

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Gaibandha district lies under Rangpur division, and has an area of 2,115 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Ghaghat, Karatoya, Bangali and Teesta. It is bounded by Kurigram and Rangpur districts on the north, Bogra district on the south, Jamalpur, and Kurigram districts on the east, and Dinajpur and Rangpur districts on the west.

BRAC works at Gaibandha 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 skills development.



Group of village women participated at maternal, neo-natal and child health (MNCH) issue meeting in Gaibandha.

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General information

Population	2,379,255
Sub-districts	7
Unions	82
Villages	1,324
Primary schools	737
Literacy rate	43%
Hospitals	7
NGOs	78
Banks	7
Bazaars	104

At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

Microfinance

Branches	32
Village organisations	3,689
Members	2,32,689
Borrowers	55,710

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Small enterprise clients	6,963
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Education

Pre-primary schools	251
Shishu niketon Schools	365
ADP centres	40
Community libraries (gonokendras)	54

Human rights and legal aid services

Number of legal aid clinics	10
HRLE graduates	100,396
Cases filed	2,323
Complaints resolved	3,480

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	1,260
Health workers (shasthya kormi)	126

Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	144
Group - 2 members	1,765
Assets and training received	1,909
Healthcare availed	175
Group - 3 members	1,696
Assets and training received	1,696
Healthcare availed	168

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	259
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	32
Popular theatre teams	6

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs) in STAR	58
Number of trades in STAR	6
Number of graduate learners in STAR	426
Number of learners in PROSPER	27

Social enterprises

BRAC dairy and food project	
Chilling centre	2