

Nigel Brett, Director, Operational Policy and Results, IFAD with Sheikh Muhammad Mohsin, Chief Engineer, LGED & Md. Anisul Wahab Khan, Project Director PROVATi³, LGED

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What a wonderful surprise today to have a visit from LGED Chief Engineer Sk. Md. Mohsin, and Md. Anisul Khan (PD of PROVATi3). I first met Mohsin more than 20 years ago when he was just appointed as the PD for the Sunamganj Community Based Resource Management Project in Bangladesh - a project where Mohsin bravely took on powerful local elites and vested interests, and after many battles, succeeded in transferring the leases of productive waterbodies (beels) to thousands of poor fishermen in the haor region of north-east Bangladesh. I am not at all surprised to hear you have just been awarded the "2023 Integrity Award" by the Govt of Bangladesh.

Congratulations Mohsin on your achievements and for all the good work LGED is doing for the rural poor in Bangladesh! Great also to hear from Mr Khan about the successful vocational training programme being rolled out by PROVATi3. Keep up the good work!! - *Nigel Brett*

