

Kishoreganj is a district located in central Bangladesh. It is a part of the Dhaka division, with an area of 2,688 square kilometres. This city is surrounded by two prominent rivers called Meghna and Brahmaputra. The people of Kishoreganj mostly involved in agriculture. BRAC started its operations here in 1998. Right now, most of BRAC's core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), ultra poor graduation (UPG), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), skills development and migration are running in Kishoreganj.

Among them, the UPG is helping people climb out of extreme poverty through numerous activities. About 50 boat schools from the education programme provide education to children in remote regions. BRAC's WASH programme achieved significant success within a short period of time. CEP and HRLS are also empowering communities through raising awareness about social and individual rights. Many traditional rituals are observed every year in Kishoreganj. Among them, Kurikhai



The community gathers to attend a Village Poverty Alleviation Committee meeting under BRAC's Ultra Poor Graduation programme

Mela is one of the most celebrated events. Egarosindur is a village in Kishoreganj famous for its historical identity. It is a major tourist attraction for places like the Shah Mahmud Mosque, Sadi Mosque, Fort of Isa Khan, and the mazaar of the Fakir Garibullah Shah (RH). and Jangalbari Fort, an outpost of the Bengal ruler, Isa Khan.

General information

Population	3,028,706
Sub-districts	13
Unions	108
Villages	1,745
Children (0-15)	1,087,939
Primary schools	1,282
Literacy rate	41%
Hospitals	13
NGOs	80
Banks	24
Bazaars	203

At a glance

(as of December 2019)

Microfinance

Branches	56
Village Organisations	4,337
Members	233,306
Borrowers	112,689

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Small enterprise clients	14,849
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Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	63
Group - 2 members	878
Asset and training received	2,809
Healthcare availed	22
Group - 3 members	1,868
Asset and training received	2,809
Healthcare availed	43

Education

Primary schools	148
Shishu niketon	218
Pre-primary schools	410

Community libraries	35
Education support programme	216
Health, nutrition and population	
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	86
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	835
Community empowerment	
Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	312
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	63
Popular theatre	10
Water, sanitation and hygiene	
Committee members	1,056
Sanitation coverage	68%
Loans for sanitary latrines	13,00,000
Human rights and legal aid services	
Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	427
HRLE graduates	84,733
Legal aid clinics	10
Skills development	
Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	25
Number of trades	4
Number of graduate learners	60
Number of learners in PROSPER	11
Number of learners in PROMISE	58