



## WORLD ZOROASTRIAN ORGANIZATION TRUSTS

WZO Trust Funds | WZO Trust for Women & Children | World Zoroastrian Organization Trust

*Focused on providing support to Zoroastrians living in India  
in diverse areas of human need.*



# Changing Lives Since 1991 –

Synopsis in a nutshell

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## The World Zoroastrian Organization Trust

Established: 1991

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### Farmers Rehabilitation Project

Since 1991 we have been involved in the rehabilitation of 498 families of poor Zoroastrian farmers in 202 villages having expended Rs. 67,464,808/-. The average cost of rehabilitating one family varies between Rs. 1,50,000 to Rs. 2,00,000 depending on layout of their fields and the inputs required.

### Rural Housing Project

Over the years we have facilitated the improvement of life styles of Zoroastrians residing in rural areas by converting huts of 290 families into cottages made from brick & mortar. The cost of one cottage amounts to Rs.500,000/-

### Self-Employment Project

Ever since the project was introduced in 1995, we have extended interest free financial support to 1156 Zoroastrians across 123 rural and urban locations expending Rs. 208,611,543/- towards being self employed in diverse professions of their choice.

A maximum amount of Rs. 500,000/- is considered for which repayments have to be made in 40 equated monthly installments.

### Medical Support

We receive around 400 requests every year for medical support towards reimbursement of expenses incurred on various illness's and hospitalisation. After undertaking due diligence on the appeals received we recommend to various donors to extend support.

### Educational Support & Youth Activities

We raise funds from donors to support the pursuit of post graduate education within India and overseas. Every year we receive close to 150 requests. We support development of youth by encouraging and motivating them to undertake activities that mould them into being good and mature citizens.

### Relief from Poverty

Every year we raise funds to extend lump sum financial support to around 350 families in economic distress. Additionally, we raise funds and disburse them on a quarterly basis to 480 elderly and infirm in need of financial support.

## The WZO Trust for Women & Children

Established: 1993

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### Support to Mobeds

Since 1996 we have in association with Athoman Mandal been running a scheme that encourages and supports by way of financial incentives young full time Mobeds by evaluating the types of ceremonies they perform. Currently we have 70 such young Mobeds on the support list. We have since 2017 co-founded the Empowering Mobeds Group that has held various events over the past two years that impart soft training skills that renew and rejuvenate the image of our Mobeds.

We also facilitate the Global Working Group (GWG) who disbursed funds for Mobeds through our Trusts.

### Economy Housing at Navsari

We receive old dilapidated houses as gifts which we redevelop into apartment buildings by raising funds and provide decent accommodation for those in need at economical rents. We have so far constructed 16 such buildings. Construction of our 17<sup>th</sup> building is in progress.

### Senior Citizen Centres at Navsari

We have established two interconnected Centres for Senior Citizens at Navsari. These are much sought after facilities where up-to 55 senior citizens can reside in a very vibrant and happy atmosphere.

### Sanjan Sanatorium

Open to Zoroastrians from all walks of life. A popular retreat in verdant surroundings that provides clean, comfortable and economically priced boarding and lodging facilities for pilgrims, enjoyable vacations, group visits. One of the few community facilities that is completely green, solar powered and water harvesting facilities.

### Partnership with Jiyo Parsi

We have partnered with Jiyo Parsi, an initiative by Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, that extends financial support for treatment of infertility. We are involved in South Gujarat region where we have made arrangements with D. N. Mehta Sarvajanic Hospital (popularly known as Parsi Hospital) to provide cashless facilities to those availing of the scheme.

# Letter from the Chairman

Dear Donors, Volunteers, Supporters & Well Wishers,

It is only appropriate that I must begin by expressing, on behalf of my colleague Trustees, our very sincere gratitude to all our donors for the continuing and abiding faith and confidence they repose in our welfare activities.

Our welfare activities keep on increasing exponentially year upon year. During the course of the financial year 2018-2019 donations received were to the tune of INR 138,756,484 - equivalent to USD 1,982,731; GBP 1,535,922; HK\$15,549,688.

The Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao have as always been the single largest donors having contributed INR 68,406,058 being 49.30% of donations received.

We truly appreciate the support received from each and every one of our donors, and I assure you all that Team WZO Trust's will continue to function with the same levels of efficiency in interacting with not only donors but also with beneficiaries. It has from day one been our policy to treat beneficiaries with courtesy, keeping intact their self-respect and dignity.

