





Dr Donal Brown, Associate Vice President of IFAD along with Chief Engineer, Sk. Md. Mohsin, IFAD Country Office representatives and Project Director of PROVATI³ -LGED Mr. Md Anisul Wahab Khan visited the Honourable Minister of LGRD&C Mr. Md. Tajul Islam MP in his office to discuss the mutual interest for strengthen the partnership in the development sector.

Noted that Donal visited the activities of PROVATI³ - LGED on 21 August and find the comments given below:

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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.



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