

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Kurigram district lies under Rangpur division, with an area of 2,296 square kilometres. The main rivers are the Brahmaputra, Dharla, and Teesta. It is bounded by West Bengal of India on the north, Gaibandha district on the south, the Indian province of Assam on the east, and West Bengal of India, Rangpur and Lalmonirhat districts on the west.

BRAC works at Kurigram with components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), skills development, and ultra poor graduation (UPG) programme.



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A BRAC Ultra Poor Graduation (UPG) beneficiary, stitches clothes on her sewing machine to earn a small living at rural village in Kurigram.

General information

Population	20,61,000
Sub-districts	9
Unions	73
Villages	1,872
Children (0-15)	123,560
Primary schools	121
Literacy rate	42%
Hospitals	10
NGOs	60
Banks	28
Bazaars	178

At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

Microfinance

Branches	29
Village organisations	1,990
Members	152,431
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Small enterprise clients	2,381

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	118
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	834

Human rights and legal aid services

HRLE graduates	85,000
Legal aid clinic	8

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	350
Popular theatres	43

Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	79
Group - 2 members	918
Asset and training received	997
Healthcare availed	997
Group - 3 members	587
Asset and training received	587
Healthcare availed	587

Education

Pre-primary schools	18
Primary schools	10
ADP centres	15
Community libraries	31

Social enterprises

Ayesha Abed Foundation (AAF)	1
Total artisans	300