

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 Cumilla district on the north, the Meghna estuary and the bay of Bengal on the south, Feni and Chattogram 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), ultra poor graduation (UPG), and gender justice and diversity (GJD) programme.

## General information

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|-----------------|-----------|
| Population      | 3,318,083 |
| Unions          | 91        |
| Villages        | 967       |
| Primary schools | 1,243     |
| Literacy rate   | 70%       |
| Hospitals       | 10        |
| NGOs            | 46        |
| Banks           | 24        |
| Bazaars         | 238       |

## At a glance

(as of December, 2019)

### Microfinance

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Branches                 | 55       |
| Village organisations    | 4,486    |
| Members                  | 1,78,217 |
| Borrowers                | 95,527   |
| <b>Progoti</b>           |          |
| Small enterprise clients | 16,810   |

### Education

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| Pre-primary schools         | 68 |
| ADP centres                 | 30 |
| Community libraries         | 30 |
| Education support programme | 94 |

### Ultra poor graduation

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Group - 1 members           | 8     |
| Group - 2 members           | 2,785 |
| Asset and training received | 2,793 |
| Healthcare availed          | 742   |
| Group - 3 members           | 2,407 |
| Asset and training received | 2,407 |
| Healthcare availed          | 562   |

## Human rights and legal aid services

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| Cases filed       | 716    |
| HRLE graduates    | 47,725 |
| Legal aid clinics | 6      |

## Health, nutrition and population

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| Health workers<br>(shasthya kormi)      | 70   |
| Health volunteers<br>(shasthya shebika) | 1600 |

## Community empowerment

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| Community-based organisation<br>(polli shomaj) | 170 |
| Union-based organisation<br>(union shomaj)     | 40  |
| Popular theatre                                | 6   |

## Gender justice and diversity

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| MEJNIN (meyeder jonno nirapad nagorikotta - safe citizenship for women) |     |
| Community watch groups (CWG)  | 24  |
| CWG members   | 264 |