

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 200,000 members and 70,000 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 87 per cent sanitation coverage by installing sanitary latrines in



Woman members are discussing many social issues at Polli Shomaj meeting

schools and villages. BRAC also runs targeting the ultra poor (TUP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), skills development, and community empowerment (CEP) programmes successfully in this area.

## General information

Population	2,317,191
Sub-districts	10
Unions	86
Villages	2,361
Children (0-15)	823,866
Primary schools	1,465
Literacy rates	49
Hospitals	11
Banks	27
Bazaars	154
NGOs	56

## At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

### Microfinance

Branches	55
Village organisations	3,335
Members	247,908
Borrowers	70,886

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	3,384
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### Tenant farmers’ development project

Village organisations	404
Population covered	12,286
Money disbursed	324,500,000

### Education

Pre-primary school	300
Primary school	258
Shishu niketon schools	115
ADP centres	280
Community library	36

## Health, nutrition and population

Health volunteers ( <i>shasthya shebika</i> )	500
Health workers ( <i>shasthya kormi</i> )	47

## Water, sanitation and hygiene

Committee members	852
Sanitation coverage	87%
Deep tubewells installed	306

## Community empowerment

Community-based organisation ( <i>polli shomaj</i> )	275
Union-based organisation ( <i>union shomaj</i> )	46
Popular theatre teams	9

## Targeting the ultra poor

Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	420
Assets and training received	420
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	565

## Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	282
HRLE graduates	62,053
Legal aid clinics	7

## Skills development

Number of trades	6
Number of graduate learners	101