

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), 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.

General information

Population	1,026,141
Unions	43
Villages	825
Children (0-15)	276,756
Primary schools	610
Literacy rate	52%
Hospitals	5
NGOs	29
Banks	12
Bazaars	52

At a Glance

(as of December 2015)

Microfinance

Branches	24
Village organisations	1,602
Members	161,160
Borrowers	40,323
Progoti	
Small enterprise clients	1,932

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	151
Union-based organisation (Union shomaj)	18
Popular theatre	5

Education

Primary schools	124
Pre-primary schools	132
ADP centres	72
Community libraries	55

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	37
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	370

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	972
HRLE graduates	44,732
Legal aid clinics	4