Realising and accepting the fact that a group of individuals cannot provide direction and leadership to an institution on a permanent basis, my colleagues and I had begun ten years ago, a 'succession planning' programme to groom a team of committed and dedicated individuals who would at the appropriate time assume leadership of our three Trusts.

As in all other matters, we have been very fortunate to have had the right mix of fresh blood of mature individuals, good to go for the next 25 years at least, being our understudies. They have over the years, worked shoulder to shoulder with us, have embedded in themselves the spirit and essence of how our Trust's function.

Except for the induction of Solicitor Ms. Farzana Darius Mojgani in 2007 the other Trustees have remained constant over the years. It was the good fortune of our Trusts that Aspi Ambapardiwala (50), Cyrus Vandriwala (48) and Rohinton Contractor (52) of Navsari displayed keen interest and enthusiasm in our welfare activities and have been associated with us for the last 10 years as members of our local committee at Navsari. Having witnessed the commitment

and dedication with which they have been involved, Trustees have unanimously decided to elevate them as Trustees.

Professionally, whilst Aspi & Cyrus are teachers at Sir C J M Z Madressa High School and Seth R J J High School at Navsari, Rohinton is an entrepreneur running his own pharmaceutical distribution agency. All three have for many years now been the focal individuals efficiently managing the D. N. Mehta Sarvajanic Hospital at Navsari, a 136 bed General Hospital.

It gives me great satisfaction to announce that over the next few years there will be a gradual and seamless transition of existing Trustees phasing themselves out and new dynamic individuals now inducted will take over the reins. Needless to mention we old horses will continue to be available to guide and support them. As it is said, the show must go on and so it shall. I for one have personally no doubts that the new team will steer the Trusts to even greater heights than at present, for within themselves they have during their internship, realised the essence of the words of Martin Luther King Jr. - "All labour that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence".

We welcome our new Trustees and are confident they will perform diligently and interact with donors and beneficiaries in the same vein that the Trusts have over the years.

With the Navsari end now secure, we have a couple of talented individuals at the Mumbai end being groomed to become Trustees. We shall be sharing details about them once a final call has been taken to appoint them.

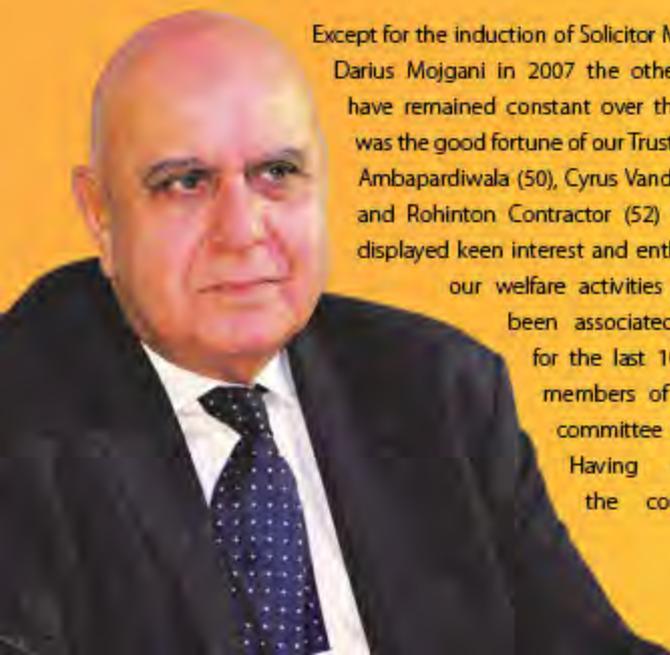
I am sure we will have positive news to share with our esteemed donors, year upon year.

WZO Trusts acknowledge the sterling contribution of our long time supporter, volunteer, advisor Ms. Freyaz Shroff in conceptualising, devising and creating this brochure. Our sincere gratitude to Freyaz for her consistent support and assistance.

With Sincere gratitude for the support extended and the faith reposed.



**Dinshaw K. Tamboly**  
Chairman



# Our Guiding Principles

- Always extend a helping hand to those less fortunate
- Find a way of getting involved in your community
- Just a single action will overpower countless words, so act

## Fighting Poverty since 1991...

The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust - established 1991, The WZO Trust for Women & Children - established 1993 and The WZO Trust Funds - established 1995 were formed to combat the unimaginable levels of poverty existing amongst many Zoroastrians, particularly those residing in the rural areas of South Gujarat.

