

Located in the south-west of Bangladesh, Jhalokathi district lies under Barisal division, with an area of 758 square kilometres. The main rivers are the Garai, Kumar, Nabaganga, Begabati, Chitra, Bairab, Kobadak, Kodla, Phatki, Kaliganga and Ichamati. It is bounded by Barisal district on the north and east, Barguna district and the Bishkhali river on the south, and Lohagara and Pirojpur districts on the west.

BRAC operates in Jhalokathi with components, such as microfinance, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), and targeting the ultra poor (TUP) programme.



Health forum meeting conducted by a shasthya kormi (health worker) of BRAC health, nutrition and population (HNPP) programme.

## General information

Population	709,915
Unions	32
Villages	455
Children (0-15)	190,871
Primary schools	577
Literacy rate	67%
Hospitals	4
NGOs	39
Banks	17
Bazaars	76

## At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

### Microfinance

Branches	7
Village organisations	378
Members	23,662
Borrowers	11,760

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	1,323
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### Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	167
Money disbursed	71,790,000
Population covered	22,602

### Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	104
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	4
Popular theatre	4

## Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	9,912
Assets and training received	9,912
Healthcare availed	9,912

### Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	16
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	482

### Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	152
HRLE graduates	32,308
Legal aid clinics	4