

Located on the banks of the Arpangacyhha river, Satkhira is a district in Khulna. The region also shares a notable part of the famous Sundarbans mangrove forest. BRAC runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), among others in this district.

Among them, microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loans) and tenant farmers' development loans. There are about 200,000 members and 50,000 borrowers. BEP stands as the second largest programme in this district, running 400 schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP), and *gonokendros* (community library). HNPP is another core programme running successfully in this district. It is a combination of preventive, curative, rehabilitative and promotional health services, focusing on improving maternal, neonatal and child health (IMNCS), and combating communicable diseases and common health problems, forming the key component of essential healthcare. WASH mainly deals with water and sanitation services. It has achieved 62 per cent sanitation coverage by installing sanitary latrines in schools and villages. BRAC's new initiative, the skills development programme, provides holistic skills development training and



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Aftermath situation of cyclone Aila in Satkhira district

decent employment opportunities to enable young women and men to realise their full potential. BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), ultra poor graduation (UPG), agriculture and food security (AFSP), and community empowerment (CEP) programmes in this area.

General information

Population	2,079,887
Sub-districts	7
Unions	78
Villages	1,436
Children (0-5)	748,133
Primary schools	1,085
Literacy rates	66%
Hospitals	11
Banks	28
Bazaars	252
NGOs	87

At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

Microfinance

Branches	25
Village organisations	2,011
Members	1,26,513
Borrowers	51,450

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	3,250
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Education

Pre-primary schools	93
Primary schools	40
Community libraries (<i>gonokendros</i>)	43

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	690
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	69

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	279
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	51

Human rights and legal aid services

HRLE graduates	690
Legal aid clinics	7

Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	44
Group - 2 members	528
Assets and training received	528
Healthcare availed	16
Group - 3 members	887
Assets and training received	887
Healthcare availed	13

Enterprises

BRAC Dairy	7
Artificial insemination	7
Seed and agro	7