

Located in the north of Bangladesh, Natore district lies under the Rajshahi division, and has an area of 1,900 square kilometres. The main rivers here are the Atrai, Boral, Nagor and Tulshi. Natore's *kachagolla*, is a sweetmeat made of milk, and famous throughout the country for its taste. It is a kind of sweet made from milk. The largest *beel* (a large water body) of Bangladesh, Chalan Beel is also located here in Natore.



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A female BRAC beneficiary has got livestock from BRAC's Ultra-poor Graduation (UPG) programme.

BRAC works at Natore with a few components such as the microfinance, ultra poor graduation (UPG), health, nutrition and population (HNPP), education (BEP), community empowerment (CEP), and human rights and legal aid services (HRLS) programmes.

## General information

Population	1,826,140
Unions	52
Villages	1,434
Children (0-15)	582,0979
Primary schools	734
Literacy rate	65%
Hospitals	6
NGOs	64
Banks	80
Bazaars	170

## At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

### Microfinance

Village organisations	3,137
Members	104,051
Borrowers	77,197

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	10,234
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### Education

Primary schools	10
Shishu niketon schools	22
Pre-primary schools	14
ADP centres	10
Community libraries	4

### Ultra-poor graduation

Group-2 Members	2,047
Asset and training received	2,047
Healthcare availed	2,047
Group-3 Members	1,498
Asset and training received	1,498
Healthcare availed	1,498

## Health, nutrition and population

Health workers (shasthya kormi)	37
Health volunteers (shasthya shebika)	370

## Community empowerment

Community-based organisation (polli shomaj)	323
Union-based organisation (union shomaj)	60

## Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) graduates	2,141
Legal aid clinics	10

## Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

Committee members	4,400
Sanitation coverage	90%
Sanitary latrines installed in school	42

## Social enterprises

Nursery	1
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