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BRAC will not interfere into administrative affairs of primary schools while discharging duties to upgrade the quality of education through its non-formal primary education programme (NFPE), BRAC founder and chairperson Dr Fazle Hasan Abed said.

"We want to assure everybody that BRAC will not get into the administrative works of the primary schools and neither the government gave BRAC this responsibility nor it commensurate with BRAC's aims and ideology," Mr Abed told the newsmen at a press conference in a city hotel Wednesday.

He said the government has given his organisation the responsibility to upgrade the quality of primary education through its NFPE, and not to control the management or administration of primary schools.

Currently this non-government organisation (NGO) is conducting its NFPE programme covering 1.20 million poor children of 37,500 non-formal primary schools.

The NFPE has targeted those children who are aged eight and above and never been to primary schools or left school without completing primary education.

"This is the last chance for them to get primary education," BRAC founder said.

Apart from NFPE, the organisation is also conducting 24,000 one-year pre-primary education programme and on completion of this the children get admitted to primary schools.

Since inception of its education programme BRAC has been working jointly with the government in different ways.

In last three years, this NGO has been conducting various programmes to upgrade teachers' skills of government and registered non-government primary schools in five Upazillas under Sherpur district and one Upazilla in Comilla district.

"Following successful operation of this programme BRAC approached the government to work jointly with government in 20 Upazillas under a pilot project and subsequently got approval," Dr. Abed said.

BRAC will confine its NFPE works in the 20 upazillas, he said.