

Located in the south-west of Bangladesh, Jhenaidah district lies under Khulna division, with an area of 1,965 square kilometres. It is bounded by Kushtia district on the north, Jessore district and West Bengal of India on the south, Rajbari and Magura districts on the east, and Chuadanga district and West Bengal of India on the west.

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



A BRAC barefoot lawyer is explaining the family laws of the country using a flipchart to the women in her community in the village.

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General information

Population	1,771,304
Sub-districts	6
Unions	67
Villages	1,136
Children (0-15)	695,507
Primary schools	833
Literacy rate	62%
Hospitals	6
NGOs	65
Banks	21
Bazaars	132

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	34
Village organisations	2,375
Members	61,033
Borrowers	57,412

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Small enterprise clients	6,632
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	482
Money disbursed	281,213,000
Population covered	8,000

Education

Pre-primary schools	111
Shishu nicketon schools	140
Community libraries	43

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	187
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	14
Popular theatre	7

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	51
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	612

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	201
HRLE graduates	92,772
Legal aid clinics	10

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	15,631
Sanitation coverage	82%
Sanitary latrines installed in school	144
Loans for sanitary latrines	4,536

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	92
Number of trades	8
Number of graduate learners	276
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