

Located in central Bangladesh, Narayanganj is part of Dhaka, with an area of 760 square kilometres. About 34 kilometres away from the nation's capital, Narayanganj is located on the banks of the Shitalakshya river. It is one of the major hubs of business and industry in Bangladesh, especially for jute trade, processing plants and the textiles sector.

BRAC operates few of its programmes in Narayanganj including microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), gender, justice and diversity (GJD), and human rights and legal aid services (HRLS). Among them, microfinance is the largest programme in the area, covering approximately 100,000 clients through *dabi* (microloan) and *progoti* (enterprise loan).



Happy students of BRAC primary school

## General information

Population	2,948,217
Unions	49
Villages	1,374
Children (0-15)	672,730
Primary schools	1,425
Literacy rate	57%
Hospitals	6
NGOs	45
Banks	46
Bazaars	199

## At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

### Microfinance

Branches	46
Village organisations	2,875
Member	92,625
Borrowers	84,625
Progoti	
Small enterprise clients	24,321

### Education

Primary schools	64
Pre-primary schools	244
Community libraries	31

### Health, nutrition and population

Health workers ( <i>shasthya kormi</i> )	44
Health volunteers ( <i>shasthya shebika</i> )	1,351

## Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	140
HRLE graduates	37,250
HRLE course completed	1,900
Legal aid clinics	5
Cases filed	439
Complaints resolved	1,835

## Social enterprises

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