

# Chapai Nawabganj

Located in the north-west of Bangladesh, Chapai Nawabganj district lies under Rajshahi division, and has an area of 1,703 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Ganges and Mahananda. It is bounded by West Bengal of India on the north, south and west, and Rajshahi and Naogaon districts on the east.

BRAC works at Chapai Nawabganj with quite a few components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), and skills development programmes.



A Shantal woman walks through a rural street in Chapai Nawabganj district, Bangladesh.

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## General information

Population	17,78,633
Unions	45
Villages	1,294
Children (0-15)	602,210
Primary schools	678
Literacy rate	66%
Hospitals	29
NGOs	98
Banks	23
Bazaars	94

## At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

### Microfinance

Branches	24
Village organisations	2,524
Members	67,650
Borrowers	52,805
Progoti	
Small enterprise clients	8,351

### Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	29
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	258

### Education

Primary schools	112
Pre-primary schools	140
Community libraries	59

### Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	154
Union-based organisation	

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Popular theatre	5
Human rights violation cases reported	164

### Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	216
HRLE course completed	2,202
HRLE graduates	54,909
Legal aid clinics	5
Cases filed	1,088
Complaints resolved	1,567

### Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs) in STAR	23
Number of trades in STAR	4
Number of graduate learners in STAR	55
Number of graduate learners in PROSPER	71

### Social enterprises

Sericulture	1
BRAC dairy and food project	
Chilling centres	5