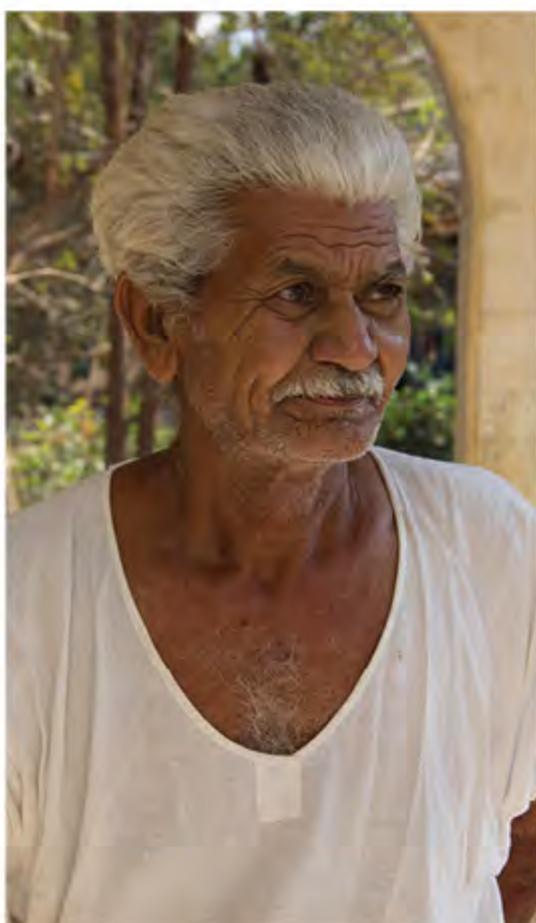
## Trustees of our three Trusts are:

Mr. Dinshaw K. Tamboly  
Mrs. Bachi D. Tamboly  
Mr. Farokh M. Kasad  
Mrs. Farzana D. Mojgani  
Mr. Aspi Ambapardiwala  
Mr. Cyrus Vandriwala  
Mr. Rohinton Contractor



**WZO Trusts**

*"Where the self respect & dignity of beneficiaries is paramount"*



## There is always Hope

During the Course of a sample socio-economic survey of the then three districts (Valsad, Surat & Bharuch) of South Gujarat, undertaken by Dr. Cashmera P. Bhaya in 1987, she identified 687 Zoroastrian families in 209 villages to be living below the poverty line.

A sample survey generally covers only around 20% of the target audience. And our work over the years has confirmed just that! The number of Zoroastrians living in poverty in these areas are much more. Since 1991, the major focus of the three Trusts has been the rehabilitation of underprivileged Zoroastrians, particularly those residing in the rural areas of South Gujarat.

Recognising that a war on poverty of such epic proportions cannot be fought with a single weapon, we have multifarious programs which help us meet the needs of our Zarathushti brothers and sisters in the manner most relevant to them.

# A Typical Day

In the life of an underprivileged member of society



MALE



Manual labour

FEMALE



Maid / Housework

SENIOR CITIZEN



Alone & helpless

CHILDREN



Education neglected

It's tough for many living in underprivileged conditions; forgoing basic needs that everyone else takes for granted. Living in isolated, rural villages.

Having limited dreams for yourself or for your children.

Men usually do manual labor

Women work as maids or do house work

Senior Citizens are alone & have to fend for themselves

Children: Due to lack of schools in the area, education is neglected and hence fall into the same cycle of poverty that has been existing for generations in their family.

During our village visits we have found many in our community who are:

- Uneducated
- Living in Unsanitary conditions
- Walking miles to cover basic needs
- Stuck in their circumstances, difficult to break the poverty cycle
- No one to turn to for guidance
- Stranded from normal life and society
- Unable to plan for a future

**Where can they go for help?**

The WZO Trusts aim to give them by giving them the leg up they need while maintaining their self-respect and dignity.

# Selection Process

## Matching families to programs

Our objective is to provide Zoroastrians with a Livelihood, restore their self-respect & dignity and give them Hope for a secure future.

Our beneficiary families need our understanding, time and support as much as they require our financial aid. We offer

continued emotional support, guidance and mentoring until they are back on their feet successfully.

Once offered support, our experience has been that these same people become self-sustaining units, contributing to society and most importantly, daring to dream for themselves too!



