

Jamalpur is located on the banks of the Brahmaputra river. This district is famous for the production of popular handicrafts such as nakshi kantha (embroidered quilts). BRAC runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in this district.

Microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprises loan), and tenant farmers' development loans. There are around 50,000 members and 45,000 borrowers. BEP stands as the second largest programme in this district, running primary schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP) and *gonokendros* (community libraries). HNPP is another core programme running successfully in this district. It is a combination of preventive, curative, rehabilitative and promotional health services, focusing on improving maternal, neonatal and child health (IMNCS), as well as combating communicable diseases and common health problems, forming the key component of essential healthcare. Another core programme is WASH, which mainly deals with water and sanitation services. In this district, WASH has achieved 51 per cent sanitation coverage by installing sanitary latrines in schools. Apart from these mentioned programmes,



Photo credit: BRAC

Weekly Health Forum meeting in Jamalpur district.

BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), gender justice and diversity (GJD), ultra poor graduation (UPG), skills development, and community empowerment (CEP) programme successfully.

General information

Unions	68
Villages	1,352
Population	2,384,810
Children (0-15)	1,290,000
Primary schools	1,220
Literacy rates	38.50%
Hospitals	7
Banks	25
Bazaars	210
NGOs	75

At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

Microfinance

Branches	36
Village organisations	3,515
Members	1,34,551
Borrowers	65,813

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	5,115
---------------------------------	--------------

Education

Pre-primary schools	34
Primary schools	70
Shishu niketon schools	47
ADP centres	144
Community library	72

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	450
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	45

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	21,012
Sanitation coverage	70%
Loan for Sanitary latrines	93,75,000
Subsidised latrines distributed	630

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	392
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	40
Popular theatre	9
Human rights violation cases reported	269

Ultra Poor Graduation

Group - 1 members	112
Group - 2 members	926
Assets and training received	926
Healthcare availed	926
Group - 3 members	1,214
Asset and training received	1,214
Healthcare availed	1,214

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	55
Number of trades	5
Number of graduate students	117

Social enterprises

Ayesha Abed Foundation

Production centre	1
Sub-centres	84
Staff	69
Workers	3,325