



Fire Incidents

March - April 2022



Report

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Objectives of Fire Incidents Reporting

Advocacy, Research, Training and Services (ARTS) Foundation being an indigenous and local civil society organization is well connected with gross roots level communities as well as working to report and highlight issues which are adversely affecting their lives. According to previous years experiences and observations, annually a series of fire incidents takes place from the month of March. Therefore, ARTS Foundation team decided to formally observe and compile report of fire incidents by monitoring two daily newspapers 'Daily Kawish' and 'Daily Sobh' with focus on six districts of Sindh province of Pakistan.

Geographical Areas

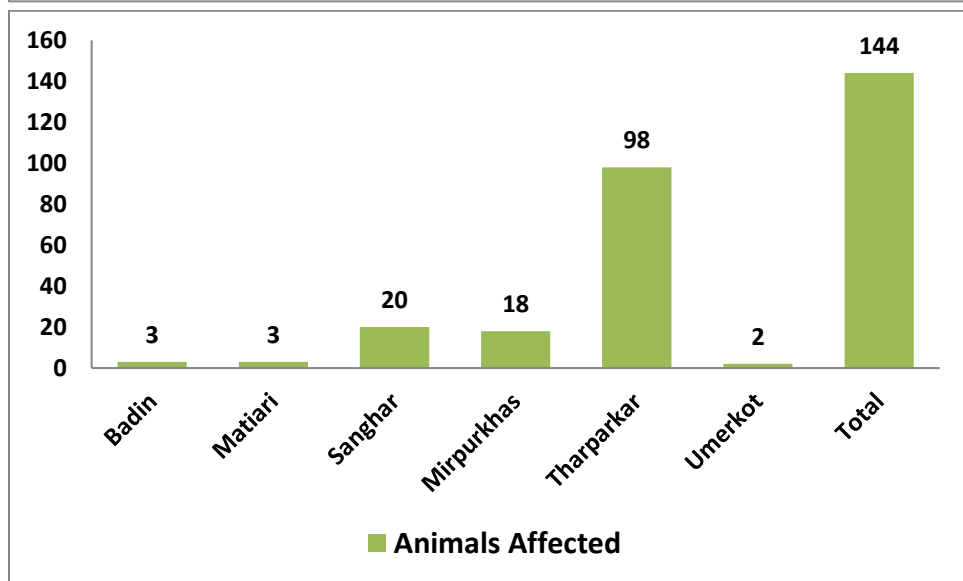
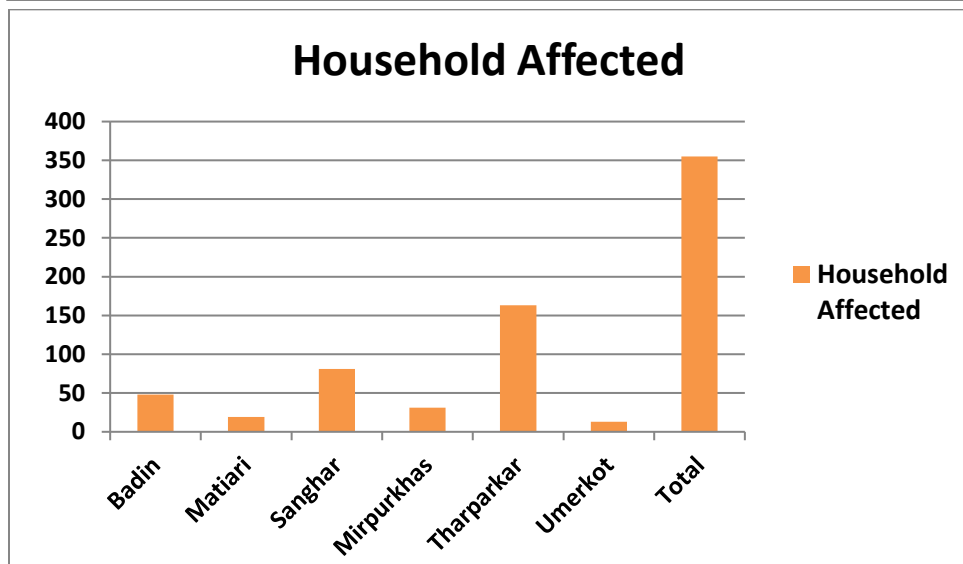
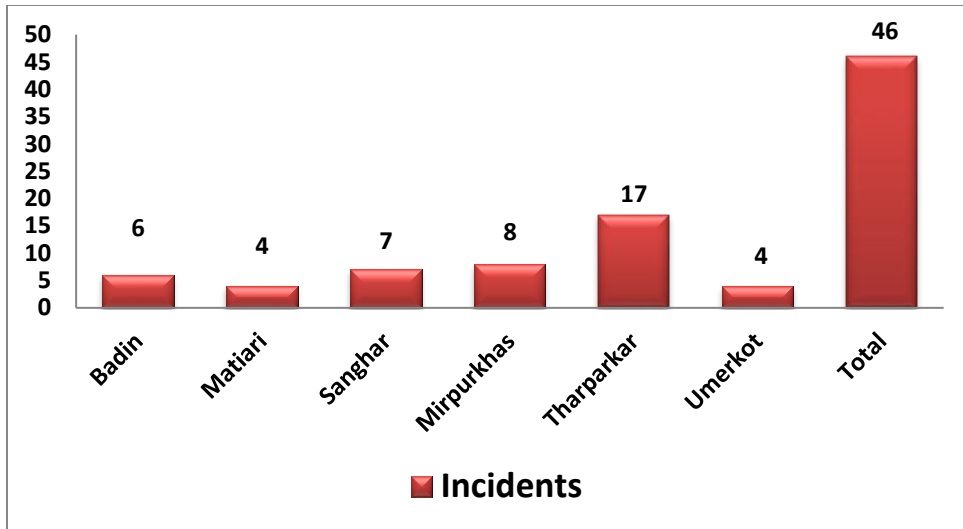
The team of ARTS Foundation is monitoring both newspapers on daily basis to document the details of the losses occurred due to fire incidents from the following six districts;

