FARMERS REHABILITATION

In 1987 WZO London commissioned Dr. Cashmera Bhaya to undertake a sample (not census) socio economic survey of poor Zoroastrians residing in the rural areas of South Gujarat, many of who were said to be living in abject poverty.



Sugar cane cultivation with support of WOZ Trust

Dr. Cashmera Bhaya submitted her report in 1988, wherein she identified 687 families in 209 villages to be living below the poverty line (At that time, poverty line was defined as total family income of Rs.15,000/= per family per annum in rural areas & Rs.18,000/= per family per annum in urban areas).



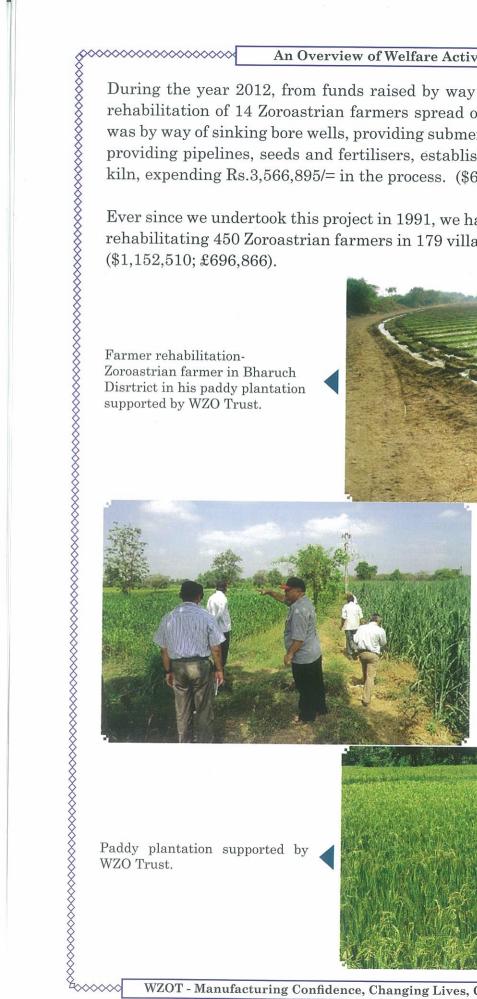
Farmer beneficiary supported by WZO Trust doing dry farming

\$ During the year 2012, from funds raised by way of donations, we undertook the rehabilitation of 14 Zoroastrian farmers spread over 5 villages; support provided was by way of sinking bore wells, providing submersible pump sets, levelling fields, providing pipelines, seeds and fertilisers, establishing a poultry farm and a brick kiln, expending Rs.3,566,895/= in the process. (\$68,594; £41,475).

Ever since we undertook this project in 1991, we have participated in the process of rehabilitating 450 Zoroastrian farmers in 179 villages, expending Rs.59,930,546/=. (\$1,152,510; £696,866).

Farmer rehabilitation-Zoroastrian farmer in Bharuch Disrtrict in his paddy plantation supported by WZO Trust.





WZO Trust Team in village overseeing sugarcane planted by a beneficiary

Paddy plantation supported by

