Part of Dhaka division, Shariatpur is named after the famous Islamic reformer Haji Shariatullah. Two important rivers – Padma, and Meghna – pass through the district. BRAC is running most of its core programmes in the area. Among them, microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loans) and tenant farmers’ development loans. There are about 100,000 members and 50,000 borrowers.

BRAC Education (BEP) stands as the second largest programme in this district, running more than 150 schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP), and gonokendros (community libraries). The health, nutrition and population programme (HNPP) is another core programme running successfully in this district. It is a combination of preventive, curative, rehabilitative and promotional health services focusing on improving maternal, neonatal and child health (IMNCS), and combating communicable diseases and common health problems, forming the key components of essential healthcare. BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), and migration programmes successfully in this area.

**At a glance**
(as of December, 2016)

**Microfinance**
- Branches: 31
- Village organisations: 1,885
- Members: 117,834
- Borrowers: 48,146

**Progoti**
- Small enterprise clients: 7,021

**Education**
- Pre-primary schools: 85
- Primary schools: 61
- Education support programme: 90
- Community libraries: 33
- Shishu niketon schools: 31

**General information**
- Population: 1,155,824
- Sub-districts: 6
- Unions: 65
- Villages: 1,254
- Children (0-15): 242,723
- Primary schools: 539
- Literacy rate: 47%
- Hospitals: 6
- Banks: 65
- Bazaars: 110
- NGOs: 39
Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (shasthya shebika) 914
Health workers (shasthya kormi) 94

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas 73
HRLE graduates 41,116
Legal aid clinics 6

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members 734
Assets received 734
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) member 905
Soft loans received 905

Migration

Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitators 3
Unions 17
Volunteers 17
Communication workers 3