

Located in the north-west of Bangladesh, Thakurgaon district lies under Rangpur division, and has an area of 1,781 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Tangon, Punarbhaba, Nagar, Pathari, Talma, Kulic, and Dhepa. It is bounded by Panchagarh district on the north, West Bengal of India on the west and south, and Panchagarh and Dinajpur districts on the east.

BRAC operates in Thakurgaon with quite a few 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 gender justice and diversity (GJD).



Activities of milk collection and chilling centre of BRAC Dairy and Food Project.

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General information

Population	1,380,000
Unions	53
Villages	1,016
Children (0-15)	369,805
Primary schools	954
Literacy rate	52%
Hospitals	6
NGOs	42
Banks	12
Bazaars	85

At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

Microfinance

Branches	23
Village organisations	2,618
Members	119,154
Borrowers	49,179

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Small enterprise clients	3,127
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Education

Pre-primary schools	154
Primary Schools	5
Shishu niketon schools	339
ADP centres	70
Community libraries	28

Human rights and legal aid services

Number of legal aid clinics	5
HRLE graduates	976

Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	57
Group - 2 members	814
Asset and training received	814
Healthcare availed	814
Group - 3 members	576
Asset and training received	576
Healthcare availed	576

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	420
Health workers (shasthya kormi)	42

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	154
Union-based organisation (union <i>shomaj</i>)	19
Popular theatre teams	5

Gender justice and diversity

MEJNIN (*meyeder jonno nirapad nagorikotta* - safe citizenship for women)

Number of Community watch groups (CWG)	15
CWG members	244
Number of student watch groups (SWG)	15

Social enterprises

BRAC dairy and food project

Chilling centre	3
Seed & Agro	1
Fisheries	1