

Narsingdi is a district in central Bangladesh located 50 kilometres north-east of Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh. It is a part of the Dhaka division. The district is famous for its textile craft industry. Narsingdi is divided by six sub-districts with an area of 1,140 square kilometres.

Meghna, Shitalakkha, old Brahmaputra, Arial Kha, Haridhoa, Paharea are some of the main rivers that flow through this district. Narsingdi is a densely industrial area and is home to many textile mills. Narsingdi is also famous for its jute production and fruit production such as banana and sugarcane.



Students of BRAC's primary school in rural area.

BRAC has most of its core programmes running in the area, such as microfinance, education (BEP), community empowerment (CEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), gender justice and diversity (GJD), migration, skills development, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programmes.

General information

Population	2,317,475
Sub-districts	6
Unions	71
Villages	1,060
Children (0-15)	602,543
Primary schools	724
Literacy rate	68%
Hospitals	7
NGOs	84
Banks	84
Bazaars	104

At a glance

(as of December 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	31
Village organisations	1,842
Members	72,012
Borrowers	44,916

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Small enterprise clients	6,655
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	504
Money disbursed	4,600,000,000
Population covered	11,088

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	221
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	27
Popular theatre groups	7
Human rights violation cases reported	921

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	400
Sanitation coverage	68%
Subsidised latrines distributed	51
Loans for sanitary latrines	102,000

Education

Primary schools	5
<i>Shishu niketon</i> schools	227
Pre-primary schools	234
ADP centres	44
Community libraries (<i>gonokendros</i>)	17

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	178
HRLE graduates	82,976
Legal aid clinics	9
Cases filed	1,537
Complaints resolved	3,055

Gender justice and diversity

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

Number of community watch groups (CWG)	9
CWG members	135
Number of students watch groups (SWG)	15
SWG members	375

Migration

Safe migration facilitation centre (SMFC)	1
Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitator	1
Number of unions	23

Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	2
Number of trades	4
Number of graduate students	220

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	48
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	1,426

Social enterprises

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