

Located in western Bangladesh, Kushtia is a district known for the Lalon shrine. BRAC runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), and migration programme in this district. Among them, microfinance is the largest programme, offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan) and progoti (enterprise loans) and tenant farmers' development loan.

There are more than about 150,000 members and 100,000 borrowers. BEP stands as the second largest programme, running 187 schools, the adolescent development programme (ADP), and *gonokendros* (community libraries). 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 component of essential healthcare. HRLS serves the disadvantaged community through its human rights and legal education (HRLE) *shebikas*. Migration programme is working to ensure the rights



Students are playing and reading with happiness at BRAC primary school.

of migrants by providing an easy access to services that help them avoid exploitation as Bangladeshi migrants.

General Information

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| Population | 2,023,657 |
| Sub-districts | 6 |
| Unions | 65 |
| Villages | 979 |
| Children (0-15) | 627,333 |
| Primary schools | 805 |
| Literacy rate | 72% |
| Hospitals | 6 |
| Banks | 86 |
| Bazaars | 188 |
| NGOs | 239 |

At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

Microfinance

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| Branches | 49 |
| Village organisations | 3,062 |
| Members | 151,420 |
| Borrowers | 101,229 |

Progoti

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| Small enterprise clients | 8,055 |
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Education

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| Primary schools | 20 |
| Shishu niketon schools | 188 |
| ADP centres | 23 |
| Community libraries | 54 |

Health, nutrition and population

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| Health workers (shasthya kormi) | 53 |
| Health volunteers (shasthya shebika) | 534 |

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| Human rights and legal aid services | |
| HRLE graduates | 1,763 |
| Legal aid clinics | 8 |
| Cases filed | 56 |
| Complaints resolved | 303 |
| Water, sanitation and hygiene | |
| Committee members | 11,726 |
| Sanitation coverage | 80% |
| Subsidized latrines distributed | 867 |

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| Social enterprises | |
| Ayesha Abed Foundation | 1 |
| Artificial insemination | 1 |
| Seed & Agro | 1 |
| BRAC dairy and Food project | |
| Chilling centres | 6 |