

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.



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

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), and human rights and legal aid services (HRLS) programmes.

General information

Population	1,779,360
Unions	52
Villages	1,434
Children (0-15)	626,741
Primary schools	737
Literacy rate	80%
Hospitals	1
NGOs	64
Banks	12
Bazaars	170

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Village organisations	2,185
Members	128,532
Borrowers	67,529

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Small enterprise clients	8,747
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	268
Money disbursed	189,153,000
Population covered	9,133

Education

Primary schools	90
Shishu niketon schools	99
Pre-primary schools	173
ADP centres	122
Community libraries	52

Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	12,513
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	4,765

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	37
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	331

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	329
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	41

Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas	419
Legal aid clinics	11

Gender justice and diversity

MEJNIN (meyeder jonno nirapad nagorikotta - safe citizenship for women)	
Community watch groups	3
Students watch groups	3

Social enterprises

Nursery	1
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