

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, 2019)

Microfinance

Branches	33
Village organisations	2,791
Members	14,5082
Borrowers	70,620

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	13,623
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Education

Pre-primary schools	86
Primary schools	29
Community libraries	33
<i>Shishu niketon schools</i>	18

Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	521
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	51

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	15
HRLE graduates	1,193
Legal aid clinics	6

Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	18
Group - 2 members	289
Assets and training received	289
Healthcare availed	289
Group - 3 members	729
Assets and training received	729
Healthcare availed	729

Migration

Unions	54
Volunteers	168
No. of CBO facilitator	11