

Located in the south-west of Bangladesh, Jhenaidah district lies under Khulna division, with an area of 1,965 square kilometres. It is bounded by Kushtia district on the north, Jessore district and West Bengal of India on the south, Rajbari and Magura districts on the east, and Chuadanga district and West Bengal of India on the west.

BRAC operates in Jhenaidah with components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and skills development.



A BRAC barefoot lawyer is explaining the family laws of the country using a flipchart to the women in her community in the village.

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General information

Population	1,771,304
Unions	67
Villages	1,136
Children (0-15)	695,507
Primary schools	833
Literacy rate	62%
Hospitals	6
NGOs	50
Banks	18
Bazaars	132

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Village organisations	2,279
Members	109,000
Borrowers	52,117

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Small enterprise clients	5,636
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	486
Money disbursed	213,313,000
Population covered	7,770

Education

Primary schools	166
Pre-primary schools	166
ADP centres	59
Community libraries	41

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	187
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	14
Popular theatre	7

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	90
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Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	921
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Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	307
HRLE graduates	91,175
Legal aid clinics	10

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	15,631
Sanitation coverage	82%
Sanitary latrines installed in school	158
Loans for sanitary latrines	4,536

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	70
Number of trades	5
Number of graduate learners	140
Number of disabled learners	14