

Dhaka is the capital city of Bangladesh. It is located on the banks of the Buriganga river. BRAC has its headquarters in Dhaka, where it is running most of its core programmes. Among them, microfinance is the largest, offering two types of loans – dabi (microloan) and progoti (enterprise loans). BRAC’s Education Programme (BEP) stands as the second largest in this district.

BEP runs about 2,500 schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP), and *gonokendros* (community libraries). The health, nutrition and population programme (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. UPG focuses on tackling extreme poverty in multiple fronts. HRLS serves the disadvantaged community through its human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas. GJD works relentlessly to eliminate gender injustice in society. Migration works on ensuring easy access to services of all Bangladeshi migrants to avoid exploitation. BRAC’s new initiative, the skills development programme, provides holistic skills development



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BRAC Health Worker’s home visit in Korail Slum, Dhaka.

training and decent employment opportunities to enable young women and men to realise their full potential. Apart from these, BRAC runs urban street children programme (USCP) to create a provision for safe childhood for the most underprivileged children who are born/grow up on the streets and inspire these children to aim for an empowered future.

General Information

Population	12,043,994
Villages	1,999
Children (0-15)	1,877,605
Primary schools	4,718
Literacy rate	71%
Hospitals	206
Banks	62
Bazaars	169
NGOs	725

At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

Microfinance

Branches	115
Village organisations	3,453
Members	199,457
Borrowers	118,262
Progoti	
Small enterprise clients	31,106

Education

Pre-primary schools	191
Primary schools	816
ADP centres	135
Community libraries	26

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	1,614
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	391
Health centres	6

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	73
HRLE graduates	14,137
Legal aid clinic	1

Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	26
Group - 2 members	1,215
Assets and training received	1,215
Healthcare availed	1,215

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	308
Number of trades	8
Number of graduate learners	2,495
Skills development institute	6

Migration

Number of safe migration facilitation centre (SMFC)	2
Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitators	6
Number of volunteers	90

Gender justice and diversity

MEJNIN (meyeder jonno nirapad nagorikotta - safe citizenship for girls)	
Community watch groups (CWGs)	50
CWG members	550
Student watch group (SWGs)	102
SWG members	1,250

Social enterprises

Aarong outlets	9
Nursery	2