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Effects of Tourism on Sustainable Rural Livelihoods  
(Case Study: Saravan, Rasht County, Iran)

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Abstract

Purpose- Over the past decades, the improvement of sustainable rural livelihoods has received much attention and has been one of the main goals of sustainable rural development. One of the main approaches to improve rural livelihoods is the development of rural tourism. This has been considered by policymakers as a strategy to reduce rural poverty, especially in developing countries. Therefore, the present study is to investigate the impact of tourism on sustainable livelihoods.

Research limitations/implications- This is a descriptive-analytical study in which the documentary study method and field survey (questionnaire-observation-interview) were used in the case study of Saravan. The statistical population is 4233 Saravan rural households. In this framework, 360 household questionnaires have been completed based on the Cochran formula as a research sample.

Finding- The results have indicated that tourism in Saravan has not been able to play an effective role in the sustainable livelihoods of the local people (in institutional, economic, and human developments) and covers only some households. It can be concluded that tourism has had a greater impact on other aspects such as social and environmental issues. At the same time, with proper planning, people's livelihoods and abilities can be improved by promoting tourism and sustainable livelihoods.

Keywords: Sustainable tourism, Sustainable livelihood, Rural tourism, Saravan.

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1. Introduction

Today, it has become clear that in order to achieve development, it is necessary to pay attention to the villages as the basic sector. Given that the majority of the world's poor population lives in rural areas mainly in developing countries (Jumapour & Ahmadi, 2011) sustainable rural development decisions should include all levels of activity and location. Some of the solutions are the quality of life in local communities, including the economic, social, and environmental capital quality that leads members of local communities to produce and rebuild good lives. In sustainable development, the paths must be chosen in such a way as to create equal opportunities not only for the present generation, but also for the next generation, and this must be accompanied by the strengthening of economic, social, and natural resources and human capital. Sustainability requires that decisions and activities lead to investment in the capacities of the local community in order to strengthen that or, in special circumstances, not reduce the minimum natural, social, human or economic capital (Eftekhar & Badri, 2012). One of the strategies with positive consequences in most countries of the world in recent decades is the development and expansion of tourism in rural areas. Tourism is an industry that has long been considered by human societies and developed according to different social, economic and historical requirements due to the expansion of communication and a significant increase in the number of tourists and foreign exchange income and employment. Tourism in the current world is a clean industry and the third dynamic, thriving and developing economic feature after the oil and automotive industries (Ghaaffari, 2007). The industry has economic, social, and cultural effects on the environment. The main advantages of the tourism industry in the economy are including employment and appropriate foreign exchange income, diversification of economic activities, improving the living standards of the people, improving the existing infrastructure and facilities. Economic effects of tourism include women's employment, youth employment, tourism employment growth, general employment growth, increased employment in the service sector, attracting surplus labor in the agricultural sector, increasing people's income, economic welfare, increasing land prices in tourist areas, local attractions such as handicrafts and their rising prices. Rural tourism has a wide scope and plays a key role in the diversification and economic growth as well as the creation of job opportunities in close connection with other economic sectors. The main purposes of the rural visitors are to see social and cultural customs, pilgrimage to tombs and religious centers, rural economic activity, the texture of the village architecture, natural landscapes, mountains and bumps and mountaineering, the tranquility of nature and mental and physical treatment and many other attractions (Ghasemi, 2009). Therefore, tourism can be an important factor in improving the livelihood of villagers and increase their income levels along with other activities including agriculture and animal husbandry, etc. This can have significant economic, socio-cultural, environmental, and physical-spatial effects on the host society (Mohammadi et al., 2017). One of the approaches in the framework of sustainable rural development is diversification of economic activities. It is generally believed that diversity is the foundation of stability, and as the system becomes more diverse, stability and dynamism are maintained over time and in different places not only against internal stresses but also against external stresses (Ghasemi, 2011). Hence, diversification in the economic activities of the rural areas based on the capabilities and opportunities, and capacities can strengthen the economic development of the villages. Therefore, special attention is paid to strengthening entrepreneurship and creating a suitable environment for its development as one of the main tools for the progress and development of countries, especially developing countries; because an activity with an entrepreneurial approach leads to sustainable economic, social, and environmental development including job creation, innovation in activities, competitiveness, environmental protection, etc. Entrepreneurship in rural areas is formed in different areas and has different forms. One of the most important areas in most rural areas is entrepreneurship in the field of tourism. An important reason for paying attention to entrepreneurship in the rural tourism sector is that as the demand for various tourism processes in rural areas increases, so does the
need for diversification of tourism services and products. Therefore, the formation of demand for rural tourism in its various forms indicates the creation of potential entrepreneurial opportunities in rural areas. This can become a stage of entrepreneurial action (Sojasi Gheidari et al., 2016). Therefore, the development of non-agricultural sectors and diversification of activities in rural areas is the main solution for rural development in many communities and improves the living conditions of rural areas. This research is done with a sustainable livelihood approach. Livelihood is a complex system that includes environmental, economic, social, and institutional dimensions (Lan et al., 2021). According to Chambers and Conway, sustainable livelihoods are the capabilities, assets (warehouses, resources, and access to resources), and activities (jobs) necessary to earn a living. Livelihood is mentioned as sustainable is it can strengthen or maintain the capabilities and assets, be economically effective, be ecologically safe, and ensure that livelihood activities do not destroy the ecosystems' natural resources and are socially equitable and provide sustainable livelihood opportunities; it should also be sustained for the next generation and to create net benefits for the livelihoods of others at the local or national level and in the short or long term (Chambers & Conway, 1992).

Recognizing the issues and problems of the village and providing logical solutions for them is one of the basic measures to achieve the goals of sustainable rural development. Given that tourism plays an important role in rural development and increases employment and income, attention to this sector is today necessary for the purposes. One of the provinces, where has been the destination of many visitors in recent years, is Guilan province, among which rural areas are of interest to many tourists. One of these rural areas is the Saravan district, a place with the predominant activity of many traditional agricultural villagers. The region alone cannot provide employment and income and as a result, it is not enough for the rural community. Thus, searching for new ways and diversification of activities to strengthen livelihood is one of the necessities that tourism is considered as one of the appropriate solutions to create employment and increase the income of the villagers. Tourism in Saravan rural district has played an important role as a platform for economic activity and the livelihood of a large part of the population. Saravan village with its beautiful natural landscape and temperate climate has unique landscapes and effects. The view of paddy fields, forests, heights, and green slopes is a small part of the indescribable and attractive beauty of Saravan. Due to its location in the vicinity of the main road welcomes many tourists to the area every day, which boosts tourism businesses and can increase travelers' homes. So, it can improve the livelihood of the villagers. Given the tourism activities, it is required to examine the effects of tourism upon livelihood to provide the ground for sustainable rural development to strengthen its positive effects in this area and other rural areas, and also to prevent the negative effects. This is necessary to devise plans to improve this program. Therefore, the main research question is what effects tourism can have on the sustainable livelihood dimensions of the study area?

2. Research Theoretical Literature
Rural communities can rarely be economically viable without a diversified economic structure. Tourism and recreation are increasingly becoming an important part of this structure. This indirectly considers the attention to sustainability in terms of tourism opportunities, the coordination of these opportunities, and their ability to attract the visitors and keep them satisfied and coming in the future. Accordingly, rural tourism helps the program protect cultural heritage and natural environment by creating employment, increasing income levels, diversifying economic activities, increasing the level of social awareness and establishing broad social relations between the host and guest communities, and by preventing involuntary migration and optimization using useful land use management for sustainable rural development (Roknaddin Eftekhar & Ghaderi, 2002; Rezvani, 2008). The development of rural tourism as an opportunity provides economic stimulation and reduces rural community dependence on agriculture (Gavrila-Paven, 2015). Thus, sustainable rural development should consider tourism as a link in the policy-making that regulates the public and private sectors for rural development. Today, sustainable tourism in many countries is a symbol of cultural, natural, human identity as one of the important economic sectors. Therefore, sustainability in tourism
requires systematic attention to the technical, cultural, political, economic, historical, and environmental dimensions in moving towards the use of tourist attractions by the needs of today and the preservation of these resources for the future. Tourism can revive the economy of local communities by participating in job creation and income generation, and can also contribute to strengthening local culture and changing the preservation of the environment or the reconstruction of the natural and man-made environment (Karimi & Mahboubfar, 2012). In this view, the concept of sustainable livelihood emerged as an efficient approach derived from the context and broad theory of rural development (Jumapour & Ahmadi, 2011). Therefore, it is necessary to pay attention to the rural development literature to better understand the approach to sustainable living. Since the 1950s, the concept of development has historically grown from four important schools of thought, namely modernization, dependency theory, alternative development, and sustainable development (Welch, 1984, and Clancy, 1999, cited in Baghiani, 2014). The table below shows the developments of the four theoretical schools.

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<td>Modernization</td>
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<td>Advocative approach</td>
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<td>1960-1970</td>
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In the 1950s and 1960s, development is interpreted as a planned change in construction, production, and employment in the agricultural, industrial, and service sectors (Azkia & Imani, 2008). In the late 1960s, the poor temporarily had access to the benefits of rapid growth, which was the Green Revolution. The Green Revolution was introduced in the 1960s to combat famine, hunger, and poverty in rural areas of developing countries (Kalantari & Qomi, 2008). In the early 1970s, changes in development-related concepts were introduced, and the eradication of poverty and hunger and the satisfaction of basic needs instead of relying solely on economic growth became an important issue. Therefore, different definitions and perceptions of development were presented (Azkia & Imani, 2008). The third stage of rural development was the theory of agricultural development, which prevailed in the 1970s with an emphasis on small-scale agriculture. In a way, this theory has been prevalent for nearly 20 years (Ellis, 2000). This view, along with the basic needs approach, was criticized in the 1980s for failing to reduce rural poverty and increase income inequality, despite a slight improvement in farmers’ welfare levels. Therefore, the need for a holistic and integrated view of rural development was necessary. The concept of sustainable livelihood emerged to moderate and ultimately eradicate rural poverty (Abdullahzadeh & Salehi, 2016). In the case of the tourism program, the four-axis framework clearly describes the evolution of the industry. The first axis (advocacy) considers the industry as flawless so that the economic cooperation of that is widely supported. This trend became known after World War II and became part of the modernization paradigm. At the beginning of the 1960s, this axis was gradually replaced by the second axis “caution”. This considers the negative prospects of tourism and criticizes seasonal employment and lack of specialization, destruction of the natural environment, and division in the structure of the host society. The caution axis is directly related to the theory of dependence. Over time, debates between advocacy and caution led to a third axis (adjustment) in the early 1980s. It seeks to develop alternatives to mass tourism in response to growing concerns about the negative effects. Specifically, adjustment follows the pattern of the alternative development paradigm. It is the fourth (knowledge-based) axis that emerged in the early 1990s and can be compared to the sustainable development paradigm. Unlike the advocacy and warning of axes, which focus on the effects of tourism, and the adjustment axis, which focuses on forms of development, the fourth axis emphasizes the holistic thinking of tourism as a system including the structures and functions (Jafari, 1990; Baghiani, 2014). Based on what has been mentioned, the shape of a diagrammatic framework shows the relationship...
between sustainable livelihood and tourism development.

