

Bagerhat is a district in Khulna. It shares a part of the Sundarbans, which is the world's largest mangrove forest. BRAC runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Among them, microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loan) and tenant farmers' development loans.

On the other hand, BRAC's Education programme (BEP) stands as the second largest programme in this district. BEP runs 300 schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP), and gonokendros (community libraries) in Bagerhat. BRAC's health programme is also running successfully in this district. This programme is a combination of preventive, curative, rehabilitative and promotional health services, focusing on improving maternal, neonatal and child health (IMNCS). It also combats communicable diseases and common health problems forming the key component of essential health care. Another core programme is water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), which mainly deals with water and sanitation services. In this district, WASH has achieved 80 percent sanitation coverage



Village women collecting arsenic free safe drinking water from a water treatment plant supply set up by BRAC WASH.

by installing sanitary latrines in the schools and villages. Apart from these, BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), ultra poor graduation (UPG), community empowerment programme (CEP), skills development and fisheries successfully.

General information

Population	14,76,090
Sub-districts	9
Unions	75
Villages	1,090
Children (0-15)	4,83,237
Primary schools	1,248
Literacy rates	65%
Hospitals	9
Banks	15
Bazaars	160
NGOs	71

At a glance

(as of December 2019)

Microfinance

Branches	28
Village organisations	2,796
Members	132,676
Borrowers	47,931

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	5,920
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Education

Community libraries	34
Pre-primary schools	61

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	600
Health workers (shasthya kormi)	135

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	280
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	54
Popular theatre team	9

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Sanitation coverage	76%
Committee members	5,478
Deep tubewell installed	344
Sanitary latrine installed in schools	144
Loans for sanitary latrines	900

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	409
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HRLE graduates	6,768
Legal aid clinics	9

Ultra poor graduation

Group - 2 members	3,370
Asset and training received	3,370
Healthcare availed	3,370
Group - 3 members	3,070
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Healthcare availed	3,070

Social enterprises

Fisheries	2
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