

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Kurigram district lies under Rangpur division, with an area of 2,296 square kilometres. The main rivers are the Brahmaputra, Dharla, and Teesta. It is bounded by West Bengal of India on the north, Gaibandha district on the south, the Indian province of Assam on the east, and West Bengal of India, Rangpur and Lalmonirhat districts on the west.

BRAC works at Kurigram with components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), skills development, and ultra poor graduation (UPG) programme.



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A BRAC Ultra Poor Graduation (UPG) beneficiary, stitches clothes on her sewing machine to earn a small living at rural village in Kurigram.

## General information

Population	21,56,000
Sub-districts	9
Unions	73
Villages	1,872
Children (0-15)	864,654
Primary schools	121
Literacy rate	42%
Hospitals	10
NGOs	78
Banks	18
Bazaars	161

## At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

### Microfinance

Branches	33
Village organisations	2,123
Members	152,453
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Small enterprise clients	2,381

### Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	118
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	834

### Human rights and legal aid services

HRLE graduates	85,000
Legal aid clinic	8

### Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	350
Popular theatres	43

## Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	50
Group - 2 members	683
Asset and training received	733
Healthcare availed	733
Group - 3 members	647
Asset and training received	647
Healthcare availed	647

## Education

Pre-primary schools	18
Primary schools	10
ADP centres	40
Community libraries	28

## Social enterprises

Ayesha Abed Foundation (AAF)	1
Artificial insemination	1