One of the main approaches to the improvement of sustainable rural livelihood is to pay attention to tourism development (Bameri et al., 2019). Many researchers have emphasized tourism as a key solution to rural development and poverty reduction in these areas (Gao & Wu, 2017). Tourism-oriented sustainable livelihood framework is one of the new analytical approaches in the field of rural development, which in recent years has attracted much attention in the study of rural development and poverty reduction (Azami & Hashemi Amin, 2017). The industry increases the overall sustainability of livelihoods by creating a variety of livelihoods (Su et al., 2019). The sustainable living approach begins with the idea of how people live in different places. In a simple definition, livelihood refers to the capabilities, resources, and activities needed to make a living (Chambers & Conway, 2010). The most important feature of this definition is the direct attention to the relationship between resources and the choices that individuals can make in practice for alternative income-generating activities. For example, lack of education indicates low levels of human capital. Therefore, people without education or with low levels of education are deprived of the activities that qualify and require a certain level of education. Another important feature of this definition is the degree to which individuals and households have access to various resources, opportunities, and services. Access to resources is determined by social laws and norms. This is also affected by social relationships. Access also refers to the ability to participate and use social and public services (such as education, health, roads, and drinking water) provided by the government. A livelihood system consists of assets (natural, physical, human, financial, and social), activities, and access to these assets (through institutions and social relationships) that together make up the life of the individual or family (Ellis, 2000). Sustainable livelihood thinking was introduced in the 1980s as a new approach to rural development to reduce and eradicate rural poverty. This approach emphasizes a comprehensive and coherent way of thinking about poverty reduction and rural development and quickly gained great popularity among researchers and developers (Abdullahzadeh & Salehi, 2016). In this regard, Bameri et al., (2019) in the article about sustainable livelihoods of traditional villages through tourism development (Case study: Nahuk village, Saravan city) concluded that there is a linear and significant relationship between tourism development and sustainable livelihoods. The highest impact of tourism in the study area was related to the institutional factor and the lowest impact was related to physical-environmental factors. Findings of Beshkar et al., (2019) in the article entitled Support of local communities for tourism development and its relationship with the sustainable livelihood of border villages of Chabahar city showed that tourism development has a significant relationship with economic sustainability. Mohammadi et al., (2017) in the article about the effects of tourism on the sustainable livelihood of rural households, from the perspective of the host community in Oraman section of Sarvabad city, concluded that
tourism has a positive effect on humans, social, physical, natural and financial dimensions of villagers. The results also showed that all aspects of sustainable livelihood (human, social, natural, physical, financial) have a significant impact on the sustainable livelihoods of villagers. Abdullahzadeh and Salehi (2015) in an article entitled "The effect of tourism on sustainable rural livelihood in Golestan province" concluded that the five livelihoods in the studied villages were below average and in poor condition. The results of Jumapour and Goodarzi (2015) with the title of tourism supporting the poor, a strategy for balanced and sustainable development of rural communities (Case study: Vali-e-Asr village near Persepolis) also showed that although tourism has been able to improve cultural and environmental capabilities. For example, strengthening language skills and raising awareness of villagers has a positive effect, but overall tourism has not been able to reduce the poverty of villagers. Ghadiri Masoom et al. (2014) in an article entitled leveling of subsistence capital in mountain tourism on villages of Taleghan city revealed that the situation of the studied villages in subsistence capital is not suitable. Despite their human and natural attractions, these villages have not been able to find a suitable position in terms of capital. The study of Jomehpour and Kiomars in 2012 entitled "Study of the effects of tourism on assets and livelihood activities of people in the context of sustainable tourism livelihood (Case study: Ziarat village) demonstrated that tourism in Ziarat village has not been able to play an effective role in sustainable livelihood and that the positive effects of tourism have not been effective except in some indicators. Pasanchay and Schott (2021) in a study examining the capacity of rural tourism resorts to achieve sustainable livelihood stated that rural resorts have a high capacity to achieve sustainable livelihoods, which, of course, require proper planning and management. Azami and Shanazi (2020) in an article examined the livelihood effects of wetlands on sustainable livelihoods in Zarivar wetland in Iran. According to their conclusions, the wetland has had a great impact on the lives of the people of the region in five dimensions of livelihood capital including financial, natural, human, physical, and social. Su et al. (2018) in a study of livelihood sustainability in China's rural tourism destinations concluded that tourism as a complementary activity has increased income and livelihood sustainability in rural communities in the study area. Wu & Pierce (2014) explored the effects of tourism on sustainable livelihoods in Lhasa and Tibet and indicated that there were different and conflicting views among the host community. From this participation, more local people and more attention to their opinions are necessary to make the most of the positive effects of tourism. Shen, et al., (2008) also investigated the relationship between sustainable livelihoods and tourism. According to the larger and broader approach to sustainable tourism, the use of the sustainable tourism livelihood approach was suggested. According to the issues raised in the research background, the present study has a comprehensive look at the various dimensions of the impact of tourism on sustainable rural livelihood.

3. Research Methodology

3.1 Geographical Scope of the Research

The present study was conducted in Saravan village in Rasht city, Iran. Saravan village has 7 villages. The holy shrine of Imamzadeh Hashem, the Saravan Caravanserai known as the Shah Abbasi Caravanserai, five hundred years old, the Saravan Forest Park, the Museum of Cultural Heritage, and Natural Landscapes, welcomes many tourists to this area every day. It seems that due to the unemployment problem (unemployment rate in Saravan rural district is 15.1% compared to Guilan province which is 12.7%), land per capita (land per capita in Saravan rural district is 0.09 compared to Rasht city which is 0.16, and the employment of about 37% of agricultural workers and a large number of job seekers show that the need to create non-agricultural job opportunities is inevitable.
3.2. Methodology
The present study is applied research in terms of purpose and descriptive-analytical in terms of nature. Data collection tools in this study include two methods of library and field survey. The statistical population in this study is the rural areas of Saravan rural district in Rasht city and the level of household analysis is the statistical population based on the general population and housing census of 95 in Saravan rural district with 4228 households. The number of research samples was estimated at 360 households using the Cochran sampling method. The validity of the questionnaire was confirmed by 8 professors of the Department of Geography, University of Guilan.

Table 2. Indicators and items of the research
(Jomepour & Kiyumars, 2012; Abdullahzadeh & Salehi, 2015; Sojasi Gheidari et al., 2015; Jomepour, 2011; Rezvani, 2008; Hiedari Sarban & Maleki, 2015)

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<th>Indicator</th>
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<td>Satisfaction with household income, interest in investing in tourism, supply, and sale of handicrafts in the village</td>
<td>The level of activity in the tourism market, the individual's share in the benefits of tourism development, the level of support of customary laws for tourism activities, the support of individual initiatives in the field of tourism, the level of participation in tourism management, and administration, the level of participation in the tourism decision-making process</td>
<td>Promotion of personal education, the amount of education for the active workforce in the tourism sector, tourism and promotion of household education and the advances in skills, the prevalence of tourism, and the desire to study about that</td>
<td>Tourism and increasing job diversity in the family, increasing the price of local products, improving the situation of ambient lighting, the impact of tourism on job creation, improving the condition of roads, rural tourism and improving the quality of rural housing, improving the situation of rural telecommunications, improving the drinking water situation, improving household income, increasing the price of local products consumed by tourism, increasing the price of services due to tourism development, increasing the price of land due to tourism development, access to health education services, improving educational services</td>
<td>Access to daily information with the development of tourism, the number of recreational facilities with the arrival of visitors, increasing the value of local traditions and customs with the development of tourism, the negative impact of tourism on people's norms and values, reducing local security, tourism expansion, and</td>
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This study was conducted in a similar area of the statistical population of the case study. In the survey, 40 questionnaires were filled and the reliability of the research questionnaire was 0.93 according to Cronbach's alpha in SPSS software. The questionnaire was designed based on the Likert scale (very low, low, medium, high, and very high). After collecting data (360 questionnaires were collected, the share of each village is based on Table 3). Rural descriptive household information and their classification have been analyzed using inferential statistical methods in SPSS software.

### Table 3. Sample villages and the number of selected questionnaires

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<td>Jokoolbandan</td>
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<td>Saravan</td>
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<td>Ghazian</td>
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<td>Kacha</td>
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<td>Golsark</td>
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<td>36</td>
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<td>Mooshanka</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>District</td>
<td>4233</td>
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### 4. Research Findings

According to the results, 260 respondents, or 72.2% of them are men and 100 individuals or 27.8% of them are women. Also, the average age of the respondents is 37.84 years old; the minimum and maximum age of the respondents is 16 and 67 years old, respectively.

Also, the highest percentage of respondents is in the age group of 26 to 35 years, which is equal to 41.1% of the total sample size. Among the sample, 130 people, or in other words, 36.1% have a diploma with the highest frequency, 7 people or 1.9% have a master's degree or higher, with the lowest frequency in the study sample. Regarding jobs of the respondents, 98 people have freelance jobs (occupations such as road transport, day laborer, salesman, tailor, etc.), which includes 27.2% of them, as well as 236 people, or in other words, 65% of the sample did not have a secondary job. Regarding tourism-related jobs, 39 people (10.8%) had tourism-related jobs as their main occupations such as selling souvenirs and local products, dining and restaurants, renting houses to tourists, etc. Regarding the secondary jobs of people, 40 people (11.1%) have side activities in the tourism sector. In this study, the main dimensions and elements of the research are including economic capital, institutional capital, human development, economic development, social development, environmental development, and institutional development based on the items of these elements. In economic capital, based on the obtained results, the highest average is obtained in the item of interest in investing in the tourism sector with a rate of 3.17 and the lowest average is for the item of satisfaction with household living income (1.92). The average of the variable or dimension of economic capital was 2.38 with a standard deviation of 0.81 and a coefficient of variation of 34%. The lowest
coefficient of change in the items belongs to the supply and sale of handicrafts in the village, which indicates greater homogeneity in responding to the item.

Table 4. Items of economic capital

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<td>1</td>
<td>Satisfaction of family livelihood</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Interest in investment in tourism</td>
<td>3.17</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Sales of handicrafts in the village</td>
<td>2.04</td>
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<td>2.38</td>
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In institutional capital, the highest average was obtained in terms of activity in the tourism market and the level of support of customary laws for tourism activity with a rate of 2.04, and the lowest average was obtained in terms of participation in tourism management and administration with a rate of 1.15. The mean of the variable institutional capital dimension was 1.69 with a standard deviation of 0.63 and a coefficient of variation of 37%. The lowest coefficient of change in the items belongs to the level of participation in the management and administration of tourism with a rate of 34%, which indicates greater homogeneity in responding to the item. Institutional tourism in terms of interviews with local people and field results is less than normal and somehow lacking in usefulness is necessary by looking at the items of institutional capital. This shows that the role and activity of respondents in the tourism market such as selling local products, renting houses can play a significant role in the sustainability of rural livelihoods. According to researchers in the region, people do not have a significant share in the benefits of tourism and have little participation and management in the decision-making process of tourism. The item of tourism management and administration and also individual initiatives in the field of tourism are not sufficiently supported. In fact, given that the actors in the tourism market, including renting houses and selling local products, are working and to some extent, customary laws support tourism activities, but it has a small share of tourism development benefits, and their initiatives are not supported. The decision-making in the management of tourism affairs is derived from top to bottom, and local activists working in the field of tourism are not involved.

Table 5. Institutional capital items

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<td>Activity in tourism market</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Share of people in tourism income</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Legal support of tourism activity</td>
<td>2.04</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Support of personal innovation</td>
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<td>Institutional capital</td>
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In human development, based on the obtained results, the highest average is the prevalence of tourism in the villages of the region and the desire to study in this field with a rate of 2.34 and the lowest average is the level of education for the active workforces in the tourism sector with 1.24. The mean of the human development variable or dimension was 1.82 with a standard deviation of 0.68 with a coefficient of variation of 37%. Also, in this regard, the lowest coefficient of change in the stated items belongs to the amount of training for the active force in the tourism sector with a rate of 41%, which indicates greater homogeneity and homogeneity in responding to the item.
The highest average obtained in economic development was obtained by the increase in the price of land due to tourism development by 3.85 and the lowest average was obtained by tourism and improving household income by 1.74. The average of the variable or dimension of economic development was 2.35 with a standard deviation of 0.52 and a coefficient of variation of 23%. Also, the lowest coefficient of change in the items belongs to the land price increase due to tourism development with a rate of 24%, which indicates greater homogeneity in responding to the item.

The highest average obtained in social development is the item of tourism and reduction of security in the villages of the region due to the inverse of this item (tourism and local security) with a rate of 4.31 and the lowest average is for the item of recreational facilities with tourist arrival with a rate of 1.78. The mean of the social development variable or dimension was 3.32 with a standard deviation of 0.44 and a coefficient of variation of 13%. The lowest coefficient of change in the stated items belongs to tourism and local security (20%). This indicates greater homogeneity in responding to this item.
In the development of the environment, based on the obtained results, the highest average was obtained as the effect of tourists on environmental protection by the respondents with a rate of 3.94, and the lowest average was obtained for tourism activities and the decline in quality of water resources with 2.85. The mean of the variable or dimension of environmental development was 3.35 with a standard deviation of 0.66 and a coefficient of variation of 19%. The lowest coefficient of change in the items also belongs to the effect of tourists on the preservation of the rural environment with a rate of 20%, which indicates greater homogeneity and homogeneity in responding to the item.

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<td>1</td>
<td>Increase in aesthetic views of rural landscape</td>
<td>2.91</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Damage to environment</td>
<td>3.2</td>
<td>1.24</td>
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<td>Damage to farms</td>
<td>3.73</td>
<td>1.22</td>
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<td>Damage to orchards</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>1.2</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Increase in garbage in environment</td>
<td>3.12</td>
<td>1.28</td>
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<td>Environmental conservation by local people</td>
<td>3.94</td>
<td>0.79</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Introducing attractions to visitors</td>
<td>3.69</td>
<td>0.83</td>
<td>22</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Decline in quality of natural resources</td>
<td>2.85</td>
<td>0.94</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Environmental development</td>
<td>3.39</td>
<td>0.66</td>
<td>19</td>
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Based on the results obtained in institutional development, the highest average was obtained for the need to form a cooperative or non-governmental organization for tourism development with a rate of 4.58 and the lowest average was obtained for participation in decision-making and tourism development with a rate of 1.86. The mean of the variable or dimension of institutional development was 3.09 with a standard deviation of 0.62 and a coefficient of variation of 20%. The lowest coefficient of change in the items belongs to the need to form a cooperative or non-governmental organization for tourism development (12%). This indicates greater homogeneity in responding to this item.

