

## SUCCESS STORY

### SAIFUL ISLAM BEGINS HIS IPM JOURNEY

**Md Saiful Islam Badal** was born in village Chinguria under Union Dhakhain Shialkati in polder 39/2C at Bhanderia Upazila. He is now 56 years old. He was dropped school very early and joined as a day labor with irregular daily income. With



the income of day labor he found it very difficult to support the family expenses. After married he became Father of one son and one daughter in short time which worsened the financial condition. When his children started going to school and he found very difficulty to arrange their education expenses.

He has 55 decimals of cultivable land. He was received one day vegetables production training from Department of Agriculture Extension. He shared the training learning's with his wife. They finally decided to cultivate bottle gourd and cucumber in front of their house.

At the beginning Saiful was facing acute problems of pest infestation in Bottle gourd cultivation. He was applied lot of pesticides for controlling pest which increased total cultivation cost.

When Saiful Islam heard that Coastal Embankment Improvement Project, Phase-1, CEIP-1 is providing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) training he enrolled himself as a member of Water Management Group under Chinguria WMG #17. The CEIP-1 project has given IMP training and pheromone trap demo to farmers of this polders.

After getting IPM training from CEIP-1 Project Saiful cultivated Bottle gourd in his 17 decimals land by using cow dung and used pheromone traps for control of pest in the year 2020. This time Saiful Islam did not apply chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Because using IPM techniques not a single Bottle gourd are damaged by pest. This year he sold Bottle Gourd Tk.30, 000/- and got profited.

Saiful Islam and his wife are now sharing Bottle gourd cultivation information with the neighbors. The neighbors are coming to them to see their changes and skill and also have consultation with them. Saiful Islam has bright eyes now and is dreaming to see some bright eyes like his in the area.