# Farmers Rehabilitation Program

keeping farmers up-to-date with modern agricultural practices

Agriculture is the largest livelihood provider in India, contributing significantly to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). At present, India holds the second position in the world in agricultural production. No surprise then, that agriculture plays a major role in the socioeconomic growth of the country.

Agriculture is a sustainable business model and well suited to those living in the rural areas. It makes perfect sense to capitalize upon land that is already available and start generating an income!

We work to give farmers the necessary tools to increase productivity and yield.

Through our Farmer Rehabilitation we offer assistance in some of the following ways:

- Purchasing pump sets
- Drilling wells & bore wells
- Leveling their fields
- Providing tractors and mini tractors
- Encouraging sugarcane plantations
- Laying pipelines
- Encouraging vegetable & paddy farming
- Setting up poultry farms
- Setting up dairy farms

## Facts & Figures

Since 1991, up until present day (March 2019) our WZO Trusts have:  
Rehabilitated 498 farmers  
In 202 villages  
Expending Rs 67,464,808/-





*Sugar cane plantation being undertaken at the Doongerwadi Estate of Mahuva Parsi Anjuman to enhance their revenue, through support of WZO Trust.*

# Rural Housing Program

Transforming sub-standard huts into cottages

It is often a major surprise to many that there do exist fellow Zoroastrians living in dire poverty. What would cause even greater shock would be to witness the shanty huts that many Zoroastrian people call home. The huts that are used by those dwelling in these rural areas can hardly be called homes.

Many a poor Zoroastrian family, in the areas we serve, live in squalor; the walls are made of mud and cow dung patted onto bamboo poles, many homes don't have roofs, those that do have a combination of tin roofs covered with plastic, none of the huts have electricity, indoor plumbing or running water. Those keeping livestock (such as cows and chickens), have no distinct segregation between where the humans and the animals live.

Every season brings with it a new set of challenges. In the summer, the heat compounds the stench. In the monsoons, the ceiling and walls leak, as rain easily penetrates the mud and cow dung. In the winters, the bitter cold increases the risk of circulatory and respiratory diseases.

## Facts & Figures

Transformed 290 huts into cottages thus far.  
Cost of transforming 1 hut: Rs. 500,000/-





# Self-Employment/ Microcredit Program

Interest free loans and mentoring offered to help establishment of businesses

Interest free financial support and mentoring offered to help establishment of businesses

Whilst agriculture remains an excellent source of income for the families in rural areas, it is not adequate to sustain future generations. Only one family can use that Land, but what would happen to their children?

It was this reality that spurred the establishment of the 'Self Employment' initiative, whereby interest free financial support is offered in both rural and urban areas. The loans are for those who wish to be self-employed in vocations of their choice.

We recycle the loan repayments, allocating them to other individuals in their endeavour to becoming self employed.

Many of our Zoroastrians who are now self employed have various types of businesses:

- Autorickshaws
- Motor garages
- Catering and tiffin supply
- Mobile phone shops
- Building & construction
- Running of canteens
- Trading in oil
- Air conditioning servicing
- Repair centres
- Play groups for children
- Commercial vehicles taxis and trucks
- Saris and gara embroidery
- Brick kilns
- Service station for vehicles
- Pharmaceutical shops
- Distributorships

## *Facts & Figures*

The maximum amount of interest free support that is extended to any beneficiary is Rs. 500,000/-

This amount is to be repaid in 40 equal monthly installments.

Between 1995 and 2019, we have:

1. Assisted 1156 Zoroastrians
2. Across 123 rural and urban locations
3. Expending Rs. 208,611,543





# Educational Support & Youth Activities

Giving youth a childhood

Investing in education is the single most effective way of reducing poverty.

Large bodies of research document the negative effects of poverty on children and their later life outcomes. Poverty stricken children are mentally and physically hindered right from the beginning, with ongoing ramifications well into cognitive differences, poorer health and earlier childbirth for women.

Whilst Zoroastrian children are given academic help, they are also encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities such as sports, crafts, personality development, yoga and much more.

Day trips are organised, summer camps are now a regular part of the agenda, athletic day camps and, fitness through sports is also promoted.

In short, we want to create holistic, well-rounded children with fond memories of a happy childhood.

## *Facts & Figures*

We have during the financial year 2018-2019 supported **198 youth** expending Rs.14,385,962 in the pursuit of higher education.





