

Situated around 200 kilometres north of Dhaka, Sherpur district lies under Mymensingh division, and has an area of 1,360 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Old Brahmaputra, Mrigi, Malijee, Bhogai, Chellashali and Maharashi. It is bounded by the Garo hills of India's Meghalaya on the north, Mymensingh and Jamalpur districts on the south, Mymensingh district on the east, and Jamalpur district on the west.

BRAC operates in Sherpur with quite a few programmes, such as microfinance, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), education (BEP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), skills development and targeting the ultra poor (TUP).

General information

Population	1,407,468
Unions	52
Villages	678
Children (0-15)	53%
Primary schools	617
Literacy rate	38%
Hospitals	5
NGOs	68
Banks	37
Bazaars	105



Ayesha Abed Foundation was started in 1978 as part of BRAC's development interventions to organise, train and support rural women through traditional handicrafts.

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	17
Village organisations	2,161
Members	108,501
Borrowers	33,285

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Small enterprise clients	1,281
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	518
Money disbursed	182,400,000

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	211
Community-based organisation (union shomaj)	21
Popular theatre	6

Targeting the ultra poor

Specialty targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	2,163
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	1,612
Asset received	2,163
Training received	2,165
Soft loan received	1,612

Education

Pre-primary schools	133
Primary schools	23
Shishu niketon schools	262
ADP centres	76
Community libraries	37

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	4,873
Sanitation coverage	70%
Loans for sanitary latrines	1,498
Sanitary latrines installed in school	61

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	67
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	670
Health centres	13

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	322
HRLE graduates	237
Legal aid clinics	8

Skills development

Number of trades	6
Number of learners	210
Number of graduate learners	70

Social enterprises

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Sub-centres	75