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<tr>
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<td>Participation in tourism decision making</td>
<td>1.86</td>
<td>1.01</td>
<td>54</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Cooperation with tourism related groups</td>
<td>1.84</td>
<td>1.11</td>
<td>60</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Need for development of tourism activities</td>
<td>4.19</td>
<td>0.82</td>
<td>20</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Necessity for establishing NGOs</td>
<td>4.58</td>
<td>0.57</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Changes in social position</td>
<td>2.96</td>
<td>0.78</td>
<td>26</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Institutional development</td>
<td>3.09</td>
<td>0.62</td>
<td>20</td>
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The results of measuring the livelihood development of villagers and its dimensions in the study sample using a single-sample t-test are presented in Table 11. The results of the test at the
intermediate level indicate that the situation of livelihood development based on the development of tourism in social, environmental and institutional dimensions is in a favorable situation and for human, economic and livelihood development dimensions it is in an unfavorable situation. The highest average is related to livelihood sustainability after environmental development with 3.39 and the lowest average is related to human development dimension at 1.83. Given the average dimensions and spectral nature of the data, it can be inferred that each of the means is higher than the average or normal (3+), so tourism has a positive role and effect on that dimension. With these interpretations, tourism has the greatest impact on the dimensions of social development, environmental development, and institutional development in the Saravan district. Hence, the t-statistic for livelihood development was -8.82 at a significance level of p≥0.01, so it can be inferred that livelihood development based on tourism development in Saravan rural district is at an undesirable level and lower than normal condition. The rate of t-statistic for the dimensions of human development (t-statistic: -32.7), economic development (t-statistic: -22.27) is lower than normal and for the dimensions of social development (t-statistic: 13.44), environmental development (statistics t: 11.2) and institutional development (t: 2.63) were higher than normal at a significance level of p≥0.01. According to the results, the situation of livelihood development based on tourism development in Saravan rural district is at an unfavorable level and is lower than the average normal level.

Table 11. Assessing the status of livelihood development and its dimensions based on t-test

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>#</th>
<th>Dimension</th>
<th>Mean</th>
<th>SD</th>
<th>SD error</th>
<th>Mean difference</th>
<th>T-statistic</th>
<th>p-Sig level</th>
<th>Confidence level 95%</th>
<th>Status</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Human development</td>
<td>1.83</td>
<td>0.67</td>
<td>0.03</td>
<td>-1.17</td>
<td>-32.7</td>
<td>0.000</td>
<td>-1.24</td>
<td>-1.1</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Economic development</td>
<td>2.35</td>
<td>0.54</td>
<td>0.02</td>
<td>-0.65</td>
<td>-22.57</td>
<td>0.000</td>
<td>-0.71</td>
<td>-0.59</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Social development</td>
<td>3.32</td>
<td>0.44</td>
<td>0.02</td>
<td>0.32</td>
<td>13.44</td>
<td>0.000</td>
<td>0.27</td>
<td>0.36</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Environmental development</td>
<td>3.39</td>
<td>0.66</td>
<td>0.03</td>
<td>0.39</td>
<td>11.2</td>
<td>0.000</td>
<td>0.32</td>
<td>0.46</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Institutional development</td>
<td>3.09</td>
<td>0.62</td>
<td>0.03</td>
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<td>2.63</td>
<td>0.009</td>
<td>0.02</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Livelihood development</td>
<td>2.79</td>
<td>0.44</td>
<td>0.02</td>
<td>-0.21</td>
<td>-8.82</td>
<td>0.000</td>
<td>-0.25</td>
<td>-0.16</td>
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State 12 shows the average rankings of each dimension of livelihood sustainability. According to the results obtained from the table, the social development variable with an average of 4.14 has the highest average and the best rank in terms of the role of tourism in livelihood sustainability and human development with an average of 1.25 has the lowest average and rank.

Table 12. Mean livelihood sustainability ratings in the study sample

<table>
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<th>No</th>
<th>Stability</th>
<th>Mean rank</th>
<th>Rank</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Human</td>
<td>1.25</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Economic</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Social</td>
<td>4.14</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Environment</td>
<td>4.12</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Institutional</td>
<td>3.49</td>
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</table>

Table 13 shows the results of the Friedman test on the role of tourism on livelihood sustainability in the Saravan district. Based on the obtained results, the rate of chi-square is twice equal to 989.75 and the degree of freedom is 4, with the significance level of the test at P <0.01. This can be said with a 99% confidence level that the situation and position of sustainable livelihood development in Saravan rural district are different. Accordingly, the highest impact in this regard belongs to the social development index and the lowest impact is related to the human development index.
Table 13. Results of Friedman test on livelihood sustainability in Saravan District

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Quantity</th>
<th>Chi-Square</th>
<th>Degree of freedom</th>
<th>p-sig level</th>
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<tr>
<td>360</td>
<td>989.754</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>0.000</td>
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The most effective role tourism can play in the sustainability of livelihood development is occurred in a social and environmental dimension, in which the impact of tourism is considered in promoting social relations, strengthening unity, solidarity, trust, promoting the status of women, and access to everyday information. Most people pay attention to preserving the environment and introducing the attractions of the village to tourists.  In the institutional context, the impact of the sale of local products, rent, as well as optimal and efficient management, and the participation of local people can play a significant role in sustaining the livelihood of villagers. Economically, it has had an impact on rising land prices, local products, the quality of rural housing, and so on. Tourism has not had much effect on increasing the level of education of villagers, improving the skills related to tourism and the level of education about tourism. Most of the effects of tourism and activities in this field are more influenced by environmental conditions. Accordingly, the highest impact belongs to the social development index and the lowest impact is related to the human development index. Multivariate stepwise regression was used to identify the relationship between sociological characteristics of the study sample such as their education and age and the impact of tourism on the livelihood of rural households in Saravan rural district in general. The assumptions of performing regression tests are initially conducted to evaluate the validity of the results. Since there is no autocorrelation among the errors, so, Durbin-Watson index can be used. According to the obtained result, there is no correlation between the errors and the above test. Based on the obtained assumptions, the variables have been used to investigate the relationship between demographic characteristics (education, age) and the impact of tourism on the livelihood of local people in general. Table 14 summarizes the stepwise regression model regarding the relationship between demographic characteristics (education, age) and the impact of tourism on the livelihood of villagers in general in the study area. Therefore, based on the findings of the above test, R or the correlation coefficient of research variables is equal to 0.110. The above number indicates the existence of a weak correlation between the research variables and indicates that the independent variables have a relationship or effect on the dependent variable (rural livelihood). The coefficient of determination (R Square) obtained in the model is equal to 0.012, the above number also indicates that the independent variable has predictive power and can determine and predict the relationship between education and age and the impact of tourism on rural livelihood.

Table 14. Summary of the linear regression model regarding the level of education and age and the effect of tourism on the livelihood of villagers

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>Correlation coefficient (R)</th>
<th>R Square</th>
<th>Modified Correlation coefficient</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0.11</td>
<td>0.012</td>
<td>0.009</td>
<td>0.44</td>
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According to Table 15, the analysis of variance of the regression model can be seen. Statistical F is equal to 4.321 and this means that the independent variables of the research are correlated with the dependent variable. The findings show that there is a significant relationship between demographic characteristics (education, age) and the impact of tourism on the livelihood of the local community in the Saravan rural district. It should also be noted that the higher the sum of the regression squares compared with the sum of the error squares, the better fitted is the model.
Based on the results presented in Table 16, it was found that there is a significant relationship between the level of education from the set of demographic characteristics (independent variables) in the study sample and the impact of tourism on the livelihood of villagers in Saravan rural district. Hence, the beta coefficient of 0.110 was obtained at a significance level of $p \geq 0.05$. Therefore, it can be said with 95% confidence that there is a significant relationship between the level of education of the studied sample and the impact of tourism on the livelihood of villagers in general. Given the positive beta coefficient, it can also be inferred that the higher the level of education in the sample, the more the impact of tourism on the livelihood of villagers in their view.

Table 16. Standard coefficients of independent variables on rural livelihood in the regression model

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variable</th>
<th>beta</th>
<th>T statistic</th>
<th>Partial correlation</th>
<th>Stability</th>
<th>Sig level</th>
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<tr>
<td>Age</td>
<td>0.042</td>
<td>0.678</td>
<td>0.036</td>
<td>0.718</td>
<td>0.498</td>
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Table 17 also indicates the age variable in the regression coefficient test that has no significance. According to the obtained results, the age variable has a 50% certainty in the effect of tourism on the livelihood of the villagers, which is not significant at the 95% test level.

5. Discussion and Conclusion

Rural tourism can contribute to economic diversification and sustainable development, and by creating employment and income, it can develop underdeveloped areas and bring many benefits to the local people. This study with the approach of sustainable livelihood has studied tourism in the villages of Saravan rural district and specifically seeks to answer the question of how much tourism in these villages has been able to create a sustainable rural livelihood. The relevant literature emphasizes the direct and positive relationship between tourism and poverty reduction and income increase. This means that the stronger the rural tourism, the more income is generated among the villagers. This leads to improved livelihoods and reduced poverty in the village. This in turn makes the villagers' perception of rural tourism more positive. Due to the importance of this issue in the present study, the effects of rural tourism on sustainable livelihood in Saravan village of Rasht city have been investigated. According to the findings of the present study, in terms of desirability, social and natural dimensions are in a favorable situation, the economic dimension is somewhat desirable, and human and institutional dimensions are in an unfavorable situation. Social dimensions (including promoting social relations, unity, and solidarity, trust between people, developing customs, promoting the status of women, and increasing local security) and natural dimensions (including environmental protection, recognition of attractions, and attractive attractions) are more desirable in the district. From an economic point of view (interest in investing in tourism and improving housing) there is to some extent a desirable condition. From a human (education, skills and education) and institutional point of view (lack of participation, support for individual initiatives and sharing in the benefits of tourism, etc.) there is an unfavorable situation.
Accordingly, the highest impact of tourism in this regard belongs to the social development index and the lowest impact is related to the human development index. There is no significant relationship between age from the set of demographic characteristics (independent variable) in the study sample and the impact of tourism on the livelihood of villagers in Saravan rural district; while there is a significant relationship in the case study between the level of education from the set of demographic characteristics (independent variable) and the impact of tourism on the livelihood of villagers in Saravan district. One of the findings of the present study is that tourism has not been able to play an effective role in the sustainable livelihood of villagers and the positive effects of tourism have not been effective except in some indicators, which is consistent with the research of Jumapour and Kiomars (2012). Another finding is that tourism has played a small role in contributing to sustainable livelihoods and is consistent with the research of Jomehpour and Ahmadi (2011). Also, one of the other findings of this study is the positive effect of tourism on the environmental situation, which does not confirm the findings of Abdullah Zadeh et al. (2015) that suggested tourism has a negative consequence on environmental conditions and the outcome of tourism is appropriate in other situations. Given the current situation in the village, there is practically no better option than village tourism to improve the living conditions of the local community. Although the current situation in the village requires serious measures to make tourism a viable option for rural development, this requires reforms in the public sector and more support for tourism planning. According to the local community livelihood assets, by planning and implementing appropriate policies following the human, social, economic, natural, and institutional structures of the village and by making proper use of the existing tourism capacities, especially the capital of attractions, tourism development can be considered as a complementary activity in diversifying livelihood activities to achieve sustainable rural livelihoods in the frameworks of sustainable development.

Given the issues mentioned and according to the sublime aspect of tourism, namely eco-tourism, it can achieve a sustainable livelihood of the village by developing the local economy and environmental protection and improving social conditions. Thus, the following topics are suggested for future research: Participation of local communities and its impact on sustainable livelihood, the impact of multi-purpose tourism cooperatives on sustainable rural livelihoods. The following strategies are presented to maximize the effects of tourism on rural sustainable livelihood in the study area.

- Since the landfill and waste treatment in Saravan is one of the serious problems in the region and causes serious damage to the health of the people and the environment, it is incumbent upon the policymakers to take action for the issue.
- Diversification and improvement of the experience of visitors of the heritage, lively local culture including local plays (bride, Nowruz reading, deer, etc.), local poetry, food (kebab, sour, sour, pomegranate, sigoliveh), and various festivals (Jokol Festival) can encourage visitors to stay longer and better understand the local culture.
- Providing local people with facilities for converting rural houses into eco-lodges.
- Establishment of daily and weekly markets for rural handicrafts and other rural products, agriculture, as well as stalls for cultural goods on the days and seasons of tourist arrival.
- Due to the low institutional capital and lack of participation of people in tourism decisions, it is suggested to establish a non-governmental or cooperative center with the participation of Cultural Heritage and Tourism Organization to identify qualified people active in tourism activities and issue business cards to rent the houses. If people are interested in working in the tourism sector and rent a house or part of their house, they must be able to receive an activity card in this field.

