

Khulna is a district located on the banks of the Rupsha river. With Mongla Port, Bangladesh's second largest seaport, the district is an important hub of trade and commerce. BRAC runs some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in this district.

Microfinance is the largest programme, offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loans) and tenant farmers' development loan. Microfinance stands as the largest programme having more than 80,000 members and 51,000 borrowers. BEP stands as the second largest programme, running 161 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), as well as combating communicable diseases and common health problems, forming the key components of essential healthcare. Another core programme is WASH, which mainly deals with water and sanitation services. In this district, WASH has achieved of 80 per cent sanitation coverage by installing sanitary



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Crab-farming instead of traditional agro-farming in Cyclone Aila affected area.

latrines in schools and villages. Apart from these mentioned programmes, BRAC also runs human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), community empowerment (CEP), ultra poor graduation (UPG), skills development, migration and social enterprises successfully.

## General Information

Population	2,318,527
Sub-districts	9
Unions	70
Villages	1,122
Children (0-15)	690,921
Primary schools	780
Literacy rate	60%
Hospitals	19
Banks	166
Bazaars	198
NGOs	122

## At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

### Microfinance

Branches	43
Village organisations	5,224
Members	250,575
Borrowers	98,818

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	10,366
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### Education

Primary schools	22
Pre-primary	120
ADP centers	28
Community library	16

### Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	1,507
Sanitation coverage	78%
Sanitary latrines installed in school	128

Deep tubewells installed	121
Loans for sanitary latrines	2,472

### Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers ( <i>shasthya shebika</i> )	890
Health workers ( <i>shasthya kormi</i> )	89
Health centres	2

### Community empowerment

Community-based organisation ( <i>polli shomaj</i> )	211
Union-based organisation ( <i>union shomaj</i> )	40

### Human rights and legal aid services

HRLE graduates	66,144
Legal aid clinics	9
Complaint resolved	4,594

### Ultra Poor Graduation

Group - 1 members	191
Group - 2 members	23582
Asset & training received	23773
Healthcare availed	9984
Group - 3 members	2801
Asset & training received	2801
Healthcare availed	840

### Skills development

Number of master craft persons (MCPs) in STAR	131
Number of trades in STAR	7
Number of graduate learners in STAR	470

### Migration

Safe migration facilitation centre (SMFC)	1
Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitators	6
Number of unions	54
Number of communication worker	6
Number of Volunteers	108

### Social enterprises

Aarong	1
Dairy (chilling centres)	3
Fisheries	1