

Located in the north, Sirajganj is part of Rajshahi division. Jamuna Bridge, the largest in the area, has helped shorten the distance between Dhaka and northern Bangladesh. Besides the Jamuna, other rivers in the area include the Baral, Ichamati, Karatoa and Phuljuri. Due to its proximity to these rivers, Sirajganj experiences heavy riverbank erosion every year. Agriculture is the main source of income in the area.

BRAC operates most of its core programme including microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), ultra poor graduation (UPG), community empowerment (CEP), and human rights and legal aid services (HRLS). In addition, BRAC Dairy operates here as a social enterprise, providing livelihood opportunities for poor, rural farmers. Microfinance programme serves about 200,000 clients through dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loan) and the tenant farmers' development project.



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Weekly dabi loan collection of microfinance programme.

General information

Population	3,220,814
Unions	83
Villages	2,180
Children (0-15)	515,330
Primary schools	1,563
Literacy rate	68%
Hospitals	25
NGOs	65
Banks	126
Bazaars	162

At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

Microfinance

Branch	50
Village organisations	4,698
Members	170,036
Borrowers	89,119

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	8,344
Money disbursed	28,146,500

Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	139
Group - 2 members	2,235
Assets and training received	2,235
Healthcare availed	2,235
Group - 3 members	1,548
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Healthcare availed	1,548

Education

Primary schools	96
<i>Shishu niketon</i> schools	53
Pre-primary schools	39
Adolescent girls club (<i>kishori club</i>)	20
<i>Gonokendro</i>	65

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	61
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	610

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	295
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	54
Popular theatres	8
Human rights violation cases reported	1649

Human rights and legal aid services

HRLE graduates	79,406
HRLE course completed	3,325
Legal aid clinics	7
Complaints resolved	999
Cases filed (civil and criminal)	1,200