# Welcome to DASCOH Foundation

DASCOH complement and supplement national programmes as a key non-state development partner since 1995 in Bangladesh.





DASCOH envisions a poverty-free society in which all citizens having equitable access to resources, services and opportunities enabling them to realise their full potential and wellbeing





Strengthened **public health** care institutions to render universal and quality health, nutrition and sanitation services



Reinforced community resilience to **climate change** and disaster risks, with a particular focus on water and environment



Human rights and inclusive governance ensured



Equitable access and sustained enrolment of all to **quality** preprimary, primary and secondary **education** 



Improved livelihood for the poor and marginalised

## **Introducing Water Efficient Technologies in the Barind Tract** (IWET) Project





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## **Barind Tract and AWD Technology for Sustainable Agriculture**





Barind is a unique area of 1600km<sup>2</sup> located in the northwest region of the Rajshahi Division in Bangladesh, which has been identified as a *climate hot-spot* and holds high potential for agriculture.

WATER SCARCITY AND DROUGHT 30-50% less rainfall in Barind (1418 mm) compared to country average (2200 mm)

WATER LEVEL DEPLETION Over extraction of ground water declining ground water level

#### LAND UNDER UTILIZED OR FALLOW

Current irrigation capacity can not cover all land during boro season

#### TRADITIONAL PRACTICE

Standing water for rice cultivation, 3000 litter water for 1 kg rice production







Key Sector

Fostering desertification

- Increasing GHG emission
- Yield gap increases
- Food security hampered





### Innovation

Alternate wetting & drying (20years old innovation)

### Delivery

- Individual demonstration
- Awareness/ training



- Water Pricing Modeling
- Precision Leaser Land Leveling
- Crop diversification

- Scheme demonstration
- Community wise awareness/training
- Inclusive stakeholders engagement including govt. and private
- Farmers' Hub Model

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Impact indicator	Paddy (AWD)	>> 68% AWD adoption	lucio et Evelvetie e lev
water saved	<ul> <li>16% water (2554 m<sup>3/</sup>hectare)</li> <li>2-3 times in a seasons saved</li> </ul>	>> 2:1 Copying in AWD	Impact Evaluation by
	7% Yield increase	from rice to orchard	o orchard
yield increased	450 Kg boro rice per nectare —	- CSW vs AWD 37% CH4 and 27% CO2	60 decideis Individual independent
() income increased	USD 240/ha additional income USD 25 irrigation cost saved	emission reduction	consultants

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### **Lesson learned and Way Forward**



# **AWD Adaptation Challenges:**

- Defining the benefits of water service providers
- Defining water pricing models
- Manage the uncertainty of electricity supply
- Farmers' traditional mind set in technology adaptation

## Way Forward:



Design holistic package of solutions (inputs + AWD + market + insurance) for rice cultivation

Awareness creation on climate smart agriculture and carbon credit incentives for farmers



Policy formulation to create enabling environment for scaling up AWD and ensure irrigation efficiency

Financial product for intensifying agri-tech usage and leveraging climate smart funds scaling the AWD+ interventions

# Thank You

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