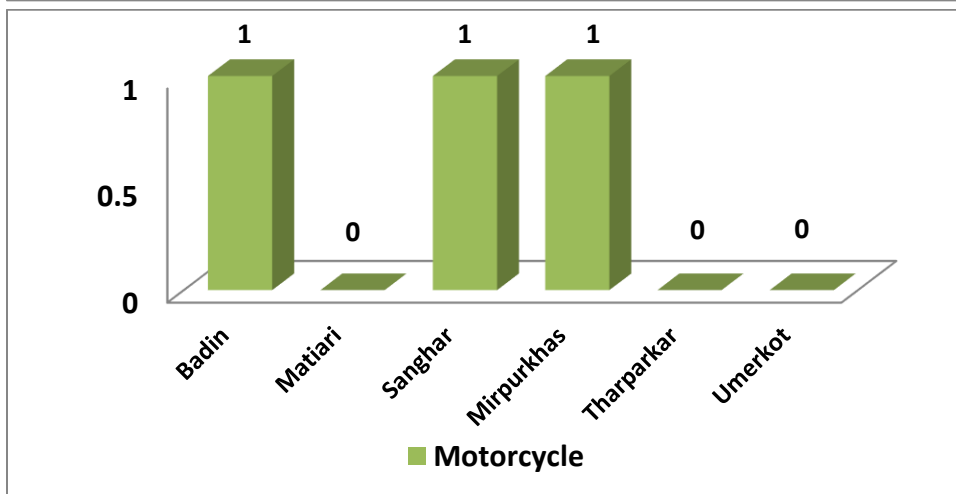
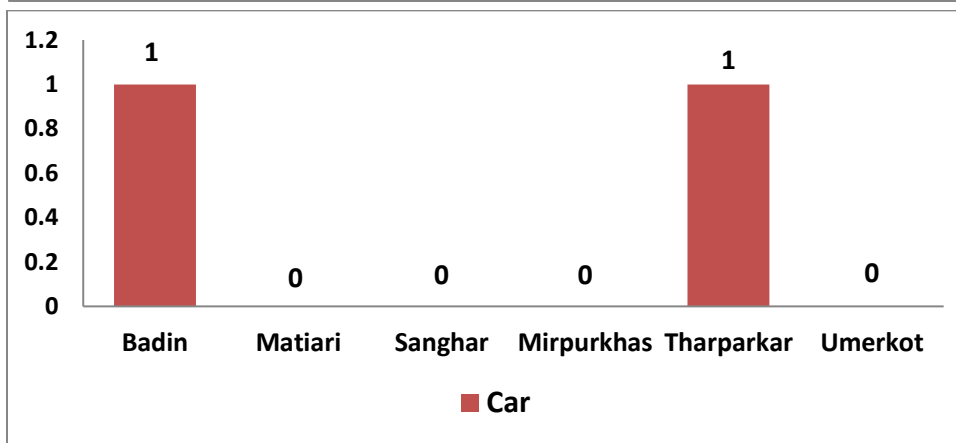
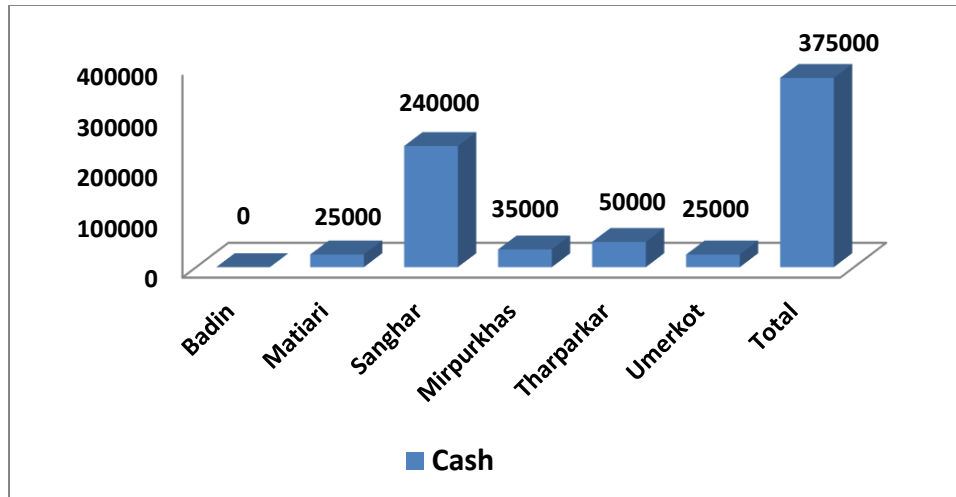
- Mirpurkhas
- Umerkot
- Tharparkar
- Matiari
- Badin
- Sanghar

