

Located in the south-west of Bangladesh, Jhenaidah district lies under Khulna division, with an area of 1,965 square kilometres. It is bounded by Kushtia district on the north, Jessore district and West Bengal of India on the south, Rajbari and Magura districts on the east, and Chuadanga district and West Bengal of India on the west.

BRAC operates in Jhenaidah with components, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and skills development.



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A BRAC barefoot lawyer is explaining the family laws of the country using a flipchart to the women in her community in the village.

## General information

Population	1,771,304
Sub-districts	6
Unions	67
Villages	1,144
Children (0-15)	695,507
Primary schools	833
Literacy rate	62%
Hospitals	6
NGOs	67
Banks	26
Bazaars	132

## At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

### Microfinance

Branches	30
Village organisations	3,250
Members	149,870
Borrowers	65,360

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	9,349
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### Education

Pre-primary schools	64
Education support programme	67
Community libraries	27

### Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	199
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	42
Popular theatre	6

### Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	59
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### Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)

590

### Human rights and legal aid services

HRLE graduates	2,000
Legal aid clinics	6
Complaints resolved	37

### Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	1,441
Sanitation coverage	82%
Sanitary latrines installed in school	24
Loans for sanitary latrines	45

### Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs) in STAR	21
Number of trades in STAR	4
Number of graduate learners in STAR	55
Number of learners in STAR	55
Number of learners in PROGRESS	63