

Jamalpur is located on the banks of the Brahmaputra river. This district is famous for the production of popular handicrafts such as nakshi kantha (embroidered quilts). BRAC runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in this district.

Microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprises loan), and tenant farmers' development loans. There are around 50,000 members and 45,000 borrowers. BEP stands as the second largest programme in this district, running primary schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP) and *gonokendros* (community libraries). HNPP is another core programme running successfully in this district. It is a combination of preventive, curative, rehabilitative and promotional health services, focusing on improving maternal, neonatal and child health (IMNCS), as well as combating communicable diseases and common health problems, forming the key component of essential healthcare. Another core programme is WASH, which mainly deals with water and sanitation services. In this district, WASH has achieved 51 per cent sanitation coverage by installing sanitary latrines in schools. Apart from these mentioned programmes,



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Weekly Health Forum meeting in Jamalpur district.

BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), gender justice and diversity (GJD), ultra poor graduation (UPG), skills development, and community empowerment (CEP) programme successfully.

General information

Unions	68
Villages	1,352
Population	2,384,810
Children (0-15)	1,290,000
Primary schools	1,220
Literacy rates	38.50%
Hospitals	7
Banks	25
Bazaars	210
NGOs	75

At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

Microfinance

Branches	39
Village organisations	3,759
Members	216,681
Borrowers	85,014

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	4,600
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Education

Pre-primary schools	162
Primary schools	107
Shishu niketon schools	41
ADP centres	50
Community library	79

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	450
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	45

Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	128
Group - 2 members	951
Asset & training received	1,079
Healthcare availed	1,079
Group - 3 members	2,278
Asset & training received	2,278
Healthcare availed	2,278

Water, sanitation and Hygiene

Committee members	1,397
Sanitation coverage	81%
Loans for sanitary latrines	54,65,000

Community empowerment

Palli shomaj	392
Union shomaj	55
Popular theatre	9

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	42
Number of trades	4
Number of graduate students	100

Social enterprises

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Production centre	1
Sub-centres	81