

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Gaibandha district lies under Rangpur division, and has an area of 2,115 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Ghaghat, Karatoya, Bangali and Teesta. It is bounded by Kurigram and Rangpur districts on the north, Bogra district on the south, Jamalpur, and Kurigram districts on the east, and Dinajpur and Rangpur districts on the west.

BRAC works at Gaibandha with components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), gender justice and diversity (GJD), and skills development.



Group of village women participated at maternal, neo-natal and child health (MNCH) issue meeting in Gaibandha.

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General information

Population	2,233,593
Unions	82
Villages	1,465
Primary schools	737
Literacy rate	46%
Hospitals	7
NGOs	118
Banks	59
Bazaars	153

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Branches	29
Village organisations	1,848
Members	69,285
Borrowers	48,312

Progati

Small enterprise clients	4,004
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	130
Money disbursed	193,315,000
Population covered	14,029

Education

Pre-primary schools	214
Primary Schools	150
ADP centres	143
Community libraries (gonokendras)	55

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights legal education (HRLE) shebikas	164
Number of legal aid clinics	13
HRLE graduates	110,340

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	2,258
Health workers (shasthya kormi)	332

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	975
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	974
Assets and training received	975
Healthcare availed	561

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	259
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	32
Popular theatre teams	7

Gender justice and diversity

Gender quality action learning (GQAL)	
Sampriti centres	20
Sampriti centres members	600
Gender <i>kormi</i>	20

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	35
Number of trades	6
Number of graduate learners	69
Number of disabled learners	17

Social enterprises

BRAC dairy and food project Chilling centre	1
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