

Part of Dhaka, Netrokona is known for its natural beauty. BRAC operates some of its core programmes such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP) and water sanitation and hygiene (WASH), among others in this district. Among them, microfinance is the largest programme offering three types of loans – dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loans) and tenant farmers’ development loans with about 100,000 members and 50,000 borrowers.

BEP stands as the second largest programme in this district. Under BEP, BRAC runs 600 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), and combating communicable diseases and common health problems, forming the key components of essential health care. Another core programme is WASH, which is mainly deals with water and sanitation services. In Netrokona, WASH has achieved 66 per cent sanitation coverage by



Woman members are discussing many social issues at Polli Shomaj meeting

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installing sanitary latrines in schools and villages. BRAC also runs targeting the ultra poor (TUP), and community empowerment (CEP) programmes successfully in this area.

## General information

Population	2,317,191
Unions	86
Villages	2,361
Children (0-15)	823,866
Primary schools	1,465
Literacy rates	39
Hospitals	11
Banks	27
Bazaars	154
NGOs	56

## At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

### Microfinance

Village organisations	3,226
Members	88,555
Borrowers	78,364

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	3,127
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### Tenant farmers’ development project

Village organisations	226
Population covered	4,654
Money disbursed	144,600,000

### Education

Pre-primary school	201
Primary school	440
ADP centres	180
Community library	36

## Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers ( <i>shasthya shebika</i> )	500
Health workers ( <i>shasthya kormi</i> )	50

## Water, sanitation and hygiene

Sanitation coverage	66%
Deep tubewells installed	306
Sanitary latrines installed In schools	166

## Community empowerment

Community-based organisation ( <i>polli shomaj</i> )	275
Union-based organisation ( <i>union shomaj</i> )	34
Popular theatre team	9

## Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	15,816
Assets received	15,656
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	1,500