

Khulna is a district located on the banks of the Rupsha river. With Mongla Port, Bangladesh's second largest seaport, the district is an important hub of trade and commerce. BRAC runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in this district.

Microfinance is the largest programme, offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loans) and tenant farmers' development loan. Microfinance stands as the largest programme having 80,000 members and 55,000 borrowers. BEP stands as the second largest programme, running 300 schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP), and *gonokendros* (community libraries). HNPP is another core programme running successfully in this district. It is a combination of preventive, curative, rehabilitative and promotional health services focusing on improving maternal, neonatal and child health (IMNCS), as well as combating communicable diseases and common health problems, forming the key components of essential healthcare. Another core programme is WASH, which mainly deals with water and sanitation services. In this district, WASH has achieved of 79 per cent sanitation



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Crab-farming instead of traditional agro-farming in Cyclone Aila affected area.

coverage by installing sanitary latrines in schools and villages. Apart from these mentioned programmes, BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), community empowerment (CEP), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), skills development, migration and fisheries programmes successfully.

General Information

Population	2,318,527
Unions	70
Villages	1,122
Children (0-15)	690,921
Primary schools	1,086
Literacy rate	60%
Hospitals	19
Banks	166
Bazaars	198
NGOs	122

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Village organisations	2,040
Members	83,980
Borrowers	46,655

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	5,081
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	441
Population covered	11,198
Money disbursed	219,658,000

Education

Pre-primary schools	109
Primary schools	223
Adolescent development programme (ADP) centres	104
Community libraries	57

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Sanitation coverage	88%
Sanitary latrines installed in school	129
Deep tubewells installed	224

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	965
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	60

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	194
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	8
Popular theatre teams	9

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	355
HRLE graduates	59,410
Legal aid clinics	9

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	18,185
Assets received	18,185
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	3,000

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	112
Number of trades	8
Number of graduate students	388

Migration

Safe migration facilitation centre (SMFC)	1
Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitators	4
Volunteers	42

Social enterprises

Aarong	1
Dairy (chilling centres)	3
Fisheries	1