

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	1,047
Children (0-15)	4,83,237
Primary schools	1,248
Literacy rates	59%
Hospitals	9
Banks	15
Bazaars	238
NGOs	86

## At a glance

*(as of December 2018)*

### Microfinance

Branches	26
Village organisations	1,523
Members	137,055
Borrowers	35,357

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	3,666
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### Education

Community libraries	33
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### Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers <i>(shasthya shebika)</i>	600
Health workers <i>(shasthya kormi)</i>	135

## Community empowerment

Community-based organisation ( <i>polli shomaj</i> )	280
Union-based organisation ( <i>union shomaj</i> )	21
Popular theatre team	9

## Water, sanitation and hygiene

Sanitation coverage	80%
Committee members	5,478
Deep tubewell installed	10
Sanitary latrine installed in schools	18
Loans for sanitary latrines	1,697

## Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	92
HRLE graduates	61,341
Legal aid clinics	9

## Ultra poor graduation

Group - 2 members	1,191
Asset and training received	1,191
Healthcare availed	1,191
Group - 3 members	774
Asset and training received	774
Healthcare availed	774

## Social enterprises

Fisheries	2
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