

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.

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).



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

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, 2019)

Microfinance

Branches	10
Village organisations	1,043
Members	31,819
Borrowers	26,516
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Small enterprise clients	4,912

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	11
HRLE graduates	149
Legal aid clinics	3

Education

Pre-primary schools	79
<i>Shishu nicketon</i> schools	12
ADP centres	20
Community libraries	11

Community empowerment

Communication-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	90
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	18
Popular theatre	3
Human rights violation cases reported	81

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	44
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	248

Social enterprises

Seed production centre	1
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