

## Our women, our Pride

PROVATI<sup>3</sup> with assistance of 'Construction Skill Training Center'-LGED ventured a masonry skill building training for the rural women. This kind of training for the women is initiated for the first time in Bangladesh. Even no LCS members engaged in construction work have so far got any such training yet. The 20 women from remote char areas from Brahmaputra-Teesta basin with education between class viii to XII attended the training for 45 days, and they all could pass the competency test under Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB) successfully. By passing the competency exam they are now accredited to get job nationally and overseas being enlisted by Bangladesh Manpower Employment Training (BMET). Project appreciates and is encouraged by the comments from IFAD on the success of the women and their expectation that these women would be the role model for others.

It is a great breakthrough in formal employment of rural poor women in construction works with skill and standard salary. PROVATI<sup>3</sup> with assistance of LGED has a plan for skill building of 1,000 road construction workers being supported by IFAD. It would be a big initiative to mitigate the gap in doing resilient and sustainable rural construction by skilled hands.