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چکیده میسوت

1- مقدمه

یکی از راهبردهایی که در دهه‌های اخیر در اغلب کشورهای جهان مورد توجه بوده و نتایج مثبتی داشته است، توسعه و گسترش گردشگری در نواحی روستا است. گردشگری و تفریحات با بخش‌هایی از پیش در ال تبدیل شدند و به بخش‌هایی از اقتصاد روستایی تبدیل شدند. گردشگری از نظر فرصت‌های اقتصادی، کمک می‌کند تا الواء نویسنده مسئول

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2- مبانی نظری تحقیق

اجتماعات روستایی بی‌بدنی ی ممکن است بدون ساختار اقتصادی منجوب به احیاء اقتصادی باشند. گردشگری و تفریحات نقشی اساسی در تنوع اقتصادی و همچنین آفرینش فرصت‌های شغلی در ارتباط تنگاتنگ با سایر بخش‌های اقتصادی ایفا می‌کنند. بنابراین توسعه گردشگری روستایی به عنوان یک فرصت، تحریک اقتصادی و کمک‌های اقتصادی جامعه روستایی که به‌طور سازگاری با فلزات‌های توریستی غیرروستایی ایجاد می‌شود. شناخت و کارآگاهی از این فرصت‌ها را می‌توان در توسعه و برنامه‌ریزی منابع اقتصادی روستا و از طریق توسعه و کاهش فقر در این مناطق تاثیرگذاری کند. گردشگری روستایی به عنوان یکی از راه‌هایی است که می‌تواند در توسعه روستا و کاهش فقر در این مناطق به کار رود. رویکرد مبتنی بر این ایده آغاز می‌شود که این تحقیق بر سر روش‌های کسبوکار و فعالیت‌های توریستی در محیط‌های مختلف انجام می‌گیرد. شکل‌گیری و کارآگاهی از این فرصت‌ها و منابع اقتصادی روستا را می‌تواند در توسعه روستا و کاهش فقر در این مناطق نیز به کار رود.

3- نتایج و پیشنهادات

یکی از راهبردهایی که در دهه‌های اخیر در اغلب کشورهای جهان مورد توجه بوده و نتایج مثبتی داشته است، توسعه و گسترش گردشگری در نواحی روستا است. این اجاست برای مطالعات تخصصی در این زمینه بوده. اگرچه می‌تواند نقشی اساسی در تنوع اقتصادی و همچنین آفرینش فرصت‌های شغلی در ارتباط تنگاتنگ با سایر بخش‌های اقتصادی ایفا می‌کند، بنابراین توسعه گردشگری روستایی به عنوان یک فرصت، تحریک اقتصادی و کمک‌های اقتصادی جامعه روستایی که به‌طور سازگاری با فلزات‌های توریستی غیرروستایی ایجاد می‌شود. شناخت و کارآگاهی از این فرصت‌ها را می‌توان در توسعه و برنامه‌ریزی منابع اقتصادی روستا و از طریق توسعه و کاهش فقر در این مناطق تاثیرگذاری کند. گردشگری روستایی به عنوان یکی از راه‌هایی است که می‌تواند در توسعه روستا و کاهش فقر در این مناطق به کار رود. رویکرد مبتنی بر این ایده آغاز می‌شود که این تحقیق بر سر روش‌های کسبوکار و فعالیت‌های توریستی در محیط‌های مختلف انجام می‌گیرد. شکل‌گیری و کارآگاهی از این فرصت‌ها و منابع اقتصادی روستا را می‌تواند در توسعه روستا و کاهش فقر در این مناطق نیز به کار رود.
دروس محاسبات نظری: تحقیق و تجربیات در مطالعات اقتصادی و اجتماعی

چکیده: این مطالعه اثرات گردشگری بر روستاییان در دهستان سراوان در شهرستان رشت، استان گیلان به طور تحلیلی با استفاده از روش تحقیق کیفی کمی انجام شد. نتایج نشان داد که تعداد بهترین میزان تاثیر گردشگری در حوزه مصرف محصولات محلی بوده و تعداد افرادی که در این زمینه بهبودی کسب نکردند، ناهمگنی بوده و بهترین میزان تاثیر گردشگری را داشت. نتایج نشان داد که تعداد بهترین میزان تاثیر گردشگری در حوزه مصرف محصولات محلی بوده و تعداد افرادی که در این زمینه بهبودی کسب نکردند، ناهمگنی بوده و بهترین میزان تاثیر گردشگری را داشت.

کلیدواژه‌ها: روستاییان، گردشگری، اثرات نهادی و اقتصادی

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Evaluating the Economic and Social Effects of Tourism on Tourist Attractive Villages of Izeh and Baghmalek Counties

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Abstract
Purpose- The villages of Izeh and baghmalek cities are considered as tourist destinations in Khouzestan province due to their valuable natural, cultural and historical attractions. Therefore, in the present study, the economic and social effects of tourism on the tourist attractive villages of Izeh and Baghmalek were studied.

Design/methodology/approach- The present study is conducted with applied purposes using a descriptive-analytical method. The library and field methods were used for data collection. The statistical population of the study included 20 rural experts and managers and 242 rural heads of households who were selected by simple random sampling. Villages that had the potential for tourism were selected. In order to use the indicators, based on the theoretical foundations of previous researches and studies, the indicators were screened and operationalized. Based on the nature of the research, 10 indicators with a higher degree of reproducibility were selected.

Findings- Assessing the effects of tourism on the studied villages showed that tourism has the most positive effects on indicators of improving facilities and services, booming local products market and household income growth and employment, respectively, and the most negative effects on cultural interactions and population dynamics, land price, and changes in lifestyle and security. Moreover, the results of Prometheus technique showed that the percentage of changes in tourism effects was 80% in Imamzadeh Abdolah, above 69% in Shivand, 59.14 in Mal agha, 27.26% in Robat Hazrat Soleiman, 17.69% in Abolabbas, 16.12% in Susan village, 10.75% in Pian, 10.63% in Sadat Hosseini village and 8.46% in Kamal village.

Originality/value- The community living in Izeh and Baghmalek cities have been facing many problems for many years. In such a way that the mentioned cities were deprived of the minimum facilities and welfare services. These problems are more pronounced in rural communities. Therefore, considering that the villages of the two cities, have natural potentials for tourism, handicrafts, local and indigenous products, etc., it is possible to develop tourism and take advantage of these capacities to improve facilities and services, income, quality of life, etc., in these villages.

Keywords- Rural Tourism, Economic and Social Effects, Prometheus Technique, Izeh and Baghmalek Counties

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1. Introduction

Today, tourism is one of the most promising activities, which is known as the gateway to development. Tourism was one of the most developed industries in the second half of the twentieth century and was often used as a key to economic growth, both in developed and developing countries. Many countries now derive their economic and social benefits from tourism and use tourism revenues to develop regional infrastructure. (Zarabi & Eslami Parikhani, 2011). Hence, in the present era, tourism industry is introduced as one of the pillars of sustainable development and as an invisible export, is one of the most lucrative and valuable industries and has a significant contribution in reducing poverty and improving living standards and positive cultural interactions (Asghari & Jafari, 2018). In other words, the tourism industry is a source of income and job creation at the local level. This industry can be an approach to economic development and especially when the profit of activities of other economic sectors is declining, is an alternative and a strategy for development (Heidari Sarban, 2017). Rural tourism is one of the types of tourism that associate with many other patterns of tourism (Jalali, 2016). Rural tourism and tourist economy are becoming the main pillars of economic development. Many development planners and policy makers also mention tourism industry as the main part of sustainable development, and in this regard, rural tourism with principled planning and identifying the advantages and limitations, can play an effective role in rural development and consequently national development and diversification of the national economy (Asghari & Jafari, 2018). Sustainable rural tourism seeks to meet the development requirements of the local community, improve the supply chain of local products, encourage local industries and professions, develop in accordance with environmental and social capacities, observe intergenerational justice, increase the stability of tourism revenues and the satisfaction of the host community (Bahrami, 2016). So, rural tourism with the aim of sustainable development of local communities in rural areas, as a tool for economic development (poverty reduction, development of small business centers, income distribution, etc.) and social development (entrepreneurship, migration prevention, communication with various cultures, local identity etc.) is one of the most important modern occupations in rural areas (Asghari & Jafari, 2018). In addition to these positive economic and social effects, tourism has created some negative consequences for these villages. Tourism can have negative social effects such as creating a theatrical effect, commodification of culture, displacement and migration, dependence, crime, addiction, change in the social values of the host community, and change of language (Motie Langroudi & Nosrati, 2011). The cities of Izeh and Baghmalek, with their numerous villages and tourism capabilities in the water sector (waterfalls, huge dams, rivers), pristine and lush rural nature and cultural attractions, have a high potential for attracting tourists and developing tourism. Due to the existence of tourist attractions and suitable geographical location, these two cities host many tourists from all parts of the country in spring and summer. Therefore, the present study seeks to assess the economic and social effects of tourism in the tourist villages of these cities.

2. Research Theoretical Literature

Attention to rural tourism clearly goes back to 1950s and in the 1960s its economic aspect was addressed by local communities. During the following decades, rural tourism was used as a tool for the development of rural communities, and in the meantime, experts have tried to increase the role of tourism in the economic and social revitalization of villages by providing different models and methods (Rezaei et al., 2012). Therefore, new policies were needed to help improve the socio-economic condition of rural communities. Weakening traditional economic activities in rural areas such as agriculture, mining and forestry during the last three decades has made it increasingly necessary to seek and apply new strategies to strengthen the economic base and diversify productive activities in rural areas (Jalalian et al., 2015). In the current situation, it is necessary to pay attention to the development and diversification of economic activities in rural communities such as rural industries, complementary industries and processing agricultural products and rural tourism (Sharifzadeh & Moradnejad, 2002).
2.1. The effects of rural tourism

There are various types of the effects of rural tourism which can generally be divided to economic, social, and environmental effects (Byrd, 2009). The achievements of the tourism industry are usually very complex and vary from region to region (Asghari & Jafari, 2018). Therefore, the positive and negative effects and consequences that tourism development has on the economic, social, and cultural dimensions of the visited areas are also different. Despite these conditions, identifying the consequences and effects on tourist areas is very necessary (Ebrahimnia Samakoush, 2013). As mentioned above, in this study, the economic and socio-cultural effects of rural tourism are considered.

**Economic effects**- Many researches have been conducted and emphasized on the contribution of tourism to economic growth. The results of practical and planning recommendations on the use of tourism development have also been presented as a tool for economic stimulation (Park & Stokowski, 2009). Thus, tourism can provide hopes to reduce poverty in rural areas and be a factor to prevent migration from rural to urban areas and increasing the rural population (Faraji Sabokbaret al., 2012) and help reduce the income gap between cities and villages, which is one of the goals of rural tourism (Motiei Langroudi & Kateb Azgami, 2017). In general, the tourism industry is useful for the rural community and provides the basis for diversification in various fields of production including agriculture, and creates many opportunities for work and employment. Other economic effects of tourism include increasing land price, construction of residential and tourist centers, creating weekly markets for the sale of agricultural products, and increasing income (Ebrahimnia Samakoush, 2013).

**Socio-cultural effects**- Socio-cultural effects of tourism are changes which occur in the lifestyles of people of tourists’ community and these changes mostly occur due to direct contact of the residents of that region and the tourists and the cultural effects are the changes that occur in art, customs, housing architecture, and the behavior of people living in the host community (Amini & Zeidi, 2015). These changes are long-term and will occur as a result of the growth and development of tourism. Since the results of tourism activities cause changes in daily life and culture of host community, the term "socio-cultural effects" is used to determine changes in the daily experiences of values, lifestyle, artistic and intellectual products of the host community (Roknadin Eftekhar et al., 2016). Reduction of security, rapture of rural culture, participation, traditions and customs, reduction of migration, etc. are other social effects of rural tourism (Nouri, 2012). Some views on the effects of tourism are listed in Table 4. According to these views, tourism is effective in economic and socio-cultural dimensions. In terms of economic dimension, tourism creates new jobs and provides job opportunities, increases the welfare of residents, reduces economic problems, increase GDP, creates sources of income and so on. In terms of socio-cultural dimensions, tourism has effects such as creating empathy, achieving peace, and developing local communities (see Table 1).

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<th>Views related to tourism</th>
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<td>Mathison &amp; val (1982)</td>
<td>Tourism has incredible effects on the economy of tourist areas, helping to create new jobs for people living in tourist regions and boosting other businesses in the area.</td>
<td>Economic effects on the region</td>
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<td>Brown (2000)</td>
<td>Tourism leads to the creation of international empathy, understanding and recognition and the realization of world peace.</td>
<td>Socio-cultural</td>
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<td>Sharpley (2002)</td>
<td>Tourism has been mentioned as an efficient catalyzer for socio-cultural reconstruction and development of the undeveloped areas.</td>
<td>Economic</td>
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<td>Robert R. Hirene (2003)</td>
<td>Protecting ecological values and welfare of local communities</td>
<td>Economic, social and environmental</td>
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<td>Kim (2005)</td>
<td>With the help of the government, tourism plays a stimulating role in eliminating economic problems in rural society.</td>
<td>Economic and social</td>
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<td>Dos (2009)</td>
<td>Tourism has numerous economic effects, including: foreign exchange earnings, increasing GDP, creating an income source for</td>
<td>Economics</td>
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2.2. Rural tourism development perspectives

Based on different perspectives, rural tourism has been proposed as a philosophy for rural development, which has three important perspectives. The first approach is as a strategy for rural development that reflects the characteristics of the rural environment. In this view, it is believed that rural tourism may not be the solution to all the problems of rural areas, but it is one of the methods that can have important economic effects and prevent the evacuation of villages. In the second perspective, tourism is known as a tool and policy to reconstruct the rural economy. This means that reconstruction involves various socio-economic processes that can make a qualitative change in the status quo. In fact, tourism can attract additional labor in various sectors of the economy and attract investment. In the third view, some have considered tourism as a policy and tool for sustainable rural development and protection of national resources. In this view, the balance between the final growth of tourism and the needs of protection and conservation of natural resources is emphasized (Roknadin Eftekhar & Qaderi, 2002).

