

One of the seven divisions of Bangladesh, Chattogram is the second most populous city and a major industrial and commercial hub. It is also known for its indigenous community and hill tracts. Located on the bank of the Karnaphuli river, the city is located 249 kilometres away from Dhaka. In Chattogram, Bengalis represent the largest ethnic group followed by tribal ethnicities such as Chakmas and Marmas. Chattogram is surrounded by hill tracts and the Bay of Bengal.

BRAC operates most of its programmes here, including microfinance, ultra poor graduation (UPG), education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), gender justice and diversity (GJD), skills development and migration. BRAC has also established few of its social enterprises in the area, helping to create job opportunities in rural areas. Like in other metropolitan cities, BRAC is working both in rural and urban areas of Chattogram. The Microfinance programme has the biggest impact in the area with over 200,000 dabi and progoti



Our malaria control activities inform and educate people at community level, promote use of insecticide treated bed nets and increase early diagnosis and prompt treatment.

Photo credit: BRAC/Shehzad Noorani

clients. In this area, WASH has achieved 73 per cent of sanitation coverage and installed latrines at schools and villages. WASH has also installed several tubewells in rural areas. BEP also works as a large unit in Chattogram, targeting children who can not afford formal education from mainstream schools. 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. Additionally, HNPP, CEP, UPG, GJD and migration work in this area. A BRAC learning centre (BLC) was also established in Chattogram. The BLC is a residential learning centre used as a training centre for BRAC employees. Chattogram

is at the centre of all tourist attractions in Bangladesh, including the Patenga Sea Beach, Foy's Lake, Khoiyachara Waterfall, the Commonwealth War Cemetery and the Ethnological Museum of Chattogram.

General information

Population	7,913,365
Unions	192
Villages	1,267
Children (0-15)	2,178,542
Primary schools	2,997
Literacy rate	59%
Hospitals	37
NGOs	159
Banks	182
Bazaars	265

At a glance

(as of December 2018)

Microfinance

Branches	89
Village organisations	4,627
Members	261,576
Borrowers	125,435

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	19,182
--------------------------	--------

Education

Primary schools	452
Pre-primary schools	301
ADP centres	162
Community libraries	48

Gender justice and diversity

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

Student watch groups	44
Student watch group members	1,155
Community watch groups	37
Community watch group members	352

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	673
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	5,708
Health centres	5

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	176
Popular theatre	6
Human rights violation cases reported	377

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	38,610
Sanitation coverage	73%
Deep tubewell installed	62
Sanitary latrines installed in schools	294

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	479
HRLE graduates	68,563
Legal aid clinics	10

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	208
Number of trades	7
Number of learners	1,131
Number of graduate learners	1,654

Migration

Safe migration facilitation centre (SMFC)	1
Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitator	1
Number of unions	28
Volunteers	80

Social enterprises and investments

Aarong outlets	2
BRAC Poultry	2
BRAC Nursery	2
BRAC Tea Estates	5