

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), and gender justice and diversity (GJD) 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, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	32
Village organisations	2,058
Members	78,000
Borrowers	58,000

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	7,066
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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) <i>shebikas</i>	329
HRLE graduates	43,679
Legal aid clinics	6

Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	74
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	638
Health centres	1,480

Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	151
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	15
Popular theatre	6

Gender justice and diversity

MEJNIN (<i>meyeder jonno nirapad nagorikotta - safe citizenship for women</i>)	
Community watch groups (CWG)	15
CWG members	195