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

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**At a glance**  
(as of December, 2016)

**Microfinance**
- Village organisations: 2,185
- Members: 128,532
- Borrowers: 67,529

**Progoti**
- Small enterprise clients: 8,747

**Tenant farmers’ development project**
- Village organisations: 268
- Money disbursed: 189,153,000
- Population covered: 9,133

**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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