

Located in the south-west of Bangladesh, Magura district lies under Khulna division, with an area of 1,049 square kilometres. It is bounded by Rajbari district on the north, Jessore and Narail districts on the south, Faridpur district on the east, and Jhenaidah district on the west.

BRAC operates in Magura with components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), ultra poor graduation (UPG), and skills development.



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Day old chicken at BRAC Poultry Rearing Centre in Magura.

## General information

Population	954,802
Sub-districts	4
Unions	36
Villages	711
Children (0-15)	325,526
Primary schools	496
Literacy rate	51%
Hospitals	4
NGOs	45
Banks	72
Bazaars	112

## At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

### Microfinance

Village organisations	1,497
Members	137,279
Borrowers	46,929

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	990
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### Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	45
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	447

### Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	132
Popular theatre	4

### Education

Education support programme	126
Pre-primary schools	93
Community libraries	24
ADP centres	22
Sishu niketon	115

### Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	48
HRLE graduates	778
Legal aid clinics	4

### Ultra Poor Graduation

Group - 1 members	96
Group - 2 members	1,559
Asset & training received	1,559
Healthcare availed	104
Group - 3 members	1,866
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Healthcare availed	108

### Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs) in STAR	29
Number of trades in STAR	5
Number of graduate learners	60
Number of learners in PROSPER	13
Number of Learners in PROGRESS	80

### Social enterprises

Nursery	1
Fisheries	1
Sericulture	1
Seed and Agro	1