

# Solving Irrigation for the Developing World!

Decentralized solutions for smart energy and water use  
in the agri-food chain

# Inadequate Irrigation is a major cause of Agrarian Distress



Lower Yields

**30%**

Loss of a Crop

**1**

Low Quality Produce

**30%**

Potential Loss of Output to the farmer is <sup>Lower Prices</sup> severe

# Cost of Diesel is causing Under-Irrigation & Skipping of Irrigation Cycles

Irrigation is dependent on costly diesel fuel to pump underground water

Diesel based Irrigation has become untenable due to high and rising diesel prices

**30%**

Of India's crops irrigated by diesel pumps

**10 Million**

**Diesel Pumps**

Consume 3 Billion Liters of Diesel Yearly

**\$2.2**  
per hour



Current Cost of Irrigation

# We are Decarbonising Agriculture thru Innovating Irrigation in India

Replacing Diesel by Solar



Solar Irrigation As a Service via mobile trolley



Irrigation focused Solar Mini Grids



Solar Irrigation Pumps via Govt. Subsidy programs

VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJflugfH2c8>

# Solar Irrigation-as-a-Service via Mobile Trolley

Technology & Business Model Innovation



## PAYG Solar Irrigation Service

**Sales Model:** On-demand Irrigation;  
Pay-as-you-go (Direct to Farmer),  
Lease/Rental (Direct to NGO, B2B)



**Engineering:** Solar power + IoT  
Electronics fitted on Battery  
operated Elec. Vehicle (EV)



**Technology Platform:** Easy  
booking, payment and use

Vision is to create an 'Uber'-like platform for farmers to schedule, book, and pay for irrigation services

# Claro's Business Model Address Key Challenges to Adoption

## **Cost** to farmer

**Opex:** Around 50% lower in operating cost than diesel  
\$1/hr for Solar vs \$2.2 for Diesel

**Capex:** No upfront cost (no purchase necessary)

## **Convenience** to farmer

**Solar Pump to your field:** Solar power + IoT Electronics fitted on Battery operated Elec. Vehicle (EV)

**Pay-as-you-Go Technology Platform:** Easy booking, payment and use (beta)

## **Fast Capital Recovery** Demand > Supply

**Increase Command Area:** Expanding service to more farmers

**Intelligent Irrigation Forecast:** Building actionable forward looking Farmer-crop-irrigation schedules (demand gen)

**Smart Trolley:** Movable (not stationary) to fulfill demand in a radius of 30 km



# Compelling Economics for Solar Irrigation as-a-Service

Movable Trolley + 3 x 2000 W Solar Carry Pack

\$1500

## Leasing

## Pay-as-you-Go

### Customer

NGOs | FPOs | Village Entrs

Small & Marginal Farmers

### Revenues

ARR : \$900 / year

ARR : \$1100 / year

### Cost

OpEx : \$200 / year (repairs)

OpEx : \$700 / year (O&M)

