

Located in western Bangladesh, Kushtia is a district known for the Lalon shrine. 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. Among them, microfinance is the largest programme, offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan) and progoti (enterprise loans) and tenant farmers’ development loan.

There are about 100,000 members and 90,000 borrowers. BEP stands as the second largest programme, running 330 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), and combating communicable diseases and common health problems, forming the key component of essential healthcare. Another core programme is WASH, which mainly deals with water and sanitation services. In this district, WASH has achieved 87 per cent sanitation coverage by installing sanitary latrines in schools.



Students are playing and reading with happiness at BRAC primary school.

Apart from these mentioned programmes, BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), and migration programmes successfully.

General Information

Population	2,023,657
Unions	67
Villages	968
Children (0-15)	627,333
Primary schools	758
Literacy rate	46%
Hospitals	137
Banks	86
Bazaars	209
NGOs	248

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Village organisations	2,554
Members	115,861
Borrowers	93,828

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	5,118
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Tenant farmers’ development project

Village organisations	325
Population covered	6,460

Education

Pre-primary schools	176
Primary schools	162
ADP centres	126
Community libraries	54

Health, nutrition and population	
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	96
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	956
Water, sanitation and hygiene	
Sanitation coverage	87%
Sanitary latrines installed in school	123
Human rights and legal aid services	
Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	318
HRLE graduates	85,267
Legal aid clinics	9

Migration	
Safe migration facilitation centre (SMFC)	1
Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitators	5
Communication workers	16
Volunteers	48
Social enterprises	
Ayesha Abed Foundation	1
Sub-centres	82
Total workers	2,500
Artificial insemination centre	1
Workers	50
Chicken enterprise	1
Sanitary napkin and delivery kits enterprise	1