

Located in the south-west of Bangladesh, Magura district lies under Khulna division, with an area of 1,049 square kilometres. It is bounded by Rajbari district on the north, Jessore and Narail districts on the south, Faridpur district on the east, and Jhenaidah district on the west.

BRAC operates in Magura with components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), and skills development.



Day old chicken at BRAC Poultry Rearing Centre in Magura.

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General information

Population	954,802
Sub-districts	4
Unions	36
Villages	711
Children (0-15)	325,526
Primary schools	496
Literacy rate	51%
Hospitals	4
NGOs	45
Banks	72
Bazaars	112

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Village organisations	1,492
Members	117,279
Borrowers	39,763

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Small enterprise clients	980
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Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	81
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	705

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	132
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	17
Popular theatre	4

Education

Primary schools	67
Pre-primary schools	86
Community libraries	23
ADP centres	4

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	173
HRLE graduates	43,402
Legal aid clinics	4

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	607
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	800
Assets and training received	607

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	35
Number of trades	6
Number of graduate learners	140
Number of learners	140

Social enterprises

Nursery	1
Fisheries	1
Sericulture	1
Seed and Agro	1