### Breakeven

**~ 2 Years**

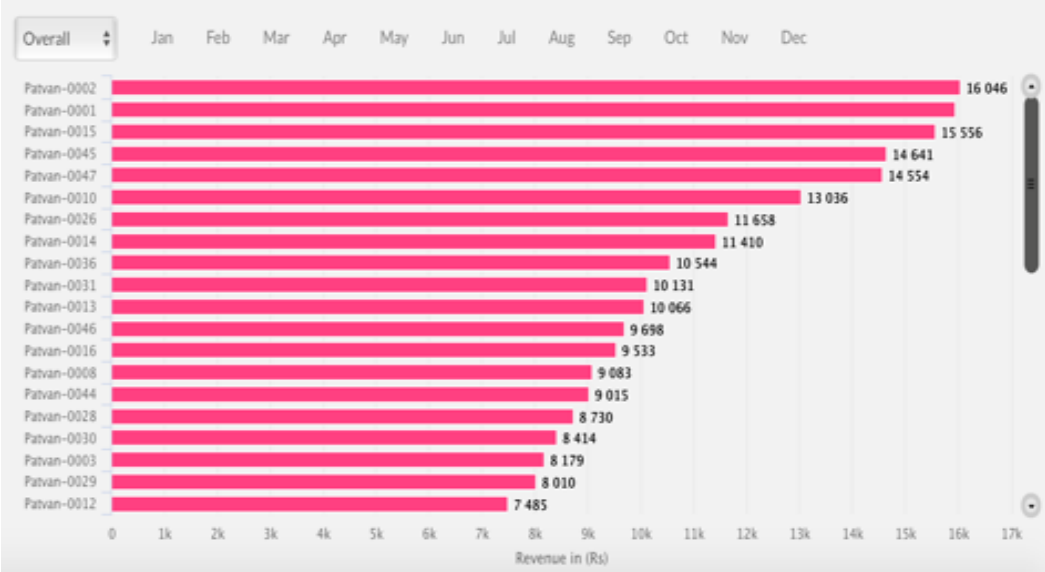
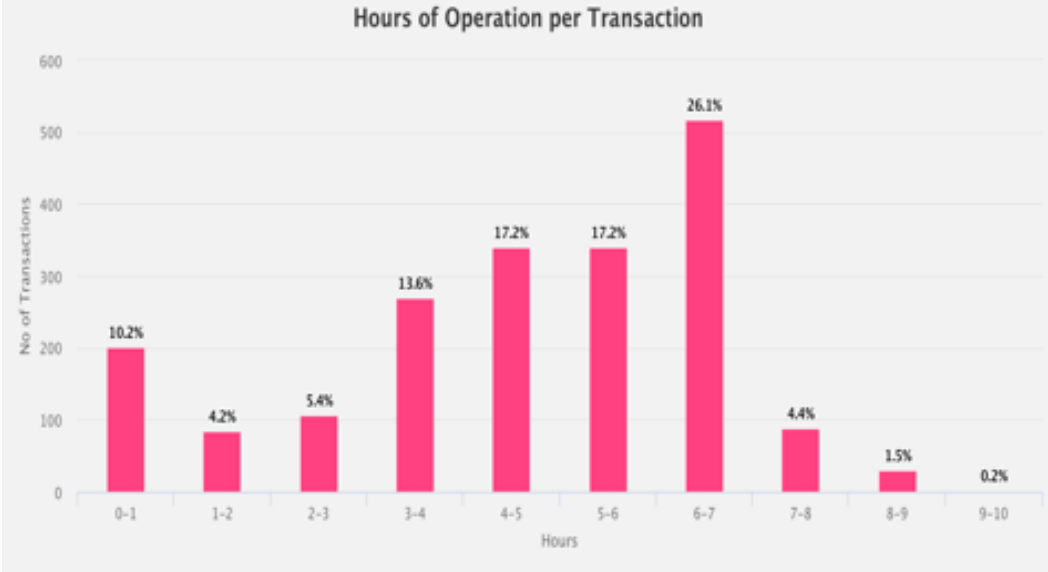
**~ 4 Years**

