

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Joypurhat district lies under Rajshahi division, with an area of 965 square kilometres. The main rivers are the Tulsī, Ganga and Haramati. It is bounded by Dinajpur district on the north, Naogaon district on the south, Bogra and Gaibandha districts on the east, and Bogra and Naogaon districts, and the Indian province of West Bengal on the west.

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



A disable girl student of BRAC school got a wheel chair from children with special needs (CSN) under BRAC education programme in Joypurhat.

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## General information

Population	913,768
Sub-districts	5
Unions	32
Villages	988
Primary schools	371
Literacy rate	64%
Hospitals	5
NGOs	80
Banks	14
Bazaars	56

## At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

### Microfinance

Branches	18
Village organisations	1,777
Members	11,459
Borrowers	45,066

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Small enterprise clients	7,023
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### Human rights and legal aid services

Number of legal aid clinics	5
HRLE graduates	47,661
Cases filed	893

## Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	418
Health workers (shasthya kormi)	64

### Education

Shishu niketon schools	33
Pre-primary	181
ADP centers	40
Gonokendro	44

### Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	130
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	27
Popular theatre teams	5

### Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	30
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Group - 2 members	<b>857</b>
Assets and training received	<b>857</b>
Healthcare availed	<b>0</b>
Group - 3 members	<b>833</b>
Assets and training received	<b>833</b>
Healthcare availed	<b>0</b>

### **Social enterprises**

#### **BRAC dairy and food project**

Chilling centres	<b>2</b>
Seed and agro	<b>1</b>
Artificial insemination	<b>1</b>