

Project Success Story

'Jarkhari' is a small village that comes under the scope of Tahafuz Project and is situated 80 Km away from district Umerkot's headquarter in the east. The village consists of approximately 110 households in total. The Local residents of the area prefer to build round shaped houses named as 'Chowro'. The structure is usually preferred because of its cost effectiveness as well as for the reason it provides good ventilation during scorching summer. However, the use of dry wooden sticks in making roof top of Chowro make these houses vulnerable. Many fire incidents takes place every year where among all the reported incidents in majority of them Chowro had become victim of the fire. Additionally, the wooden fences that cover the boundary of these houses have also been considered one of the other major reason that do not merely become fuel of fire but helps in spreading fire to the adjacent houses that are constructed without allowing a considerable space in between.



A Locally constructed house named as "Chowro"



A house that was completely burnt in fire incident

Recently, one of the Chowro in the aforementioned village was engulfed with fire for some unknown reason. Upon realization of the incident the local residents were instantly gathered and were tied up in extinguishing fire. Given the limited resources they managed to get people out of the fire range and tried to put it off with water and sand. However, the fire spread out to nearby houses and surrounded 40 more houses. Efforts were made by VDMC members to restrict fire spread as well as minimize loss of damages. The VDMC president Mr. Allah Dino immediately reported the incident to district government office and requested for the fire brigade service for their assistance and support. Within an hour time VDMC members successfully got controlled of the fire, however the area was properly cleared after the arrival of fire brigade team.