### Challenges

Misuse ; Underuse  
Loss of Interest

Operators Needed

# Strong Starting Market Traction for Solar Irrigation as-a-Service



**4** Avg. Daily Operating Hours

**100** Movable Trolleys in Operation (beta)

**250** Avg. Annual Irrigation Days

**1600** Farmers and a rapidly growing base



# An Interactive Solar Irrigation Map & Data Analytics Portal

**10,000+**

No. of Solar irrigation systems deployed

**25,000**

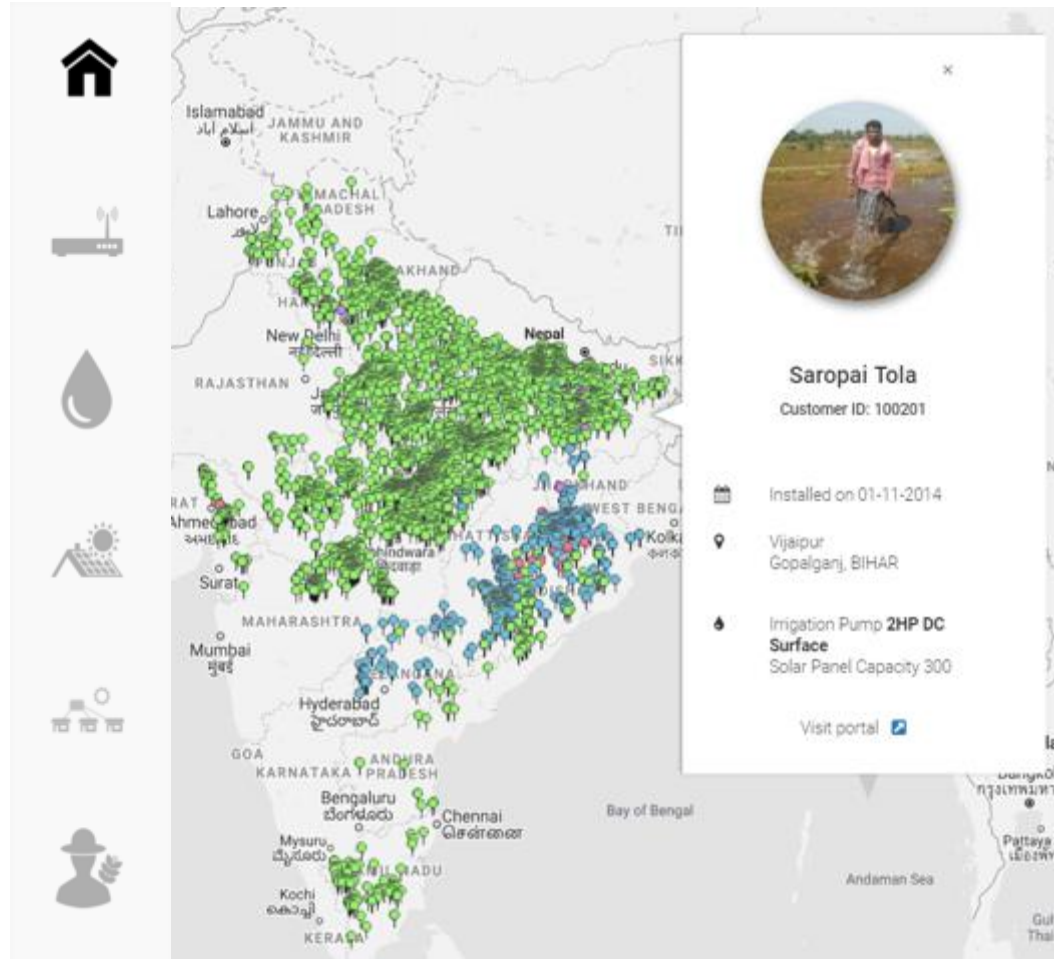
Farmers doing profitable agriculture using solar irrigation

**35 MW**

Solar capacity installed

**50,000**

Acres Under Cultivation



Creating India's Largest Database of Authentic Agri. Data

The figure displays two screenshots from a mobile application. The left screenshot, titled 'Farmer's Crop Info', shows a list of crops, a 'Crop Pattern' section with 'Previous Crop' and 'Next Crop (in 6 Months)' options, and fields for 'Irrigation Cost', 'Income From Land', 'Total Land Holding', and 'Govt Card Holder'. The right screenshot, titled 'PAT-VAN Booking Details', shows a 'Booking Address' section, a 'Booking Date' section with a calendar view showing '13 Jul 2017', '10:03 Thursday', and '3 Hrs Sunday', and a 'Book Now' button. Below the booking details is a satellite map view from Google Earth showing the location of the irrigation system, with a legend for 'Farmer 1 Land', 'Farmer 2 Land', 'Farmer 3 Land', 'Plant Location - Ramchandrapur', 'Pump- 1', and 'Pump 2'.

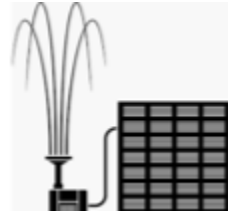
# Impact of our work

Solar irrigation delivers impact on several fronts

# THANK YOU



**\$315 million**  
Cumulative Farmer  
Income Generated



**10,000+**  
Solar Irrigation systems  
deployed



**3200+**  
Women farmers  
empowered



**50k acres** Under  
reliable and affordable  
irrigation



**35MW+**  
Solar capacity installed



**500 tons**  
Annual reduction in GH  
gas emissions through  
our solar irrigation  
systems



**~25%**  
Improved Attendance. Our  
farmers are more likely to  
send their kids to school



**THREE**  
Farmers with access to  
solar irrigation are likely  
to grow 3 crops a year



**200%**  
Average increase in  
farmer income using  
solar irrigation



**25k+**  
Estimated farmer  
families benefitted