

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Panchagarh district lies under Rangpur division, and has an area of 1,405 square kilometres. The main rivers in the district are the Karatoya, Atrai, Tista, Nagor and Mahananda. Agriculture is the major source of income for people in this city, but tea cultivation is also a growing sector.

BRAC operates a few components at Panchagarh, such as microfinance, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), education (BEP), community empowerment (CEP), ultra poor graduation (UPG), and human rights and legal aid services (HRLS). Among them, microfinance and HNPP have the largest network, serving the highest number of clients. BEP interventions target marginalised children, providing access to education through informal schools. CEP is strengthening the community institutions where as HRLS focusing on basic rights of marginalised women.



Students are playing and reading with happiness at BRAC primary school.

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## General information

Population	1,026,241
Sub-districts	5
Unions	43
Villages	825
Children (0-15)	276,756
Primary schools	610
Literacy rate	52%
Hospitals	5
NGOs	38
Banks	14
Bazaars	55

## At a Glance

(as of December 2019)

### Microfinance

Branches	21
Village organisations	1,889
Members	132,997
Borrowers	46,486
Progoti	
Small enterprise clients	4,043

### Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	154
Union-based organisation (Union shomaj)	32
Popular theatre	5

### Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	41
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	410

## Education

Pre-primary schools	209
Shishu niketon schools	39
ADP centres	60
Community libraries	35
Education support programme	52

### Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	30
HRLE graduates	48,166
Legal aid clinics	4