

## Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL) organizes training on water management practices for farmers

IDCOL in partnership with Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), Bangladesh organised a one-day training workshop for farmers. The training was a part of the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) led and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) supported SoLAR project and was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 in Panchagarh district of Bangladesh. IDCOL is the main partner for this project in Bangladesh. A total of 31 farmers and trainers gathered together, following all COVID -19 protocols, and learnt about operational aspects of solar irrigation pumps (SIPs), and improved on-farm water management techniques.

IDCOL has a target of installing 25,000 SIPs by 2025, and Government of Bangladesh aims to have 10% of its energy mix from renewable energy by 2020. SIPs offer considerable climate mitigation benefits and need to be scaled up. Efficient water management will be a central component to the success of these SIPs. Through this training, farmers also developed direct linkages with DAE officials.

### Glimpses from the training of SIP Farmers by IDCOL

