

Korail, one of the largest slums in Bangladesh, is located just opposite the BRAC Head Office in Dhaka. Most of the people who live in Korail have moved to the city from some of the poorest parts of Bangladesh. Korail covers approximately 100 acres and is home to more than 50,000 residents.

The slum borders Gulshan and Banani, two of Dhaka's most affluent neighbourhoods. However the majority of Korail's inhabitants are living below the poverty line and working in extremely low income jobs.

Between 2007 and 2008, a major eviction drive in Dhaka resulted in many slum dwellers being relocated to Korail since it has never fallen victim to evictions owing to its strong political backing. The effects of this sizeable relocation meant even worse living conditions and poorer delivery of health and education services for Korail's residents.

BRAC began its work in Korail in 1997 with the microfinance programme, and now offers many more services from BRAC's education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), gender, justice and diversity (GJD), and community empowerment programme (CEP).

General information

Population	54,590
Household	16,900
Area	100 acres



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At a glance

As of December, 2014

Microfinance Dabi

Member	1,900
Borrower	775
Outstanding	18,800,000
Average loan size	46,000

Education

Pre-primary school	102
Present student	3,060
Primary school	45
Present students	1,372
Course completed students	350
ADP Clubs/members	14/420

Children with Special Need Unit (Neuro-Developmental Disability Centre)

NDD Centre	1
Students	20
Teachers	2
Care Assistant	1

HNPP

Manoshi (Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health project)

Health volunteers	43
Health workers	6
Urban birth attendants	6
BRAC delivery centres	2
BRAC maternity centre	1

Babies delivered

• Total babies delivered	5,406
• At delivery centre	2,450
• At home	1,221
• Hospital (BRAC referred)	1,735
Antenatal care provided	4,260
Postnatal care provided	3,826