

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



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

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aid services (HRLS), ultra poor graduation (UPG), and migration programmes successfully in this area.

## General information

Population	1,155,824
Sub-districts	6
Unions	65
Villages	1,254
Children (0-15)	243,123
Primary schools	539
Literacy rate	47%
Hospitals	6
Banks	30
Bazaars	110
NGOs	36

## At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

### Microfinance

Branches	32
Village organisations	1,925
Members	80,120
Borrowers	55,945

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	9,218
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### Education

Pre-primary schools	66
Education support programme	90
Community libraries	33
<i>Shishu niketon schools</i>	53

## Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers ( <i>shasthya shebika</i> )	457
Health workers ( <i>shasthya kormi</i> )	46

## Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	73
HRLE graduates	1,170
Legal aid clinics	6

## Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	20
Group - 2 members	978
Assets and training received	978
Healthcare availed	195
Group - 3 members	1082
Assets and training received	1082
Healthcare availed	314

## Migration

Unions	54
Volunteers	72
Para counsellor	108