# Bai Maneckbai P. B. Jeejeebhoy Sanatorium at Sanjan

Serenity, bliss, nature at its  
glorious best

The very name of Sanjan conjures up nostalgia and sentiment in the heart of every Zoroastrian, for it was on the shores of Sanjan in Gujarat that we Zoroastrians received sanctuary when our revered ancestors landed 1389 years ago to preserve our Faith and escape from religious persecution.

The WZO Trust Funds Sanatorium at Sanjan is the result of a munificent donation received from the benevolent Trustees of Bai Maneckbai P. B. Jeejeebhoy Deed of Settlement Fund.

A palatial bungalow, comfortable rooms radiating with understated elegance, a huge beautiful garden provides a magnificent frontage. In the back yard we have a mango orchard and coconut groves. It is a great place for the weary to recharge their batteries. The environment is pollution free and a very welcome change from every day life.

The Sanjan Memorial Column, the local Aderian (Agiary) are additional features to make the stay at Sanjan more enjoyable and fulfilling. An added bonus is that our sacred Iranshah at Udvada is just under an hour away linked with many trains running at convenient timings.

Sanjan is merely 3 hours away from Mumbai by train or road, and is probably the only Zoroastrian sanatorium completely powered through solar energy.

The extremely reasonable charges (@ Rs 580/- per day) in which wholesome meals & airy cross ventilated rooms are provided at the sanatorium, it is within reach even for those who cannot afford the luxury of staying in commercial establishments.

*The Sanatorium has become a much sought after facility for community members.*





# Centres for Senior Citizens

Independent and happy living

Our Bai Maneckbai P. B. Jeejeebhoy Senior Citizens Centre and Dolat & Hormusji Vandrewala Senior Citizens Centre became operational at Navsari in January 1998 and December 2005 respectively. They are our pride and joy.

Our residents are encouraged to lead a full and independent life. Day picnics are organised for them from time to time. Twice a year, those of our residents who are eager for a change of scene are sent on week-long holidays to our sanatorium at Sanjan, from where they are also taken on a day trip to Udvada to visit Paak Iranshah.

Fifty five Senior Citizens live independently in happy surroundings, enjoying the evening of their lives with their peers. Yoga classes are held, Bowen Therapy and Physiotherapy is given when required; a doctor visits periodically to check up all residents and immediately summoned in case of illnesses. We have a tie up with the D. N. Mehta Sarvajanic Hospital, a leading medical institution at Navsari where a special 'WZO Trust Ward' is available for our residents.

The charges levied for full board & lodge are just Rs 5,000 per month; some residents who are economically challenged stay gratis and a few others pay according to their capacity. All residents, whether paying or staying gratis are treated on par.

Our Administrator, resident Manager and two assistant managers, along with our complement of 18 support staff are all trained to provide the highest quality of service to our residents which have made our Centres vibrant and much sought after institution/s that have over the years been running to full capacity.





# Economy Housing at Navsari

## Economical apartment buildings

Recognising the work that we do, many residents of Navsari, gift to us, their ancestral houses at Navsari, most of which are in dilapidated condition.

We demolish the old structures, raise funds and construct apartment buildings at economical rents that are allotted to community members.

We have so far constructed 16 Buildings having a total of 107 flats that are given on leave & license basis at very moderate license fees to Zoroastrian families who cannot afford to purchase houses of their own.

Our 17th building donated to us as per the WILLS of Late High Priest Dasturji Meherji K. D. Meherjirana and his wife Late Mehroo M. Meherjirana is under constructions and expected to be ready in 2020.

Acting on a request received from the Trustees of Navsari Atashbehrum & Vadi Dar-e-Meher Trust Fund we were informed that property of a Zoroastrian family opposite our Navsari Atashbehrum was going to be sold, and the same purchased by a non Zoroastrian family, from where the main hall of Atashbehrum could be clearly viewed, where jashan & other religious ceremonies were being performed. The building housing the Dadgah in the Atashbehrum building was also clearly seen.

Since it was a question of preserving the privacy & importance of our religious place Trustees of Navsari Atashbehrum & Vadi Dar-e-Meher Trust Fund requested us to extend support in purchasing the said building.