The conceptual model of the research was drawn based on the economic and socio-cultural effects of rural tourism and factors effecting it (see Figure 1).

2.3. Theoretical background of the research

The effects of rural tourism have been a fertile ground for research among a range of social scientists who have often either endorsed or challenged the role of tourism as a medicine to solve all rural economic and social ills (Motiei...
Langroudi & Kateb Azgami, 2017). In the field of tourism and rural tourism in recent decades, numerous studies have been conducted in the form of books, articles and research projects in Iran and the world. Due to the increasing development of rural tourism and its place in the national and global economy, in the 21st century, the research process in this field is progressing. The summary of the researches conducted in the field is described in Table 2.

### Table 2. Research Background

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<td>Kim</td>
<td>2005</td>
<td>The role of tourism as a driver to solve the economic problems of rural community of Korea</td>
<td>The results indicated that the government and market play an important role in participation in rural development planning in this country.</td>
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<td>De La Torre</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Rural tourism as a choice to develop rural areas and employment in Spain</td>
<td>This research studies the model for forecasting the demand of rural tourists in the short and medium term and based on that, model of employment of rural tourism is extracted from this research.</td>
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<td>Gavrilă–Paven</td>
<td>2015</td>
<td>Tourism opportunities in traditional villages of Romania</td>
<td>Stating the potential tourism opportunities of small villages in Alba county in Romania, he considers tourism as a factor for economic development of villages and an alternative for agricultural dependency in rural communities which makes rural environment attractive to young people.</td>
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<td>Biddulph</td>
<td>2015</td>
<td>The effects of mass tourism in rural areas of Cambodia</td>
<td>Studying three rural areas of Cambodia, it was found out that, the main reason of poor villagers' migration in the past, was skill acquisition and employment in other places. Currently, these rural families make a living through tourism development in these villages.</td>
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<td>Shin et al.</td>
<td>2017</td>
<td>Evaluating the effect of tourism on the economy of the rural local community of Korea</td>
<td>The results of the research showed that, tourism effects the rural households' economic growth and tourism management can boost the local economic improvement.</td>
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<td>Ibañescu et al.</td>
<td>2018</td>
<td>The effect of tourism on sustainable development in rural areas of Romania</td>
<td>The social, economic, demographic and infrastructure effects of tourism were examined in this study and the results indicated that, there is difference between rural areas in case of mentioned indicators, the effects of tourism are more observable in villages that are more tourist-friendly.</td>
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<td>Lopes et al.</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>Evaluating the rural awareness about the effects of tourism in northeast of Portugal</td>
<td>In this study, the residents’ awareness of economic, sociocultural, and environmental effects of tourism was examined and the results showed that, the residents are aware of the positive effects of tourism and have less negative perception of it.</td>
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<td>Anabestani et al.</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>The economic, social, physical and environmental effects of tourism development on rural settlements from tourists and villagers’ perspectives (case study: Dasht-e-Arjan Fars)</td>
<td>Findings of the study showed that the most changes were in the environmental variable with a coefficient of 0.78. Tourism development has provided positive changes in economic, social, physical, and environmental dimensions in the villages of the region.</td>
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<td>Yaqubi</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>Tourism effects on rural development from the perspectives of Torqabeh rural residents in Binaloud city</td>
<td>The results of the study showed that, average economic effects of tourism were 41% and average social effects of tourism was 30%. The positive economic effects of tourism can be summarized in three factors: job and income development, government support, and rural economic diversification, and the positive social effects of tourism in three factors: development of social infrastructure, development of cooperation, and development of health and education infrastructure. Also in the negative effects, two influential factors were business and brokerage and the development of social anomalies.</td>
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Studying background of the research showed that rural tourism has positive and negative effects on the host community in terms of economic, socio-cultural, physical and environmental aspects. But the positive effects of tourism are more significant, and researchers believe that if managers make decisions to take advantage of potential opportunities and provide facilities to attract tourists, rural tourism is a very valuable way to reduce poverty, reduce migration, increase participation, increase services, numerous opportunities for work and employment, selling agricultural products, and so on. The present research has tried to study the tourism target villages of two neighboring cities. Due to the road location of these two cities and being in the transit route from Ahvaz to Isfahan and suitable weather conditions, natural, human and historical attractions, many tourists visit the rural areas of these two cities. Therefore, considering the various perspectives and potentials, the organizations in charge of tourism do not take the necessary advantage of tourism to strengthen rural development and are practically inattentive to the effects of tourism. Hence, the results of the present study can indicate the benefits of tourism in rural areas and be an attempt to attract the attention of the relevant organizations of the two cities and expand tourism in rural areas by making applicable decisions. Therefore, the present study can be innovative in terms of paying attention to the tourism target villages of Izeh and Baghmalek cities, which are deprived of the least facilities, determining the factors affecting the development of tourism and providing effective solutions. Moreover, the implementation of indicators (using the indicators that have been most common in the articles) and the use of different techniques such as Prometheus can be a distinguishing feature between the present study and previous studies.

3. Research Methodology

3.1 Geographical Scope of the Research

The cities of Izeh and Baghmalek are located in an oval plain in northeast of Khouzestan Province. These cities are between Chahar mahal and Bakhtiari, Kohgiloyeh and Boyer Ahmad provinces and the city of Masjed Soleiman. The geographical distance between the two cities is 44 km. Due to their mountainous and semi-mountainous locations and proximity to the Zagros Mountains, these two cities have an independent and cooler climate than other cities in the province. These two cities have a temperate and cold climate in winter and an almost cool and mountainous climate in summer (Ali Bakhshi, 2014). Due to these features and the benefit of natural (dams, waterfalls, and gardens), historical, cultural and other attractions, a large number of people of Khouzestan, Isfahan, Chahar mahal and Bakhteiari and other provinces visit these areas in the spring and summer. Figure 2 shows the geographical location of the villages under study.
3.2 Methodology
The present theoretical study is conducted with applied purposes using the descriptive–analytical method. Data were collected using library and field (questionnaire) methods. The statistical population of this study, which was conducted in spring and summer of 2019 were all heads of rural households, councils and rural municipalities in the rural areas of Izeh and Baghmalek cities. It is worth mentioning that, according to the research purpose, villages from both cities were selected for study that had tourism potentials. Nine villages were selected from the villages targeted by tourists (see Table 3). Then, based on the number of households, the sample size with an error of 5% was estimated at 242 people. Moreover, twenty people were selected to receive the opinions of experts and rural managers (members of Municipalities and Islamic councils).

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<td>Izeh</td>
<td>Shivand</td>
<td>141</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>Waterfall to a height of 90 meters, short distance from Karoun 3 dam, passenger dinghy and boating, pristine nature, pomegranates, peaches, grapes, figs, walnuts orchards, medicinal plants, handicrafts (carpet weaving, felt weaving)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Sadat Hoseini</td>
<td>413</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>Short distance from Karoun 3 dam, pristine nature, snow-capped mountains, springs and waterfalls, orchards (pomegranates, walnuts, grapes, figs, arch bridge, religious facilities and shrines, handicrafts (carpet weaving, felt weaving), medicinal plants</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Susan</td>
<td>539</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>Vast plains with attractive nature, water island, large agricultural fields, historical monuments, handicrafts (carpet weaving, felt weaving)</td>
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<td>Pian</td>
<td>178</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Green and vast plains, historical monuments</td>
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<td>Haji Kamal</td>
<td>385</td>
<td>91</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>various gardens, cool climate, snow-capped mountains, springs and waterfalls, abundant forests, handicrafts (carpet weaving, felt weaving)</td>
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<td>Baghmalek</td>
<td>Mal Agha</td>
<td>130</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>Very cool climate, pristine nature, significantly tall mountains, waterfalls, cold springs, gardens, paddy fields</td>
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<td>Robat</td>
<td>137</td>
<td>42</td>
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<td>Historical and religious places, cold climate, places</td>
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Table 3. Population, households, and sample size of villages under study
(Source: National Portal of Statistics, 2016)
Dimensions, indicators, and indices were operated in accordance with the research approach using initial screening method and the degree of repeatability. Then the validity of the questions (questionnaire) was confirmed by experts. Table 4 shows the screening and the degree of repeatability of the indicators. Finally, SPSS, FAHP and Prometheus statistical software were used to analyze the data.

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<td>Soleiman</td>
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<td>Seasonal farms, rivers, snow-capped mountains, gardens, pristine and lush nature, historical monuments</td>
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<td>Abolabbas</td>
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<td>90</td>
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Table 4. Operationalization of research indicators

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4. Research Findings

The general features of the respondents indicate that, in terms of gender, 91% of heads of the households were male and 9% were female. In terms of age, most of the respondents were between 35 to 45 years old. In terms of education, the highest frequency was related to primary education which includes about 48.2%. Then, six indicators were used to measure the factors affecting tourism demand in the studied villages. The results of the opinions of rural experts and managers show that the studied villages are in a good position in terms of these indicators. But natural attractions and a culture of acceptance are more favorable than other indicators (see Table 5).

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<td>3.03</td>
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<td>3.60</td>
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<td>Facilities for advertising tourist attractions</td>
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Table 5 lists the average economic and social indicators resulting from the effects of tourism based on the opinions of local residents and rural experts and managers. The results show that, from the perspective of statistical population, tourism has positive effects on the following: the price of rural lands, the provision of infrastructure, improvement of the level of education and health of housing, improving access to public services, creating and developing facilities, better recreation for the rural community, a sense of belonging to the place, increasing the level of public knowledge of the people, increasing the participation of the villagers in rural affairs, diversifying the local economy, creating demand for crops, garden products and livestock, expanding village customs, keeping alive local culture, strengthening intercultural connections and vitality due to the large presence of tourists. Tourism also has negative effects such as the tendency to use luxury and consumer goods, changes in people's attitudes towards rural life and urbanization, causing discomfort and unrest for the rural community, unfavorable cultural changes in the behavior of residents to simulate tourists and so on.

Table 6 lists the average economic and social indicators resulting from the effects of tourism based on the opinions of local residents and rural experts and managers. The results show that, from the perspective of statistical population, tourism has positive effects on the following: the price of rural lands, the provision of infrastructure, improvement of the level of education and health of housing, improving access to public services, creating and developing facilities, better recreation for the rural community, a sense of belonging to the place, increasing the level of public knowledge of the people, increasing the participation of the villagers in rural affairs, diversifying the local economy, creating demand for crops, garden products and livestock, expanding village customs, keeping alive local culture, strengthening intercultural connections and vitality due to the large presence of tourists. Tourism also has negative effects such as the tendency to use luxury and consumer goods, changes in people's attitudes towards rural life and urbanization, causing discomfort and unrest for the rural community, unfavorable cultural changes in the behavior of residents to simulate tourists and so on.

Table 6. Evaluating the tourism effects on rural areas from the local residents, and rural experts and managers’ perspectives

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<td>Increase purchasing power</td>
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<td>Capital inflows and investments into villages</td>
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<td>Reduce unemployment</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>Diversifying local economy</td>
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<td>Social</td>
<td>Local product demand</td>
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<td>4.14</td>
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<td>Adverse cultural changes in residents’ behavior due to imitating tourists</td>
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The results of univariate regression test showed that, tourism has been effective on improving facilities and services with 39%, local product demand with 32%, income with 17%, tendency to stay and migration with 14%, cultural interaction with 11%, land price and employment with 10%, and changing lifestyle and security of residents of studied villages with almost 10% (see Table 7). According to the obtained results it can be mentioned that, in addition to positive effects, tourism has had negative effects on target villages such as: increase in land price, security reduction, lifestyle changes (tendency to use luxury goods, adverse cultural changes, change in villagers' attitudes towards urbanization and cultural interactions and demographic dynamics (increased congestion, creating discomfort and unrest and reduction of family cohesion).

### Table 7. Analysis of tourism effects on target villages of Izeh and Baghmalek

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<td>Employment</td>
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<td>Improvement of facility and services</td>
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<td>Tendency to stay and migrate</td>
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<td>0.015</td>
<td>0.146</td>
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<td>Cultural interactions and demographic dynamic</td>
<td>2.243</td>
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In this part, the Prometheus technique was used for ranking tourism effects on rural areas. Prometheus technique is applied to evaluate and prioritize discrete options and choose the best option according to several criteria (measured with different skills). Prometheus techniques also work well in cases where decision-making criteria are in conflict with each other and decision-makers consider the basic information in the decision-making table to be insufficient.
(Karimzadeh et al., 2019). The rainbow shape of the Prometheus technique shows the status of the indicators used in the research by villages. According to Figure 3, the more the indicators are towards +1, the better they are, and the more they are towards -1, the worse they are. For example, in Emamzadeh Abdollah village, tourism has been able to have a significant impact on indicators of income, employment, sales of local products, improvement of facilities and services, migration, lifestyle, security and land prices. But this trend is reversed in negative indicators. The status of indicators of cultural interactions and well-being of life in this village is towards -1, which indicates that tourism has not been able to improve the well-being of life and positive cultural changes. Shivand village, despite being one of tourist hubs of Khuzestan province, and thanks to tourism has been able to improve the areas of income, employment, security, cultural change, prosperity of livestock and garden products market, facilities and services, etc., has not been able to contribute to the survival and stability of its population. The reasons for this could be the lack of access and communication facilities and the siege of Karoun-3 Dam. The status of the other villages is also evident in the figure.

