

Located in the south-west of Bangladesh, Meherpur district lies under Khulna division, and has an area of 716 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Bhairab, Ichamati, Mathabhaga and Kazla. It is bounded by Kushtia district on the north, Chuadanga district on the south, Chuadanga and Kushtia districts on the east, and West Bengal state of India on the west.



Woman members are discussing many social issues at polli shomaj meeting.

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

General information

Population	665,392
Unions	18
Villages	274
Children (0-15)	203,000
Primary schools	296
Literacy rate	46%
Hospitals	3
NGOs	36
Banks	10
Bazaars	97

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Village organisations	458
Members	17,719
Borrowers	11,998

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Small enterprise clients	934
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	229
Money disbursed	162,014,000
Population covered	18,461

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	115
HRLE graduates	29,328
Legal aid clinics	4

Education

Primary schools	43
Pre-primary schools	52
ADP centres	74
Community libraries	12

Community empowerment

Communication-based organisation (polli shomaj)

71

Union-based organisation (union shomaj)

3

Popular theatre

3

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers

(shasthya kormi)

87

Health volunteers

(shasthya shebika)

784

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members

1,183

Sanitation coverage

82%

Loans for sanitary latrines

490

Sanitarylatrines installed in school

4

Social enterprises

BRAC dairy and food project

Chilling centre

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