

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 ultra poor graduation (UPG).

General information

Population	1,407,468
Unions	52
Villages	678
Children (0-15)	53%
Primary schools	617
Literacy rate	38%
Hospitals	5
NGOs	70
Banks	41
Bazaars	115



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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, 2018)

Microfinance

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

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Small enterprise clients	1,781
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Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	217
Community-based organisation (union shomaj)	25
Popular theatre	6

Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	76
Group - 2 members	854
Asset and training received	930
Healthcare availed	184
Group - 3 members	1,446
Asset and training received	1,446
Healthcare availed	341

Education

Pre-primary schools	34
Primary schools	55
Shishu niketon schools	92
ADP centres	198
Community libraries	37

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	4,873
Sanitation coverage	75%
Loans for sanitary latrines	1,682
Sanitary latrines installed in school	61

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers <i>(shasthya kormi)</i>	67
Health volunteers <i>(shasthya shebika)</i>	670
Vision centres	2

Human rights and legal aid services

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

Skills development

Number of trades	6
Number of learners	270
Number of graduate learners	70

Social enterprises

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Sub-centres	75