Figure 3. The research indicators status by each village

Three output analysis (positive ranking, negative ranking, and net ranking) were done to rate rural areas based on (economic and social effects of tourism). When a criterion has the most positive values and the lowest negative values, it is placed higher than other options and represents more priority, and vice versa. As can be seen in Table 8, the village of Emamzadeh Abdollah due to its religious role and natural and human attractions was in the first place with a net flow rate of 0.743, a negative flow rate of 0.130 and a net flow rate of 0.613, the Shivand village was in second place due to the existence of various natural attractions (gardens, waterfalls, rivers, Karoun-3 Dam and temperate climate) and Mal Agha village was in third place due to natural attractions with a net value of 0.065. Despite the favorable natural and human conditions, the villages of Sadat Hosseini and Haji Kamal could not provide grounds for attracting tourists and took the last place compared to other villages.
Table 8. Ranking tourist villages of Izeh and Baghmalek based on tourism effects

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<td>Pian</td>
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<td>0.425</td>
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After determining the ranking status of villages, based on the amount of input and output, the percentage of changes in each village was obtained due to the effects of tourism. According to Table 9, the comparison between villages shows that the percentage of changes due to tourism effects in the studied villages was as follows: Imamzadeh Abdollah village 80%, Shivand village above 69%, Mal Agha village 59.14%, Robat Hazrat Soleiman 27.26%, Abolabbas village 17.69%, Susan 16.12%, Pian village 10.75%, Sadat Hoseini village 10.63 and Haji Kamal village 8.46%.

Table 9. Ranking tourist villages of Izeh and Baghmalek based on tourism effects

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<td>Mal Agha</td>
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5. Discussion and conclusion

Basically, the effects of rural tourism have already been used by developed countries from which they have achieved tremendous results. Today, it is obviously clear that tourism is a platform for job creation, poverty reduction and effective promotion of socio-cultural development of communities. Meanwhile, the geographical location of some villages has made it possible to experience other activities in addition to the main functions in order to improve socioeconomic status of the residents of these areas. The studied villages of Izeh and Baghmalek cities, due to favorable weather conditions and natural landscapes such as Karoun-3 Dam for swimming and boating, other landscapes such as oak mountains, springs and long waterfalls, orchards, local and indigenous, cultural works of art, handicrafts, various local souvenirs, as well as historical and archeological monuments, have provided suitable conditions for development of tourism. The high potentials of these areas have caused it to receive a large number of domestic and non-provincial tourists annually, especially in spring and summer, and have been significantly beneficial to the people of the region. At first, the results of the research showed that natural attractions, the villagers' culture of acceptance, historical monuments and access of the villages are suitable to attract tourists. The views of experts, rural managers, and local residents were used to evaluate the tourism effects on social and economic indicators. The results showed that rural tourism has positive effects such as improving facilities and services, demand for local products, income, incentive to stay and migrate, etc. and negative effects on cultural interactions and demographic dynamics, land prices, security and change of lifestyle.
In another part of the research, the Prometheus technique was used to rank the effects of tourism on rural areas. The technique showed that the status of social and economic indicators are not similar in the villages and in some villages the tourism effects are greater than in other villages. For ranking rural areas based on (economic and social effects of tourism), three output analysis (positive ranking, negative ranking, and net ranking) have been performed, which show that Imamzadeh Abdollah village was in the first place, Shivand was in second place and the third place belonged to Mal Agha. The villages of Sadat Hoseini and Haji Kamal, despite the favorable natural and human conditions, could not provide the grounds for attracting tourists and were in the last places compared to other villages. Therefore, the comparison between villages shows that the percentage of changes due to tourism effects in the studied villages was as follows: Imamzadeh Abdollah village 80%, Shivand village above 69%, Mal Agha village 59.14%, Robat Hazrat Soleiman 27.26%, Abolabba village 17.69%, Susan 16.12%, Pian village 10.75%, Sadat Hoseini village 10.63 and Haji Kamal village 8.46.

The results of this study are consistent with previous studies such as Kim (2005), Gavrilă-Paven (2015), Shin et al. (2017), Anabestani, Saeidi and Darvishi (2012), Riahi et al (2016) and Asghari and Jafari (2018).

According to the results of the study, the following suggestions are provided:

- Providing more facilities and services (Hotels, inns, ecotourism resorts, etc.) in the target villages of tourism due to the fact that Izeh and Baghmalek are located on the way between other cities. This will lead to increased customer retention in tourism industry;
- Enhancing infrastructure (transportation, roads, mobile network and coverage, internet, etc.) in the target villages of tourism especially Mal Agha, Shivand, Susan, and Sadat Hoseini villages that are mostly tourist destinations;
- Using appropriate advertising about the tourist attractions of the mentioned villages such as Shivand waterfall, Mal Agha’s forest and so on which can lead to attract more tourists;
- Holding festivals and rituals of harvesting agricultural products, especially pomegranates, walnuts, and grapes in Shivand, Mal Agha, Sadat Hoseini and Hazrat Soleiman;
- Increasing the awareness of rural residents so as not to be influenced by the negative behaviors of tourists.

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ارزیابی اثرات اقتصادی و اجتماعی گردشگری بر روستاهای کم‌شرکت شیراز ناهاری ایذه و باغلکم

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چکیده

مقدمه

گردشگری روستایی یکی از این گردشگری است که با پایداری این کارهای دیگر گردشگری پیوند دارد. گردشگری روستایی و اقتصاد گردشگری در حال نیازمندی به توجه اهمیت اقتصادی و اجتماعی گردشگری روستایی در مناطق توریستی بسیار بوده. مطالعه این پژوهش در فصل بهار و تابستان در مناطق روستایی است. علمی اخلاقی گردشگری و اصول و شیوه‌های جامعه‌بندی و ارزشمندی‌های اجتماعی را بهبود بخشیده است. این جامعه با ارزش‌های محیطی و اجتماعی، راه حلی میتواند بیشتر این مفاد را در پایه باشد.

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Explaining the Model of Post-Disaster Temporary Accommodation Strategy (Case Study: Sarpol-e Zahab, Kermanshah)

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Abstract

Purpose- The study aims to identify the main problems of temporary accommodation strategies and to discuss some principles and guidelines in order to assist decision-makers for choosing the most suitable strategy and reach better temporary accommodation solutions.

Design/methodology/approach- The present research is of applied type and has been done by descriptive-analytical method. Documentary and library methods have been used to collect information. In this study, the main focus is on providing qualitative components of post-disaster accommodation in the form of a strategic model as a platform for decision makers in crisis situations.

Findings- This research presents a comprehensive strategy in temporary accommodation planning for decision makers by separating the two organizational and technical parts into three main parts (strategic, programmed and project level). To make the necessary decisions based on the personalization of the effective factors in each situation.

Research limitations/implications- At the time of the disaster, due to emergency, it is impossible to address all the parameters affecting the planning of temporary accommodation. In addition, each affected area has its own individual circumstances, which lead to the choice of its own strategy. It is essential to address the pre-disaster planning process and to have a model that can cover human error and consider the correspondence between the former and the new.

Practical implications- By applying a systematic strategy of temporary accommodation, in each area according to local data, while determining the stages of necessary activities in the time pre-disaster, disaster and post-disaster, can reduce the risks of crisis and increase resilience in the affected communities.

Originality/value- This article initiated an innovative systematic strategy of temporary accommodation which, be considered a series of actions as processes for fulfilling certain needs rather than as objects only such as tents or buildings.

Keywords- Post disaster temporary accommodation, Temporary housing, displaced people, Resilience, Strategy.

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1. Introduction

Over the last decade, 200 million people have been affected by natural disasters and hazards, 98% of whom lived in developing countries where climate change causes extreme temperatures, increased flooding, intense heat waves, and droughts (Aquilino, 2011). Those who lost their homes to natural disasters needed somewhere to live while their houses were rebuilt or needed to find alternative accommodations (Collins et al. 2010; Davis, 1982). The years between living in emergency accommodations and permanent houses present a time gap that needs to be bridged by temporary housing (TH) (Johnson et al. 2006). However, these temporary houses have, to date, been criticized for their inability to meet the expectations of displaced people (DP) (Chen et al., 2013).

People affected by a natural disaster have the right to live with dignity and to receive assistance to alleviate human suffering (Sphere Association, 2018) In general, to recover natural-affected population there are three different recovery phases: (1) emergency, (2) temporary, and (3) permanent accommodation (Lizarralde et al. 2009). During the reconstruction of permanent housing, it is a challenge to provide temporary accommodation that can supply security and personal safety, as well as offer protection from the adverse weather conditions, immunize people of diseases, and other possible dangers (Collins et al. 2010; Davis 1978; Félix et al. 2013).

Additionally, to bridge the time gap between natural disaster and permanent housing reconstruction, the DP need a place which enhance their opportunity to return to their normal activities (Davidson et al. 2007; Corsellis & Vitale 2011; Quarantelli 1995). Furthermore, the provision of temporary housing (TH) is a crucial issue in terms of sustainability due to the economic, social, and environmental aspects involved (Barakat, 2003; Chandler et al., 2007; El-Anwar et al., 2009; Hadafi & Fallahi, 2010; Johnson, 2002; Sadiqi et al., 2012; Wei et al., 2012).

TH planning has usually been accomplished in emergency situations after natural disasters (Johnson, 2002). The large amount of TH needs and DP pressure on authorities have a considerable negative impact on the decision-making processes. In general, recovery programs end into failure, when decision-makers neglect to consider correspondences between short- and long-term requirements of all local stakeholders and the characteristics of the chosen TH. Furthermore, strategies, which are provided by a restrained group of professionals, often fail to address the DP expectations (Lizarralde & Davidson 2006). To deal with this objective problem it is necessary to consider a wide range of factors involved, which derive from TH systems and actors beyond this system (Johnson 2007a).

These mentioned problems can be lessened by considering all factors involved in the whole life cycle of TH with regard to special conditions of each case and context. As different areas with diverse local living standards and prosperity require particular strategies (Johnson, 2007a; United Nations Disaster Relief Organization, UNDRO, 1982), a response to different natural-affected-areas need to have an individual approach (Kennedy et al. 2008). In this regard, Nigg et al. (2006) stated that the post-disaster accommodation (PDA) typology is not particular or collectively comprehensive; the refinement of typology of these accommodations is required to achieve suitable customized solutions. Additionally, Da Silva (2010) declared that the most adequate programs should be chosen based on: the DP skills and capacity, the availability of the local materials, the housing design and construction type, the reconstruction timescale and the funding availability.

Therefore, it is necessary to consider all factors in terms of fitting with different situations and priorities of stakeholders, including some factors of less importance than others. For instance, site location, which seems to have lower priorities than timing, has a considerable impact on TH delivery time (Johnson, 2002) as one of the major indicators. Furthermore, the importance of indicators can vary from case to case based on natural disasters types and scales. To this end, awareness about outcomes of used PDA in previous recovery programs with the particular circumstances is vital to utilize some PDA approaches for a new case. In line with this, it is difficult to guarantee that the PDA program which has been useful for one case will be suitable for another case with different conditions. In other words, the determination of factors involved in each PDA provision and revealing outcomes, can provide explicit initial outlines.

Therefore, the objective of this research is to present a platform for decision-makers in hazard-prone areas for selecting the suitable post-disaster...
accommodation (PDA) strategy to implement, based on short-term and long-term requirements. This platform considers the integration of all associated factors which are organized into three main vertexes: (1) local characteristics, (2) natural disasters, and (3) PDA properties. Additionally, this study aims to display influences of these elements on choosing strategies, which were previously used for PDA provision. In this sense, the main questions to be solved in this research are: - Which are the main requirements involved in PDA strategies and the constituents?

2. Research Theoretical Literature
2.1. Research Background
Numerous significant research studies have focused on defining the issues related to TH, especially organizational system. However, only a few studies consider TH optimization (El-Anwar et al. 2009), sustainable construction (Yi & Yang, 2014), and technical aspects. Additionally, to provide a proper PDA it is necessary to distinguish between two different areas of recovery programs (organizational and technical systems). To this end, other researches that deal with issues and aspects (provision, location, and second life) also considered in this research have been previously carried out (see Table 1)

2.2. Post-disaster housing phases
According to (Johnson et al. 2006; Quarantelli, 1995), the post-disaster housing phases are in general as follow: (1) emergency shelter (within hours), (2) temporary shelter (within days), (3) temporary housing (TH) (within weeks), and (4) permanent (within years). Quarantelli (1995) makes a distinction between sheltering and housing. While sheltering refers to a place to stay during the aftermath of the disaster suspending daily activities, housing Immediate denotes the return to household responsibilities and daily routine. (Johnson, 2002). Additionally, UNDRO (1982) considered three phases for post-disaster recovery program: (1) intermediate relief (impact to 5 day), (2) rehabilitation (day 3 to 5 months), and (3) reconstruction (3 month onward).

