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.

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

At a glance
(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance
- Branches 9
- Village organisations 573
- Members 23,856
- Borrowers 15,687

Progoti
- Small enterprise clients 1,019

Tenant farmers’ development project
- Village organisations 187
- Money disbursed 181,778,000
- Population covered 28,528

Human rights and legal aid services
- Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas 115
- HRLE graduates 29,774
- Legal aid clinics 4

Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Committee members 308
- Sanitation coverage 65%
- Loans for sanitary latrines 275,000

General information

- Population 665,392
- Sub-districts 3
- Unions 18
- Villages 274
- Children (0-15) 201,900
- Primary schools 406
- Literacy rate 46%
- Hospitals 3
- NGOs 35
- Banks 10
- Bazaars 97

Education

- Primary schools 26
- Pre-primary schools 53
- Shishu niketon schools 38
- ADP centres 73
- Community libraries 12
- Education support programme 16

Community empowerment

- Communication-based organisation (polli shomaj) 81
- Union-based organisation (union shomaj) 3
- Popular theatre 3
- Human rights violation cases reported 94

Health, nutrition and population

- Health workers (shasthya kormi) 85
- Health volunteers (shasthya shebika) 405

Social enterprises

- BRAC dairy and food project
- Chilling centre 1
- Seed production centre 1