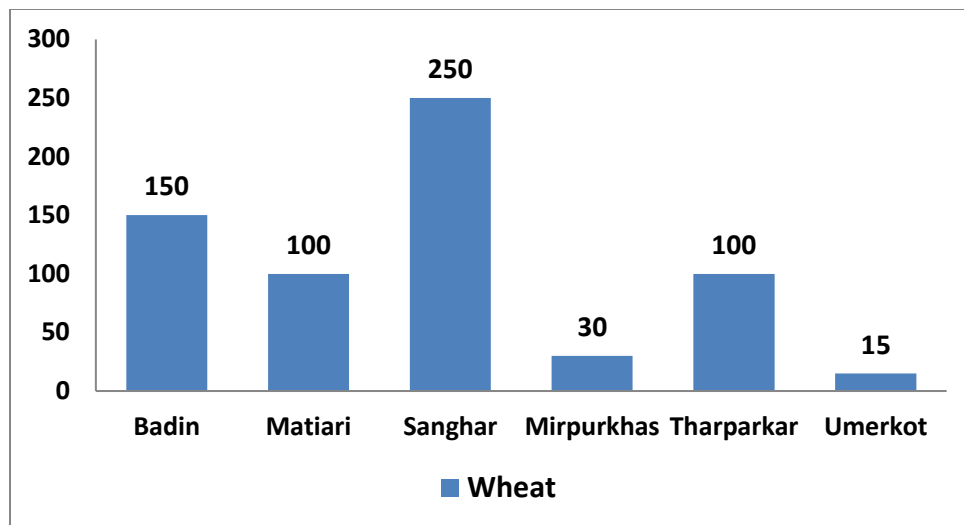
Data Analysis of Fire Incidents

In these two months (March and April 2022) both daily newspapers have reported 355 cases of fire incidents which means 6 fire incidents were happening a day and maximum fire incidents cases have been reported from district Tharparkar followed by district Mirpurkhas. However, in number of fire incident cases district Sanghar stands at number third but with regard to losses it stands at number second after district Tharparkar. The details of the fire incidents and the losses are given in below table as well as in the charts;

District	No. of Incidents	Household Affected	Animals Affected	Human Loss	Cash	Car	Motorcycle	Wheat (Mounds)
Badin	6	48	3	01*	0	1	1	150
Matiari	4	19	3	0	25000	0	0	100
Sanghar	7	81	20	0	240000	0	1	250
Mirpurkhas	8	31	18	0	35000	0	1	30
Tharparkar	17	163	98	0	50000	1	0	100
Umerkot	4	13	2	0	25000	0	0	15
Total	46	355	144	0	375000	2	3	645







Reasons of Fire Incidents

There are three main factors as reported by both daily newspapers and as analyzed by the team members, which are;

- Straw made house structures or having boundary with straw
- Hot weather as well as nonavailability of irrigation water in the months
- Waves of Winds in the months

Conclusion/What to do!

In order to avoid such huge number of fire incidents and the losses on daily basis, there need to have below arrangements from government, media, civil society organizations and households;

- Availability of Active and Responsive Fire Emergency Help Line
- Timely provision of Fire Brigade Vehicles
- Activation of Civil Defence Department at district level
- Setup of Immediate Relief and Rehabilitation Fund for Fire Incidents at Provincial/Local level by Sindh Government lead by PDMA Sindh/DDMA of the district
- Extended Responsibility of Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh
- UNICEF/WFP/IOM role in responding immediate needs of the fire incident victim households/families and their children's food/books/dresses/shoes/shelter/NFIs etc.
- Sindh Government/International Donors/IMF/World Bank/Asian Development Banks/IOM/UNICEF/INGOs and others may come forward to work on minimizing straw made households/boundaries through provision of Brick Made One and Two Room Houses
- Community/Children awareness raising campaign with regard to firefighting, first aid and related topics
- Self – Help Groups at Village level for immediate relief, rescue and fist aid
- Fire Incidents Relief Fund for immediate response by UN agencies