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 20th 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