

Situated around 200 kilometres north of Dhaka, Sherpur district lies under Mymensingh division, and has an area of 1,360 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Old Brahmaputra, Mrigi, Malijee, Bhogai, Chellashali and Maharashi. It is bounded by the Garo hills of India's Meghalaya on the north, Mymensingh and Jamalpur districts on the south, Mymensingh district on the east, and Jamalpur district on the west.

BRAC operates in Sherpur with quite a few programmes, such as microfinance, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), education (BEP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and targeting the ultra poor (TUP).

## General information

Population	1,407,468
Unions	52
Villages	678
Children (0-15)	74,596
Primary schools	617
Literacy rate	38%
Hospitals	5
NGOs	68
Banks	37
Bazaars	105



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Aysha Abed Foundation was started in 1978 as part of BRAC's development interventions to organise, train and support rural women through traditional handicrafts.

## At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

### Microfinance

Village organisations	2,061
Members	54,488
Borrowers	34,151

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	671
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### Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	315
Money disbursed	92,400,000

### Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	211
Community-based organisation (union shomaj)	21
Popular theatre	6

### Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	1,500
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	1,612
Training and asset received	1,500

## Education

Primary schools	74
ADP centres	126
Community libraries	37

## Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	4,873
Sanitation coverage	70%
Loans for sanitary latrines	1,498
Sanitary latrines installed in school	61

## Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	136
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	1,250
Health centre	20

## Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	322
HRLE graduates	237
Legal aid clinics	11