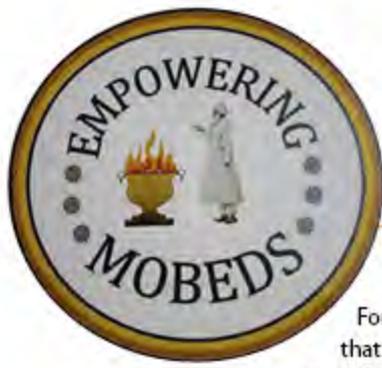
It is to the eternal credit of the generous Trustees of Zoroastrian Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao that they responded immediately to our request and remitted the funds to us to enable us to purchase the building, now called 'Hong Kong Zoroastrian Center'.

The building has been purchased by WZO Trust Funds and handed over to Navsari Atashbehrum & Vadi Daremeher Trust Fund who will use the building to provide residential facilities to Mobeds Sahebs tending to the fire at the Atashbehrum, provide residential facilities to families of young Athornan boys being initiated into priesthood (Navar & Maratab), provide facilities for pilgrims visiting Navsari and use the shop on the ground floor for selling sandalwood and other religious items.

Whilst the Trust will recover an amount of Rs 1,000/- per annum as license fees from Navsari Atashbehrum & Vadi Daremeher Trust Fund; however, they will look after the maintenance of the building, pay the rates and taxes.







## Mobed Programs

Encouraging the next generation of priests

For any community to thrive or for that matter even to survive, it is very essential to have a strong religious base. No religion can survive without an enlightened clergy. The success and survival of our Zoroastrian community is undoubtedly directly linked to our religion and our Mobeds (Athornans).

Our involvement with the welfare of Mobeds began in 1996 when WZO Trusts and Athornan Mandal collaborated to form the "Athornan Mandal - WZO Trusts Mobed Welfare Scheme". Over the years funds keep on being raised by WZO Trusts which are capitalised and the interest received utilised to augment the income of 75 young full time Mobeds, depending upon the types of ceremonies they perform.

One of the crucial challenges that our Parsi community faces is that of ensuring to have a solid base of Mobeds, capable of not only sustaining our spiritual needs but also that of being capable of providing leadership in both spiritual as well as material matters.

WZO Trusts recognize that looking to present and the future spiritual need of the community, what is necessary, is the development of an educated, intelligent, knowledgeable and articulate class of Mobeds. It is very essential not only to encourage our young Athornans to embrace Mobedi as a full time profession by making it economically viable, but also to inculcate in them the essential requisites to attain the class of Mobeds needed by the community, not only all over India, but worldwide.

One of the two main reasons for the decline of Mobedi has been the extremely nominal remunerations that many Athornans receive for their humungous efforts, having to be on call 24X7 whenever required, and the other, considering that one has to be born into an Athornan family to be permitted to perform priestly duties, the number of young lads from Athornan families opting to become Priests are reducing, as with good education, opportunities abound for earning substantially more in secular environments than as practising Priests.



It has therefore become a need of the times to protect and preserve, not only our present day Priests, but keeping an eye on our community's future to make Mobedi a viable and satisfactorily remunerative calling.

It was with these realities in mind that the focussed and visionary Psychotherapist Ms. Binaifer Sahukar, conceived of a plan that would re-establish the image and standing of our Mobeds. It was thus that her brainchild "Empowering Mobeds", having the promise of being a game changer, with wholehearted support of Athornan Mandal & WZO Trust Funds, became a reality in 2017 and has since begun to undertake various programmes where experts in various fields have begun to train our Mobeds, developing amongst other things their leadership and counselling skills.





In addition to exposing Mobeds to the wise views of eminent and much respected Athornans such as Dasturji Firoze Kotywal, Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor, Senior Athravan Asphandiar Dadachanji, professionals in various disciplines have held sessions with Mobeds that have provided them with insights into multifarious speciality areas that would open their minds and broaden their vision, which would facilitate them to interact with the laity who look up to them for guidance, in a far more organized and decisive manner.

Some of the skills that Mobeds have thus far been exposed to are by Psychologists and psychiatrists who have conducted soft skills training sessions, mental health experts, media professionals have conducted sessions to make Mobeds digitally savvy where impact of language to influence thoughts and feelings have been emphasized. Intensive follow up workshop was conducted in a corporate set up resulting in some Punthaks establishing a Whats App group for their Agiary worshippers, spiking the follower numbers for their Agiary Facebook page. Agiary event notifications for these priests are now digital instead of the old notice board, offsite training program was conducted where Mobeds underwent rigorous self awareness exercises along with an introduction to basic counselling concepts.

