

Located in the south-east of Bangladesh, Noakhali district lies under Chittagong division, and has an area of 4,200 square kilometres. The main rivers in the area are the Bamni and Meghna. It is bounded by Comilla district on the north, the Meghna estuary and the bay of Bengal on the south, Feni and Chittagong districts on the east, Lakshmipur and Bhola districts on the west.



Safe migration female members forum meeting in Begumganj, Noakhali.

BRAC operates in Noakhali with quite a few programmes, such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and migration programme.

General information

Population	3,370,251
Unions	91
Villages	786
Children (0-15)	674,052
Primary schools	1,243
Literacy rate	70%
Hospitals	1
NGOs	50
Banks	135
Bazaars	238

At a glance

(as of December, 2015)

Microfinance

Branches	31
Village organisations	2,024
Members	96,641
Borrowers	57,843

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Small enterprise clients	6,177
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	177
Population covered	4,190

Education

Primary schools	118
Pre-primary schools	123
ADP centres	77
Community libraries	30

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	83
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	830

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	330
HRLE graduates	47,792
Legal aid clinics	5

Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	304
Sanitation coverage	93%
Loans for sanitary latrines	2,800
Sanitary latrines installed in school	32

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	11,541
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	765
Asset and training received	11,541
Healthcare availed	1,827

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	151
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	15
Popular theatre	6