

Located in the south-west of Bangladesh, Meherpur district lies under Khulna division, and has an area of 716 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Bhairab, Ichamati, Mathabhaga and Kazla. It is bounded by Kushtia district on the north, Chuadanga district on the south, Chuadanga and Kushtia districts on the east, and West Bengal state of India on the west.



Woman members are discussing many social issues at polli shomaj meeting.

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

## General information

Population	665,392
Sub-districts	3
Unions	18
Villages	274
Children (0-15)	99,386
Primary schools	306
Literacy rate	46%
Hospitals	13
NGOs	43
Banks	19
Bazaars	571

## At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

### Microfinance

Branches	10
Village organisations	486
Members	24,946
Borrowers	17,543
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Small enterprise clients	5,132

### Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	11
HRLE graduates	594
Legal aid clinics	3

### Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	1,309
Sanitation coverage	76%
Loans for sanitary latrines	16,65,000

## Education

Pre-primary schools	28
Shishu niketon schools	53
ADP centres	63
Community libraries	12
Education support programme	45

## Community empowerment

Communication-based organisation ( <i>polli shomaj</i> )	90
Union-based organisation ( <i>union shomaj</i> )	3
Popular theatre	3
Human rights violation cases reported	101

## Health, nutrition and population

Health workers ( <i>shasthya kormi</i> )	39
Health volunteers ( <i>shasthya shebika</i> )	339

## Social enterprises

Seed production centre	1
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