

Located in central Bangladesh, Munshiganj is a district historically known as Bikrampur. Part of Dhaka division, it has an area of 1,004 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Padma, Meghna, Dhaleshwari, Ichamati and Shitalakshya. Agriculture is the most common source of income, with Munshiganj as one of the largest producers of potatoes in the country.

It produces significant amounts of jute, rice, wheat, vegetables and fruits like sugar cane and bananas. BRAC operates many of its core programmes in Munshiganj such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), migration, gender justice and diversity (GJD), and human rights and legal aid services (HRLS).



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*Happiness of learning at BRAC primary school*

## General information

Population	1,502,449
Sub-districts	6
Unions	67
Villages	959
Children (0-15)	225,367
Primary schools	538
Literacy rate	56%
Hospitals	7
NGOs	36
Banks	57
Bazaars	106

## At a glance

*(as of December, 2019)*

### Microfinance

Branches	39
Village organisations	2,506
Members	111,131
Borrowers	57,792
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Small enterprise clients	15,979

### Migration

Community-based organisation (CBO) facilitators	1
No. of communication worker	12
No. of facilitator	165

### Health, nutrition and population

Health workers <i>(shasthya kormi)</i>	37
Health volunteers <i>(shasthya shebika)</i>	370

### Education

Pre-primary schools	53
Community libraries	2

## Gender justice and diversity

### MEJNIN (*meyeder jonno nirapad nagorikotta - safe citizenship for women*)

Number of community watch group (CWG) members	360
Number of student watch group (SWG) members	600

### Community empowerment

Community-based organisation ( <i>polli shomaj</i> )	136
Union-based organisation ( <i>union shomaj</i> )	30
Popular theatre	5

### Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	6
HRLE graduates	44,058
Legal aid clinics	6