

Located in the south-west of Bangladesh, Jhalokathi district lies under Barisal division, with an area of 758 square kilometres. The main rivers are the Garai, Kumar, Nabaganga, Begabati, Chitra, Bairab, Kobadak, Kodla, Phatki, Kaliganga and Ichamati. It is bounded by Barisal district on the north and east, Barguna district and the Bishkhali river on the south, and Lohagara and Pirojpur districts on the west.



Health forum meeting conducted by a shasthya kormi (health worker) of BRAC health, nutrition and population (HNPP) programme.

BRAC operates in Jhalokathi with components, such as microfinance, health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), skills development, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and ultra poor graduation (UPG) programme.

General information

Population	709,915
Sub-districts	4
Unions	32
Villages	455
Children (0-15)	190,871
Primary schools	560
Literacy rate	67%
Hospitals	4
NGOs	29
Banks	50
Bazaars	76

At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

Microfinance

Branches	8
Village organisations	634
Members	32,261
Borrowers	25,808
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Small enterprise clients	2,090

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	110
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	22
Popular theatre	4

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	49
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	482

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	153
HRLE graduates	33,681
Legal aid clinics	4
Complaints resolved	1,465

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	803
Sanitation coverage	75%
Loans for sanitary latrines	266
Deep tubewells installed	5