

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	16,47,521
Unions	45
Villages	1,135
Children (0-15)	494,256
Primary schools	678
Literacy rate	67%
Hospitals	29
NGOs	55
Banks	17
Bazaars	88

## At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

### Microfinance

Branches	24
Village organisations	1,136
Members	57,000
Borrowers	52,002
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Small enterprise clients	5,250

### Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	30
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	292
Health centres	292

### Education

Primary schools	8
Pre-primary schools	10
Community libraries	59

### Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	131
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### Union-based organisation (union shomaj)

Popular theatre	19
Human rights violation cases reported	5
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### 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	4,343
Complaints resolved	2,422

### Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs) in STAR	45
Number of trades in STAR	5
Number of graduate learners in STAR	100
Skills Development Institute	1

### Social enterprises

Aarong production centres	2
BRAC dairy and food project	
Chilling centres	5