2.3. Temporary housing provision approach
In general, post-disaster recovery programs in terms of TH provision can be organized into (1) separate (individual) stages and (2) joint stages, in the first approach, a specific accommodation is used for each recovery phase encompassing the emergency, temporary, and permanent housing phases. However, some materials of these houses can be reused for the next housing phase or a complete unit can be utilized without advanced planning. (Khazai & Hausler, 2005). In the second approach, a settlement that had been used for one of the recovery phases can be operated for other phases with or without modification. (Hadafi & Fallahi, 2010). Furthermore, TH can even play a transition role or permanent housing when the DP does not desire to leave or cannot return to their permanent housing (Peacock et al. 2007).

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2.4. Post-disaster accommodation arrangement

The factors involved in PDA provision, especially TH, from planning to second life, have been considered in PDA arrangement as housing properties. Table 2 and Figure 1. Presents PDA arrangement, which includes: the time-scale, provision, and second life of TH. The time-scale index embraces different post-disaster phase, diverse requirements, and features of accommodations which must be provided for DP. The provision styles index considers the PDA variety in order to provide this accommodation type and associated factors. The second life index takes into account the alternative scenarios of using TH after moving DP to the permanent housing.

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<td>Time-scale</td>
<td>PDA phases differ from each other in terms of the time - (emergency shelter, temporary shelter, temporary housing, and permanent housing, and, within hours, a day or two, weeks, and few years, respectively) - of the provision process, operation, and also services</td>
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<td>Housing styles</td>
<td>(1) available TH that does not need to be provided, such as available rental apartments and some of collective living quarters, and (2) Not Available TH (NATH) that needs to be constructed, such as mobile housing units (shipping containers, trailers, etc.)</td>
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<td>Site location</td>
<td>- involves many steps from planning to construction, consisting of an initial inventory, alternative analysis, assessment, detailed design, and construction procedures and services. - The NATH site location can be chosen by two approaches: camp (grouped) and yard of DP’ pre-disaster housing (dispersed).</td>
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<td>Construction system</td>
<td>TH units for the provision of NATH have been using on-site masonry construction and prefabrication system consists of (1) ready-made units that are totally constructed in a factory and moved to the site, such as containers or mobile homes; and (2) supply kits whose elements have been produced in a factory and subsequently assembled on-site.</td>
<td>Hosseini et al. (2016)</td>
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<td>Labor</td>
<td>There are four labour methods: direct, community, contract, and self-help labour. Meanwhile, by focuses more on technical aspects, the labour methods organized into a couple of main categories: participation and third-party labour methods. The participation method embraces construction approaches when DP only (self-built) or DP with community (semi self-built) undertakes to provide the PDA The third-party labor method considers the construction approaches to provide DPs’ accommodations by other people without the participation of the DP in the construction process.</td>
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<td>Materials and building</td>
<td>(1) conventional materials which include the common materials of the building</td>
<td>Arslan &amp; Cosgun (2007)</td>
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<td>Temporary housing second life</td>
<td>TH normally be used for a maximum of five years, after this time, named the &quot;second life of TH; include of (1) reuse and (2) storage for potential use, such as future post-disaster TH. According to other author there are two diverse approaches for TH units (THUs), reuse; (1) complete building and (2) component usage. Complete buildings of THUs can be used in different ways in terms of location (same or another location), property condition (THUs can be sold, rented or donated), and function (same or other function). The components of THUs are used as main building components, raw materials, and recycled materials.</td>
<td>Johnson (2009) Arslan (2008) Cosgun (2008)</td>
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<td>Local characteristics</td>
<td>(1) Local potentials, which consider local possibilities of providing temporary accommodation for DP groups based on material and immaterial properties; and (2) affected population by natural disaster with different-features which include DP and others, that play an important role in PDA provision. In other studies, local characteristics have been defined by vulnerability; include of population’s capacity to resist and cope with natural disaster</td>
<td>Blaikie et al. (2014) UNDRO (1982) Sliwinsky (2007)</td>
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<td>Local potential</td>
<td>Economic, social, and environmental aspects of affected area that are essential to be assessed in terms of (1) vulnerability of the local population against probabilistic natural hazard and (2) alternative temporary accommodation which can be utilized after the disaster.</td>
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<td>Stakeholders</td>
<td>It is useful to consider the similarities and differences in the interests of stakeholder groups affected by temporary settlement. This might help to develop common operational guidelines which could improve co-ordination and co-operation between different organizations in the field.</td>
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<td>Debris removal</td>
<td>Is a priority to enable the provision of shelter and the establishment of appropriate settlement solutions, The use, management, ownership and environmental impact of disposal sites should be considered.</td>
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<td>legal context</td>
<td>An awareness of local and national laws is essential in order to understand the socio-political context of a settlement: local and national laws will affect the use of land for settlements.</td>
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2.5. The minimum standards of Shelter and settlement

The Humanitarian Charter expresses all people affected by disaster or conflict have a right to receive protection, security and assistance to ensure the basic conditions for life with dignity. Shelter is a critical determinant for survival in the initial stages of a disaster. Beyond survival, shelter is necessary to provide security, personal safety and protection from the climate and to promote resistance to ill health and disease. It is also important for human dignity, to sustain family and community life and to enable affected populations to recover from the impact of disaster. (Sphere Association, 2018)

Non-displaced disaster-affected populations should be assisted on the site of their original homes with temporary or transitional household shelter, or with resources for the repair or construction of appropriate shelter. Individual household factors including the extent of the assistance provided, land-use rights or ownership, the availability of essential services and the opportunities for upgrading and expanding the shelter. Displaced populations who are unable to return to their original homes often prefer to stay with other family members or people with whom they share historical, religious or other ties, and should be assisted to do so. When such dispersed settlement is not possible, temporary communal settlement can be provided in planned or self-settled camps, along with temporary or transitional household shelter, or in suitable large public buildings used as collective centers. (Sphere Association, 2018)

The minimum standards are not a complete expression of the right to adequate housing as defined by the relevant international legal instruments (Fig. 2). Rather, the minimum standards reflect the core content of the right to adequate housing and contribute to the progressive
realisation of this right. this right of minimum standards of Shelter and settlement assorted in follow table 3.

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<th>Contribute to the security, safety, health and well-being, promote recovery and reconstruction.</th>
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<td>Standard 2: Settlement planning</td>
<td>The planning of return, host or temporary communal settlements enables the safe and secure use of accommodation and essential services by the affected population.</td>
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<td>Standard 3: Covered living space</td>
<td>People have sufficient covered living space providing thermal comfort, fresh air and protection from the climate ensuring their privacy, safety and health and enabling essential household and livelihood activities to be undertaken</td>
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<td>Standard 4: Construction</td>
<td>Local safe building practices, materials, expertise and capacities are used where appropriate, maximizing the involvement of the affected population and local livelihood opportunities</td>
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<td>Standard 5: Environmental impact</td>
<td>Shelter and settlement solutions and the material sourcing and construction techniques used minimize adverse impact on the local natural environment.</td>
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3. Research Methodology

3.1. Geographical Scope of the Research
Sarpol-e Zahab earthquake with magnitude 7/3 occurred at 21.48 pm local time on November 11 2017, near Azgaleh city in Kermanshah province in northwestern Iran. The earthquake destroy large parts of Sarpol-e Zahab city and many cities and villages of Kermanshah province. Earthquake power to it was so big that it was felt even hundreds of kilometers from the earthquake center, even in Tehran. At least eight cities have been affected by the earthquake in Sarpol-e Zahab (Qasr-e Shirin, Azgaleh, Salas Babajani, Gilan-e Gharb, Sar-e Poltabah, Dalahoo, Islamabad West and Javanrood) and 1933 villages were damaged. According to forensic statistics as of 18 December 2017, Over 579 people were killed in the earthquake and thousands were injured. (IEES, 2017)

3.2. Methodology
The present research is of applied type and has been done by descriptive-analytical method. Documentary and library methods have been used to collect information. In this study, the main focus is on providing qualitative components of post-disaster housing in the form of a strategic model as a platform for decision makers in crisis situations.

3.3. Review of measures taken in the area of temporary accommodation and reconstruction
The magnitude of damages caused by the Kermanshah earthquake and the dispersal of the affected areas have caused the resettlement process. Temporary and reconstructed earthquakes pose different challenges in terms of physical, social and economic aspects. In this Section Summary of Actions in the Area of Temporary settlement and Reconstruction, Challenges Overview Hint will be put.

3.4. Provision of temporary accommodation
Due to the destruction of most public buildings in affected areas, especially schools, it was not possible to use these places for the temporary accommodation of earthquake survivors. As a result, the government's main program is provided the container houses, for temporary accommodation. For this purpose, a contract was signed between the Housing Foundation of the Islamic Revolution and the IRGC 15,000 container houses, were provided for the quake-hit areas. In addition, people, donors and celebrities have taken action to provide shelters for the affected areas there are various ways to providing container...
houses, in some cases, prefabricated parts are in place they are shipped and assembled in the workshop and then transported. Figure 2 also in some cases prefabricated shelters are sent and installed to the area in a relatively complete manner by truck or trailer.

Figure 2. (a) Left: The container houses, Construction Workshop near the Quick Villages. Figure 2. (b) Right: A fully prefabricated temporary shelter carried by a trailer. (Source: IEES, 2017)

There were major challenges in providing temporary housing for survivors, some of which are as follows: (IEES, 2017)

3.5. Problems Related to Infrastructure Requirements
One of the problems related to the camps and Temporary shelters, water supply needed for drinking, sanitation, and health issues, as well as electricity supply and Phone access. Thus, it was necessary to prepare and install them before the camps were set up. Water pipelines, electricity and telecommunication equipment, sewage disposal facilities are also considered. This dilemma has led to, for example, the use of toilets or Bathrooms, residents of temporary shelters may in some cases have many problems.

3.6. Climatic Problems

The container houses, is not a good fit for the climate conditions of the region. Not very compatible with the climate of the region. In recent days, there has been talk of displacement and reversal some of the container houses, have been released due to local storms. It seems like providing temporary housing to the affected villages with using local materials and capabilities can also create Employment for survivors will perform better and accelerate the process. In some villages indigenous tents are being developed by people using fabrics such as cloth, straw and nylon, which is also more adaptable to the climate of the region. The heating mechanism of these tents is often petroleum heaters or valve lights which can endanger the health of survivors through the limited space inside the tent.

Figure 3. (a) Left: Manufacture of native tents by some survivors. (Internal space) Figure 3. (b) Right: Manufacture of native tents by some survivors. (Outdoor space) (Source: IEES, 2017)
3.7. Cultural Issues

Considering that the establishment of shelters without regard to cultural issues and with the social going on in the region, privacy and ethnic issues can be dealt with the future will create problems for the affected community. Such problems in past seismic events The Bam earthquake in particular has also been frequently reported.

3.8. Rights and Ownership

Putting container houses, on land owned by other people is tense. There are some villages. For example in the village of zarde payin the landowner desired of the IRGC prevented the camps from setting up camps on their land and tensions in the village Created thereafter.

3.9. Creating Secondary Problems in Reconstruction

Many prefabricated units on private land and they are installed in the vicinity of damaged houses. This can restructure due to limitations Space has problems. Also building temporary housing in the vicinity of damaged units has caused some problems with the removal.

3.10. Feeling Discriminated

Differences in the type of shelters offered to people in temporary housing, it has created a sense of discrimination among the people of the region. While some people in tents they have a hard time living, some of them taking advantage of well-built shelters. Even the difference the type of prefabricated shelters has also intensified the feeling among the people. Shelters All funded by the government have the same size and specifications, but the shelters People's donations range in size from small to large. Hence the conflicts at the regional level Damage is observed when receiving shelter.

3.11. Debris Removal

Many of the buildings in the area were destroyed by the earthquake, and a large amount of debris remained. Thus, the debris removal operations were carried out with the aim of searching and rescuing, reopening roads and preparing the ground for Housing and reconstruction began in the early hours after the earthquake by heavy machinery sent to the area. There are, of course, a number of problems in the removal operations, the most important being the following the problem of lack of proper space for the debris depot has caused the debris to discharge in areas where Can have future environmental consequences. The riverbeds, the roads, the proximity Slopes and ... are some of the places used to dump waste. In general, the necessary location for this important It's not done Rubble depot in different plains and areas that can have environmental consequences there is no plan for earthquake recycling. Only available iron by local buyers it is separated from the rubble and the rest of the rubble removed by truck is transported out of the city. It seems if such programs exist, the volume of debris would be reduced and in addition to saving the need Materials during the reconstruction, it was possible to preserve the environment in a more desirable way.

