

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.



Woman members are discussing many social issues at polli shomaj meeting.

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

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

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

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

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Small enterprise clients	1,019
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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) <i>shebikas</i>	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

Education

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

Community empowerment

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

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	85
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	405

Social enterprises

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