

Gazipur is one of the nearest cities to Dhaka. It is mostly popular as the birth place of the language movement martyr, Abdur Jabbar. Some of the important rivers like Old Brahmaputra, Shitalakshya, Turag, and Bangshi also cross the city. BRAC has been working in Gazipur since 1996. It runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), and health, nutrition and population (HNPP) in the district.

Among them, microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (micro loan) and progoti (enterprise loan) and tenant farmers’ development loan (agricultural loan). On the other hand, BEP stands as the second largest programme in the district, running around 500 schools, the adolescent development programme, and *gonokendros* (community libraries). HNPP is another core programme which 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. BRAC’s



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Workers packaging milk at the BRAC Dairy and Food Project in Gazipur

new initiative, skills development programme, is providing holistic skills development training and decent employment opportunities to enable young women and men to realise their full potential. Apart from these programmes, BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), community empowerment (CEP), gender, justice and diversity (GJD), migration and several social enterprises successfully in this area. BRAC has established an international standard training center called BRAC center for development management (BCDM) in Rajendrapur to offer appropriate training facilities for development and continuation of education for managers works for BRAC or involved in other development organisations.

General information

Population	3,810,589
Sub-districts	5
Unions	44
Villages	1,114
Children (0-15)	84,430
Primary schools	691
Literacy rate	63%
Hospitals	38
NGOs	154
Banks	33
Bazaars	389

At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

Microfinance

Branches	31
Village organisations	2,688
Members	62,610
Borrowers	54,245

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	28,500
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Education

Pre-primary schools	270
Primary schools	122
Community libraries	53
ADP centres	15

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	400
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	40
Health centre	1

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	136
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	33
Popular theatre teams	5

Human rights and legal aid services

Legal aid clinics	5
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HRLE graduates 55,129

Skills development

Number of MCP's in STAR	203
Number of trades in STAR	6
Number of learners	213
Number of graduate learners in STAR	1,350
Number of learners in PROSPER	60
Number of learners in PROMISE	97

Social enterprises

Dairy	1
Nursery	2
Printing pack	1
Fisheries	1
Seed and agro	1