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.

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), and gender justice and diversity (GJD) programme.

At a glance
(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance
- Branches: 32
- Village organisations: 2,058
- Members: 78,000
- Borrowers: 58,000
- Progoti
  - Small enterprise clients: 7,066

Education
- Primary schools: 85
- Shishu niketon schools: 11
- Pre-primary schools: 107
- ADP centres: 90
- Community libraries: 30
- Education support programme: 86

Targeting the ultra poor
- Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members: 670
- Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members: 845
- Asset received: 670
- Training received: 845
- Healthcare availed: 619

Human rights and legal aid services
- Human rights and legal education (HRLE) shebikas: 329
- HRLE graduates: 43,679
- Legal aid clinics: 6

Health, nutrition and population
- Health workers (shasthya kormi): 74
- Health volunteers (shasthya shebika): 638
- Health centres: 1,480

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

Gender justice and diversity
- MEJNIN (meyeder jonno nirapad nagonikotta - safe citizenship for women)
- Community watch groups (CWG): 15
- CWG members: 195

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