

Located in central Bangladesh, Munshiganj is a district historically known as Bikrampur. Part of Dhaka division, it has an area of 1,004 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Padma, Meghna, Dhaleshwari, Ichamati and Shitalakshya. Agriculture is the most common source of income, with Munshiganj as one of the largest producers of potatoes in the country.

It produces significant amounts of jute, rice, wheat, vegetables and fruits like sugar cane and bananas. BRAC operates many of its core programmes in Munshiganj such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), migration, gender justice and diversity (GJD), and human rights and legal aid services (HRLS).



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Happiness of learning at BRAC primary school

General information

Population	1,552,577
Sub-districts	6
Unions	67
Villages	959
Children (0-15)	162,346
Primary schools	501
Literacy rate	56%
Hospitals	6
NGOs	36
Banks	20
Bazaars	54

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	32
Village organisations	1,460
Members	75,896
Borrowers	39,758

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Small enterprise clients	6,986
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	133
Population covered	15%
Money disbursed	38,607,000

Migration

Safe migration facilitation centre (SMFC)	1
Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitators	6

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	84
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	1,284

Education

Pre-primary schools	15
Primary schools	7
Shishu niketon schools	11
ADP centres	13
Community libraries	29

Gender justice and diversity

MEJNIN (meyeder jonno nirapad nagorikotta - safe citizenship for women)

Number of community watch group (CWG) members	200
Number of student watch group (SWG) members	375

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	123
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	6
Popular theatre	5

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	232
HRLE graduates	39,617
Legal aid clinics	6