

Located in the north-west of Bangladesh, Thakurgaon district lies under Rangpur division, and has an area of 1,781 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Tangon, Punarbhaba, Nagar, Pathari, Talma, Kulic, and Dhepa. It is bounded by Panchagarh district on the north, West Bengal of India on the west and south, and Panchagarh and Dinajpur districts on the east.

BRAC operates in Thakurgaon with quite a few programmes, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), and gender justice and diversity (GJD).



Activities of milk collection and chilling centre of BRAC Dairy and Food Project.

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General information

Population	1,380,000
Unions	53
Villages	1,016
Children (0-15)	359,606
Primary schools	954
Literacy rate	52%
Hospitals	6
NGOs	29
Banks	12
Bazaars	85

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	22
Village organisations	2,061
Members	149,536
Borrowers	61,488

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Small enterprise clients	2,188
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	203
Money disbursed	105,474,000
Population covered	5,898

Education

Pre-primary schools	132
Primary Schools	228
Shishu niketon schools	270
ADP centres	77
Community libraries	26

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	283
Number of legal aid clinics	5
HRLE graduates	609

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	566
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	735
Asset and training received	566
Healthcare availed	422
Soft loan received	695

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	398
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	39

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	157
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	19
Popular theatre teams	5

Gender justice and diversity

MEJNIN (*meyeder jonno nirapad nagorikotta - safe citizenship for women*)

Number of Community watch groups (CWG)	3
CWG members	45
Number of student watch groups (SWG)	4
SWG members	100

Social enterprises

BRAC dairy and food project

Chilling centre	3
Fisheries	1