Stress management for Mobeds during the hectic Muktads have



been conducted when living religious encyclopaedia Dasturji Firoze Kotwal spoke to Mobeds about the significance of Muktads, Dasturji Khurshed Dastur and Er Aspandiyar Dadachanji gave simple doable tips for staying calm and maintaining a healthy work life balance during the hectic Muktads.



Whilst the Empowering Mobeds roadmap is for Mobeds to upgrade their skills, understand themselves, speak better, read more, write more and interact more with the laity, it will be unable to elevate the profession of Mobedi to the position it occupied earlier, without the wholehearted support of the laity. Our Behdins (Laity) need to look at Mobeds in a different light, treat them not as underprivileged, but look upon and act towards them with reverence, ensure they are compensated commensurate with the services they provide.

In the final analysis what needs to be realised is that unless our Athornans receive fair remuneration for services rendered, even fewer and fewer than at present, young Athornans will take to Mobedi as a calling / profession which will in a few years from now create a cataclysmic situation where the community will be faced with inadequate Mobeds to tend to our holy fires or service the needs of the laity. The community must come to terms and accept the reality that our Athornans are the lifelines of and for our religion and our community. Without a robust and enlightened clergy, our faith & religion cannot survive. The not hard to understand equation is: No Athornans - No Religion - No Community.

# Food Grain Distribution

Whilst our focus is to create self-sustaining family units, we cannot ignore the fact that many first need basic assistance before they can dream of achieving higher level goals.

This means their basic needs of food, shelter and good health need to be met before we can help them with their confidence, dignity and self-esteem.

Considering that food should be a basic human right, it is sad to note that some Zoroastrians living in the areas we serve don't have access to food on a regular basis.

Food grains are provided to the economically challenged Zoroastrians residing in the rural areas in abject poverty.



On an average we extend support to around 250 families expending Rs.1,750,000. Each of the families is given a package comprising of:

No.	Item	Quantity
1	Wheat	15 Kg.
2	Moong	5 Kg.
3	Chana Dal	5 Kg.
4	Masoor	5 Kg.
6	Moong Dal	5 Kg.
7	Toor Dal	10 Kg.
8	Groundnut oil	15 Litres
9	Tea	1 Kg.
10	Sugar	2 Kg.
11	Blankets	2 Pcs
12	Towels	2 Pcs
13	Napkin	3 Pcs





# Medical Support

Restoring health



We receive numerous requests from individual to extend support for various illnesses. Whilst we extend support to a few from our own humble resources, we have evolved a system of circulating the appeals that we receive after completing our 'due diligence.' We forward the researched appeals with our recommendations to our major and known donors.

Trustees of Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao, Mrs. Pervin & Mr. Jal Shroff also at Hong Kong and FEZANA are by far the most generous donors contributing towards providing medical relief.



## Facts & Figures

On an average we cater to about 400 appeals annually, raising and disbursing funds in the region of Rs. 35,000,000/- annually

# Relief from Poverty



Many find it difficult to accept that poverty is rampant in sections of our community, both in rural as well as urban areas. However, the number of requests that we receive is quite staggering.

The support extended enables the elderly, the infirm and physically challenged to lead a life filled with dignity. At the time of writing 480 individuals are supported by making available to them Rs 4,000/- per month on a quarterly basis. Additionally, we support around 200 individuals on a lump sum basis.

As in most instances bulk of the support is from the generous Trustees of Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao.





Get together with friends & family to transform:

- **A hut into a cottage**
- **Sponsor a child's education**
- **Sponsor a Child's future**
- **Help an individual realize their humble dream of running their own business**
- **Initiate a food grain distribution drive**

*Rebuild lives, families and communities. Create a chain reaction of giving!*

## **Donate to any of our many projects, as an individual or as a group.**

Donations may be forwarded to us by way of cheque/draft.

Donations may be forwarded to: **The World Zoroastrian Trust or The WZO Trust Funds**  
C-1, Hermes House, 3rd Floor, Mama Parmanand Marg, Opera House, Mumbai 400 004

*Donors in India are eligible for exemption under section 80G of Income Tax Act 1961.*

*World Zoroastrian Organization Trust and WZO Trust Funds are authorized to receive funds from overseas under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act.*

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*He who relieves the poor makes the Lord King*

Sacred verse of Creator Hormazd  
(Translation of Yatha Ahu Vairyo)