

Located in northern Bangladesh, Naogaon is part of Rajshahi. The main rivers in the area are Atrai, Punarbhaba, Jamuna, Nagar, Chiri and Tulsī Ganga. Naogaon has a few notable tourist destinations. Among them, Paharpur Buddhist Vihara, Jagaddal Vihara, Halud Vihara and Agrapuri Vihara are quite popular. Paharpur Buddhist Vihara is known nationwide for its ancient archaeological significance.

Naogaon is also known as the bread basket of Bangladesh, and agriculture is the most common source of income. Crops grown in the district include paddy, jute, wheat, maize, sugarcane, potatoes, pulses, oil seeds, eggplants, onions, and garlic. It is also the top listed site for rice production and has the highest number of rice processing mills among all districts. BRAC operates various programmes in Naogaon such as microfinance, education (BEP), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), targeting the ultra poor (TUP), community empowerment (CEP), human rights and legal aid services (HRLS), and skills development. Among them, microfinance has reached the most clients through dabi (microloan), progoti (enterprise loans), the tenant farmers' development project and northwest crop diversification programme (NCDP).



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BRAC's beneficiary got livestock from BRAC CFPR-TUP programme in Naogaon

BEP has provided access to education for marginalised children in the area. IDP and TUP are operating in the area to tackle poverty on multiple fronts. CEP and HRLS are promoting human rights and legal empowerment, while HNPP provides healthcare services to rural women and children.

General information

Population	2,600,157
Sub-districts	11
Unions	99
Villages	2,780
Children (0-15)	760,789
Primary schools	794
Literacy rate	48%
Hospitals	11
NGOs	88
Banks	35
Bazaars	244

At a glance

(as of December, 2016)

Microfinance

Branches	48
Village organisation	2,917
Members	212,567
Borrowers	79,169

Progoti

Small enterprise clients	10,784
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Tenant farmers' development project

Village organisations	886
Population covered	16,903
Money disbursed	127,534,000

Northwest crop diversification programme

Village organisation	297
Money disbursed	95,548,000
Population covered	6,934

Community empowerment	
Community-based organisation (<i>polli shomaj</i>)	327
Union-based organisation (<i>union shomaj</i>)	48
Popular theatre	11
Education	
Primary schools	117
Shishu nicketon schools	139
Pre-primary schools	36
Adolescent development programme (ADP) centres	54
Community libraries	70
Education support programme	37
Targeting the ultra poor	
Specially targeted ultra poor (STUP) members	22,348
Other targeted ultra poor (OTUP) members	4,944
Assets received	22,348
Training received	22,348
Healthcare received	8,003
Softloan received	4,944

Health, nutrition and population	
Health workers (<i>shasthya kormi</i>)	60
Health volunteers (<i>shasthya shebika</i>)	57
Skills development	
Number of master craft persons (MCPs)	26
Number of trades	5
Number of learners	56
Human rights and legal aid services	
Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	162
HRLE graduates	90,904
Legal aid clinics	11
Property rights initiative	
Number of aminship training	190
Number of land measurement	21,508
Number of free land measurement	1,435
Cases filed	157