

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	1,542,610
Unions	52
Villages	958
Children (per thousand)	53%
Primary schools	826
Literacy rate	48%
Hospitals	5
NGOs	70
Banks	41
Bazaars	115



Photo credit: BRAC

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, 2019)

Microfinance

Branches	17
Village organisations	1,904
Members	105,155
Borrowers	32,094
Progoti	
Small enterprise clients	2,261

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	284
Community-based organisation (union shomaj)	55
Popular theatre	7

Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	62
Group - 2 members	1281
Asset and training received	1343
Healthcare availed	693
Group - 3 members	1979
Asset and training received	1979
Healthcare availed	725

Education

Pre-primary schools	34
Primary schools	55
Shishu niketon schools	92
ADP centres	184
Community libraries	38

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	4,873
Sanitation coverage	85%
Loans for sanitary latrines	770

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

HRLE graduates	1392
Legal aid clinics	7
Cases filed	50

Skills development

Number of MCP's in STAR	69
Number of trades in STAR	5
Number of graduate learners in STAR	165

Social enterprises

Ayesha Abed Foundation	
Sub-centres	71