shomaj)</i>	46
Popular theatre	12
Human rights violation cases reported	715

Human rights and legal aid services	
Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	527
HRLE graduates	112,731
Legal aid clinics	12
Migration	
Safe migration facilitation centre (SMFC)	1
Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitators	4
Volunteers	24
Skills development	
Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	139
Number of trades	7
Number of graduate learners	278
Social enterprises	
Aarong production centre	1