

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Natore district lies under the Rajshahi division, and has an area of 1,900 square kilometres. The main rivers here are the Atrai, Boral, Nagor and Tulshi. Natore's *kachagolla*, is a sweetmeat made of milk, and famous throughout the country for its taste. It is a kind of sweet made from milk. The largest *beel* (a large water body) of Bangladesh, Chalan Beel is also located here in Natore.

BRAC works at Natore with a few components such as the microfinance, targeting the ultra poor (TUP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), education (BEP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programmes.



A female BRAC beneficiary has got livestock from BRAC's targeting the ultra poor (TUP) programme.

## General information

Population	1,779,360
Unions	52
Villages	1,434
Children (0-15)	626,741
Primary schools	736
Literacy rate	49%
Hospitals	7
NGOs	80
Banks	17
Bazaars	152

## At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

### Microfinance

Village organisations	2,385
Members	140,345
Borrowers	69,178

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	7,151
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### Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	56
Money disbursed	29,711,000
Population covered	1,019

### Education

Primary schools	59
Pre-primary schools	250
ADP centres	153
Community libraries	52

### Community empowerment

Community-based organisation ( <i>polli shomaj</i> )	329
Union-based organisation ( <i>union shomaj</i> )	41
Popular theatre	8

## Health, nutrition and population

Health workers ( <i>shasthya kormi</i> )	76
Health volunteers ( <i>shasthya shebika</i> )	815

## Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	147
HRLE graduates	82,396
Legal aid clinics	11

## Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	10,604
Sanitation coverage	81%
Loans for sanitary latrines	3,439

## Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	755
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	750

## Social enterprises

Nursery	1
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