

Located in the north, Sirajganj is part of Rajshahi division. Jamuna Bridge, the largest in the area, has helped shorten the distance between Dhaka and northern Bangladesh. Besides the Jamuna, other rivers in the area include the Baral, Ichamati, Karatoa and Phuljuri. Due to its proximity to these rivers, Sirajganj experiences heavy riverbank erosion every year. Agriculture is the main source of income in the area.

BRAC operates most of its core programme including microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), ultra poor graduation (UPG), community empowerment (CEP), and human rights and legal aid services (HRLS). In addition, BRAC Dairy operates here as a social enterprise, providing livelihood opportunities for poor, rural farmers. Microfinance programme serves about 200,000 clients through dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loan) and the tenant farmers' development project.



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Weekly dabi loan collection of microfinance programme.

General information

Population	3,220,814
Unions	83
Villages	2,180
Children (0-15)	12,62,559
Primary schools	1,563
Literacy rate	68%
Hospitals	28
NGOs	65
Banks	126
Bazaars	162

At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

Microfinance

Branch	54
Village organisations	4,698
Members	179,773
Borrowers	91,452

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	8,792
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Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	114
Group - 2 members	1,036
Assets and training received	1,036
Healthcare availed	1,036
Group - 3 members	1,104
Assets and training received	1,104
Healthcare availed	1,104

Education

Primary schools	96
<i>Shishu niketon</i> schools	51
Pre-primary schools	147
Adolescent girls club (<i>kishori club</i>)	45
<i>Gonokendro</i>	73

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	62
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	620

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	295
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	54
Popular theatres	8
Human rights violation cases reported	1,864

Human rights and legal aid services

HRLE graduates	80,450
Legal aid clinics	7
Complaints resolved	5,614
Cases filed (civil and criminal)	1,243