

Located in the south-west of Bangladesh, Jhalokathi district lies under Barisal division, with an area of 758 square kilometres. The main rivers are the Garai, Kumar, Nabaganga, Begabati, Chitra, Bairab, Kobadak, Kodla, Phatki, Kaliganga and Ichamati. It is bounded by Barisal district on the north and east, Barguna district and the Bishkhali river on the south, and Lohagara and Pirojpur districts on the west.



Health forum meeting conducted by a shasthya kormi (health worker) of BRAC health, nutrition and population (HNPP) programme.

BRAC operates in Jhalokathi with components, such as microfinance, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), skills development, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and targeting the ultra poor (TUP) programme.

General information

Population	709,915
Sub-districts	4
Unions	32
Villages	455
Children (0-15)	190,871
Primary schools	560
Literacy rate	67%
Hospitals	4
NGOs	39
Banks	50
Bazaars	76

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	7
Village organisations	417
Members	46,224
Borrowers	18,192

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	1,360
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Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	101
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	4
Popular theatre	4

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	10,475
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	800
Assets and training received	10,475
Healthcare availed	10,475
Soft loan received	800

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	76
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	482
Health centres	83

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	152
HRLE graduates	32,931
Legal aid clinics	4
Complaints resolved	1,299

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	803
Sanitation coverage	73%
Loans for sanitary latrines	29

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	37
Number of trades	4
Number of graduate learners	76