

Located in central Bangladesh, Narayanganj is part of Dhaka, with an area of 760 square kilometres. About 34 kilometres away from the nation's capital, Narayanganj is located on the banks of the Shitalakshya river. It is one of the major hubs of business and industry in Bangladesh, especially for jute trade, processing plants and the textiles sector.

BRAC operates few of its programmes in Narayanganj including microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), gender, justice and diversity (GJD), and human rights and legal aid services (HRLS). Among them, microfinance is the largest programme in the area, covering approximately 100,000 clients through *dabi* (microloan) and *progoti* (enterprise loan).



Happy students of BRAC primary school

General information

Population	2,948,217
Unions	49
Villages	1,374
Children (0-15)	672,730
Primary schools	1,425
Literacy rate	57%
Hospitals	6
NGOs	45
Banks	46
Bazaars	199

At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

Microfinance

Branches	52
Village organisations	1,683
Member	140,720
Borrowers	129,827

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	23,947
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Education

Primary schools	87
Pre-primary schools	44
Community libraries	26

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	44
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	1,766

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	140
HRLE graduates	36,140
HRLE course completed	1,547
Legal aid clinics	5
Cases filed	429
Complaints resolved	1,840

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee Members	4,686
Sanitation Coverage	95%
Sanitary Latrines Installed in Schools	18

Social enterprises

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