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I want to tell you about Nishwargo, she is 20 years old and comes from Lalmonirhat district in Bangladesh. Nishwargo is the first female electrician to graduate from the IFAD/government of Bangladesh youth vocational training programme which is one component under the PROVATi3 project implemented by inspirational and visionary leadership by the Local Government Engineering Department. Nishwargo decided to be an electrician when her family home nearly burnt down due to poor wiring. She said then to her parents that if she had been an electrician, it would have never happened as she would have done it properly. Nishwargo was such a confident lovely person. Despite all the gender stereotyping and prejudices she now has a full-time job wiring houses in a company. Her parents are so proud and supportive. Changing attitudes in rural Bangladesh! On average, over 80% of graduates find waged employment or set up businesses, and a number work abroad.