

Located in the centre of Bangladesh, Madaripur district lies under Dhaka division, and has an area of 1,145 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Padma, Arial Khan and Kumar. It is bounded by Faridpur and Munshiganj districts on the north, Barisal district on the south, Shariatpur district on the east, and Gopalganj district on the west.

BRAC operates in Madaripur with programmes, 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 migration programme.



Children attend a BRAC pre-primary school in a rural village of Bangladesh.

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## General information

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| Population      | 1,212,198 |
| Sub-districts   | 4         |
| Unions          | 60        |
| Villages        | 1,069     |
| Children (0-15) | 481,342   |
| Primary schools | 714       |
| Literacy rate   | 54%       |
| Hospitals       | 4         |
| NGOs            | 38        |
| Banks           | 58        |
| Bazaars         | 122       |

## At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

### Microfinance

|                       |         |
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| Village organisations | 2,043   |
| Members               | 136,963 |
| Borrowers             | 49,953  |

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| Progoti                  |       |
| Small enterprise clients | 7,857 |

### Health, nutrition and population

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| Health workers<br>(shasthya kormi)      | 58  |
| Health volunteers<br>(shasthya shebika) | 545 |
| Health Centre                           | 1   |

### Community empowerment

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| Community-based organisation<br>(polli shomaj) | 153 |
| Union-based organisation<br>(union shomaj)     | 21  |
| Popular theatre                                | 4   |

### Education

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### Human rights and legal aid services

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| Human rights and legal education<br>(HRLE) shebikas | 301    |
| HRLE graduates                                      | 42,874 |
| Legal aid clinics                                   | 4      |

### Ultra Poor Graduation

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| Group - 2 members           | 1,599 |
| Asset and training received | 1,599 |
| Healthcare availed          | 225   |
| Group - 3 members           | 1,216 |
| Asset and training received | 1,216 |
| Healthcare availed          | 195   |

### Water, sanitation and hygiene

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|---------------------------------|-------|
| Sanitation coverage             | 1,876 |
| Subsidised latrines distributed | 212   |