

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



A Shebika (Health Volunteer) uses pictorial charts to describe laws and rights to participants of a Human Rights and Legal Education class

services (HRLS), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), and migration programmes successfully in this area.

## 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

## 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

## Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers ( <i>shasthya shebika</i> )	914
Health workers ( <i>shasthya kormi</i> )	94

## Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	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