

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

Population	3,370,251
Unions	91
Villages	786
Children (0-15)	68,000
Primary schools	1,243
Literacy rate	69%
Hospitals	1
NGOs	50
Banks	135
Bazaars	238

## At a glance

(as of December, 2018)

### Microfinance

Branches	47
Village organisations	3,120
Members	1,42,169
Borrowers	80,779

### Progoti

Small enterprise clients	13,035
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### Education

Primary schools	32
Shishu niketon schools	44
Pre-primary schools	109
ADP centres	23
Community libraries	30
Education support programme	75

### Ultra poor graduation

Group - 1 members	19
Group - 2 members	2,056
Asset and training received	2,075
Healthcare availed	156
Group - 3 members	1,284
Asset and training received	1,284
Healthcare availed	172

## Human rights and legal aid services

Human rights and legal education (HRLE) <i>shebikas</i>	401
HRLE graduates	46,370
Legal aid clinics	6

## Health, nutrition and population

Health workers ( <i>shasthya kormi</i> )	74
Health volunteers ( <i>shasthya shebika</i> )	710

## Community empowerment

Community-based organisation ( <i>polli shomaj</i> )	170
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