

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Gaibandha district lies under Rangpur division, and has an area of 2,115 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Ghaghat, Karatoya, Bangali and Teesta. It is bounded by Kurigram and Rangpur districts on the north, Bogra district on the south, Jamalpur, and Kurigram districts on the east, and Dinajpur and Rangpur districts on the west.

BRAC works at Gaibandha with components, 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 skills development.



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Group of village women participated at maternal, neo-natal and child health (MNCH) issue meeting in Gaibandha.

General information

Population	2,430,627
Sub-districts	7
Unions	82
Villages	1,249
Primary schools	1251
Literacy rate	54%
Hospitals	7
NGOs	47
Banks	70
Bazaars	104

At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

Microfinance

Branches	31
Village organisations	3,879
Members	243,937
Borrowers	64,755

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Small enterprise clients	15,051
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Education

Pre-primary schools	21
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Primary schools	333
Community libraries (gonokendras)	54

Human rights and legal aid services

Number of legal aid clinics	6
HRLE graduates	106,531
Cases filed	2,502
Complaints resolved	8,422

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	1,230
Health workers (shasthya kormi)	123

Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	248
Group - 2 members	1,751
Assets and training received	1,999
Healthcare availed	111
Group - 3 members	1,612
Assets and training received	1,612
Healthcare availed	143

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	259
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	41
Popular theatre teams	7

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs) in STAR	88
Number of trades in STAR	6
Number of learners in STAR	207
Number of learners in PROSPER	66

Social enterprises

BRAC dairy and food project	
Chilling centre	2