3.12. People's Participation

Residents of affected areas should be directly involved in the reconstruction process in Participate in remediation actions. This increases the acceptability of the result of the work, creating the job and the social consequences of the earthquake will be reduced and the work process will accelerate. Also because the reconstruction process is acceptable to the disadvantaged sections of the community; Obtain people's opinions, or at least their representatives, in decision-making sessions. Without the opinion of the affected people was not a successful reconstruction process and the result was widely used it won't take. In this regard, in the process of temporary housing, unfortunately, the participation and how to use it for the affected people has not been given much attention.

3.13. Livelihoods

Currently, the region's economic infrastructure is often damaged and in the future as a major problem, employment and livelihoods will grip people. Many livestock in the village has been destroyed or inevitably sold out, and livestock in these conditions are almost impossible. Therefore, besides paying attention to housing reconstruction, there are ways to ensure people's livelihood Think about reducing the effects of unemployment as much as possible. Some of the solutions available in these relationships are as follows:

- Craftsmanship training and creating handmade cooperatives for the sale of manufactured items
- Providing employment with new apprenticeships
- Creating job opportunities by distributing micro loans in affected villages
- Helping restore the region's economic infrastructure, particularly in agriculture and livestock, by providing loans or private sector investments
- Providing facilities for resumption of earthquake-affected jobs

**4. Research Findings**

This research presents a comprehensive strategy in temporary accommodation planning for decision makers by separating the two organizational and technical parts into three main parts (strategic, programmed and project level), to make the necessary decisions in disaster areas. This new strategy has the ability to be generalized in similar examples, based on the prioritization of components according to the local context of each disaster. Regardless of the prosperity level of populated areas, almost all affected areas are struggling with post-disaster housing (PDH) aftermath of natural disasters. In these areas TH is the first priority phase for the government (Hidayat 2010) because TH offers security and safety to Displaced People (DP) so they can return the pre-disaster conditions (Collins et al. 2010; Johnson 2007a). However, most Temporary Housing Units (THUs) that have been used for previous recovery programs are rejected by most experts (Johnson 2009). In general, THUs usually do not satisfy all stakeholders due to numerous weaknesses. According to numerous experts (Barakat 2003; Chandler et al., 2007; El-Anwar et al. 2009; Hadafi & Fallahi 2010; Johnson 2002), these units have had economic, social, and environmental problems.

According to Lizarralde & Davidson (2006), PDH strategies often fail to address the DP expectations. In this regard, Simon (1996) stated that dealing with complex emergency situations cannot rely only on decision-makers due to the bounded rationality (cited by (Kapucu & Garayev 2011)). Additionally, decision-making processes are usually implemented after natural disasters under high pressure and stressful conditions in extremely tight timeframes. Meanwhile, it is necessary to consider long-term planning (Kennedy et al. 2008) and all stakeholders’ participation in decision-making to achieve suitable outcomes. Furthermore, Davidson (2009) stated that even for building construction in normal situations it is necessary to consider stakeholders’ characteristics, such as culture in order to achieve appropriate organizational forms. Additionally, it should be emphasized that the organizational strategy has great impact on the supervisors’ roles, which is one of the key issues for PDA provision (Gharaati & Davidson 2008). Additionally, according to United Nations Disaster Relief Organization (UNDRO) (1982), each affected area has individual conditions that lead to choose its particular strategy. Furthermore, different natural disasters have diverse impacts (Lindell & Prater 2003), which need to be considered individually. Therefore, decision-makers need to choose a suitable strategy to deal with PDH issue, which embraces intertwined interior and exterior factors that could have antithetical impacts on each particular case (Hall, 1962) (cited by (Johnson 2007a)). Thus, if decision-makers do not apply previous recovery strategies there is no platform for decision-making process. Moreover, when previous strategies are used there is no guarantee to achieve similar outcomes. In this regard, Kapucu & Garayev (2011) stated that traditional decision-making approaches cannot be used in emergencies, which need flexible tools. Therefore, it is necessary to have a model that could cover human errors and consider the correspondences and interconnections between previous cases and new cases.

The provision of well-planned settlement solutions for people who have been displaced by conflict or natural disasters is crucially important. Bad planning of settlements can have a number of negative effects, in the worst case destabilising whole countries or even entire regions. In contrast, well-planned settlements can have a positive impact which extends beyond the provision of basic shelter. The influx of large numbers of displaced people into an area, and any TH response to their needs, will have consequences beyond the displaced population itself. Both the local and displaced populations can expect temporary settlement to have an impact on their lives in many ways:

- protection and security
- survival and health
- social needs, such as privacy and dignity
- livelihoods
- natural-resource management
- communal service infrastructure.

It is essential for organisations responsible for implementing TH programmes to be aware of these consequences, in order to reduce the negative effects and increase the positive effects of their work. As studied in the case of Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab,
most post-disaster accommodation programs have problems with climate, culture, livelihood and society, which are due to misunderstanding and lack of study of the real context and conditions of people affected by the accident.

For instance, TH responses which match the cultural expectations of the displaced population are less likely to fracture social structures, or to disrupt existing communities within the displaced population. Friction between or within families, or conflicts between clans or ethnic groups, may be reduced through appropriate TH responses. Adapting generic guidelines for the temporary settlement of displaced populations to local and cultural circumstances must be based on sound assessment, monitoring, and evaluation – matters.

The approach of these guidelines to the TH of displaced populations is based on a holistic interpretation of the need for ‘shelter’. It goes beyond the temporary provision of tents and camps, aiming instead to support all the settlement and shelter options that are open to displaced people have been categorised into six ‘TH programme options. Figure 4. (Corsellis & Vitale, 2011).

Based on a demand and capacity logic and based on studies of minimum standards of (Sphere Association, 2018) the temporary shelters system can be divided into three sub-systems as follow:

- Temporary housing
- Temporary social elements
- Temporary common services or facilities

Each of the above sub-systems has its specific spatial unit(s), and these units can be of three private, semi-private, and public type. It is suggested that these units are planned based on the following measures:

- Providing a minimum level of comfort and welfare
- Providing the mental support for refugees
- Following the standards for various functions of spaces
- Organizing the spaces based on their pre-planned functions
- Taking into consideration the local and environmental factors
- Considering multi-functioning for some spaces, if possible
- Creating the tendency of returning back to permanent residence
- Considering the sustainable development principles

Using the experiences gained form the past earthquakes as well as “post occupancy evaluation” are very helpful for meeting the above measures. According to the study of the problems of Sarpol-e Zahab in temporary accommodation, the desired solutions, experts and also the minimum standards of (Sphere Association, 2018) can be divided into four economic, social, cultural and environmental areas in the table 4 below.

![Figure 4. Six ‘TH programmed options.](Source: Corsellis & Vitale, 2011).
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<td>Ec.</td>
<td>It is useful to consider the similarities and differences in the interests of stakeholder groups affected by temporary settlement. This might help to develop common operational guidelines which could improve co-ordination and co-operation between different organizations in the field.</td>
<td>Corsellis, (2011). Shelter Center, (2012)</td>
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<td>Livelihoods are defined as a range of resource arrangement strategies of production, consumption, and exchange for improving human living conditions.</td>
<td>Twigg, (2006). Allison and Ellis, (2001)</td>
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<td>Space surrounding the units can also be used for cultivating zones or work spaces, which may be profitable for the families’ economy. Since a settlement is not just a collection of individual household’s design beyond the units is a key to create greater living environments for temporary settlements.</td>
<td>Kellett, Moore, (2003)</td>
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<td>simple construction systems that are easy to assembly and dismantle, and that use small elements, which are easier to handle, should be preferred</td>
<td>Arslan, (2007)</td>
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<td>Recovering the sense of community is very important in post disaster situations and the real meaning of the term community is in the richness of social-relationships</td>
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<td>The relation between the temporary housing units and these public spaces and buildings has to be carefully designed too. It is important to yield buffer zones from public domain to the units’ private area in order to exist privacy among neighbors, as well as to facilitate social support and interaction.</td>
<td>Caia et al, (2010)</td>
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<td>The units’ location has to be carefully established to ensure that people do not feel displaced, and that they are closer to their work places, services and amenities. Usually temporary housing units are built in periphery areas, which can cause social isolation and the need for extra infrastructure and services such as bus transportation.</td>
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<td>participation has to be locally decided according to the context</td>
<td>Davidson et al., (2007).</td>
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<td>An awareness of local and national laws (Legal context), is essential in order to understand the socio-political context of a settlement. local and national laws will affect the use of land for settlements.                                                                llib</td>
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<td>Skills training programmes and apprenticeship schemes can maximise opportunities for participation during construction, particularly for individuals lacking the required building skills or experience.</td>
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<td>Neighborhood planning should support existing social networks, contribute to security and enable self-management by the affected population. The plot layout in temporary planned camps should maintain the privacy and dignity of separate households by ensuring that each household shelter opens onto common space or a screened area for the use of the household instead of being opposite the entrance to another shelter.</td>
<td>Sphere Project, (2018)</td>
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<td>Cul.</td>
<td>Local resources, such as materials, construction techniques and workforce, greatly contributes to reduce costs, to improve local economy and to provide better cultural and local integration.</td>
<td>Gulahane &amp; Gokhale, (2012)</td>
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<td>Local characteristics: (1) Local potentials, which consider local possibilities of providing temporary accommodation based on material and immaterial properties; and (2) affected population by natural disaster with different-features which include DP and others, that play an important role in PDA provision.</td>
<td>Blaikie et al. (2014). UNDRO (1982), Sliwinsky, (2007)</td>
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<td>ensuring adequate space provision and privacy in both individual household shelters and temporary collective accommodation. Sufficient space should be provided for culturally appropriate burials and associated rituals.</td>
<td>Sphere Project, (2018)</td>
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<td>Understand precise local context in order to provide solutions that match with their future users and environment</td>
<td>Johnson, (2007a), UNDRO, (1982).</td>
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<td>Flexibility is crucial to allow simple and quick transformations that make the unit able to accommodate these multifunctional spaces. Essential to make users capable of customizing and personalizing their units, making additions or modifications according to their needs and possibilities. In disaster scenarios housing is often a work place for families.</td>
<td>UNDRO, 1982, Kellett &amp; Tipple, (2000), ElMasri &amp; Kellett, (2001), Barakat, (2003), Bedoya, (2004), Lizarralde &amp; Davidson, (2006), Lizarralde &amp; Root, (2007), Arslan &amp; Cosgun, (2008), Sener &amp; Altun, (2009).</td>
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<td>meeting people’s aspirations and incorporating local forms of housing</td>
<td>Barakat, (2003)</td>
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<td>The use of local resources does not mean that innovation should not be used; if properly introduced and culturally integrated, some new materials and technologies may considerably contribute to improve housing solutions after disasters</td>
<td>Davidson et al., (2007), Garofalo &amp; Hill, (2008), Shaw, Takeuchi, Uy &amp; Sharma, (2008).</td>
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<td>Existing local practices in the use of covered living space accommodation of extended family members, should inform the covered area required.</td>
<td>Sphere Project, (2018)</td>
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<td>Construction resilience should be consistent with known climatic conditions and natural hazards and should consider adaptations to address the local impact of climate change.</td>
<td>Corsellis, (2011), Shelter Center, (2012).</td>
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<td>Reversibility of the construction process; This strategy proposes the possibility to reintroduce materials and spatial resources into another production cycle or to reintegrate them into the natural environment without production of waste or resides. Just like the reuse possibilities, the reversibility concept is only possible if properly planned ahead during the design phase.</td>
<td>Bologna, (2006).</td>
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<td>Debris removal: Is a priority to enable the provision of shelter and the establishment of appropriate settlement solutions. The use, management, ownership and environmental impact of disposal sites should be considered.</td>
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<td>The impact of a disaster on the natural environment should be assessed to inform the response and mitigating activities required.</td>
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### 5. Discussion and Conclusion

The growing international concern about the increased frequency of large-scale catastrophic disasters has increased the international drive to reduce the destructive effects on the lives and livelihoods of individuals and communities. Moving the trend of tackling disastrous incidents at global level from after to before the event, the proactive entry point, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), emphasized, is a shift from reactive emergency relief to proactive disaster risk. In parallel, however, the reactive entry point of post-disaster management retains its importance because earthquakes and other extreme natural hazards do not wait until our cities get ready! Prevention following a proactive approach is better than a cure, but it has proved to be illusive in disaster research and response (Pelling, 2012). This review of the study literature underlines the considerable complexity of post-disaster contexts. With the rising number of victims after disaster and the slow response of government to provide shelter and providing Temporary housing that is a crucial step of the disaster recovery, a new typology, will create a responsive plan to ensure the, protection, security and basic conditions for life with dignity, environmentally conscious, and ready for...
implementation into the current framework of society, must be planned. Any temporary settlement (TH) response for example, planning a post-disaster temporary housing.

In the SarPol-e Zahab Kermanshah should be planned on the strategic, programme, and project levels. The overall process is the same on all three levels. It consists of developing the profile of a situation, followed by a detailed plan of action to reach the set objectives. The process described here intended as a checklist of factors which should be taken into account when planning temporary settlement. The generic planning process is structured in the following way: Figure 5.

**strategic planning** - Strategic planning manages temporary settlement on a national or regional level. It deals with the TH and shelter needs of the affected population. Several or even all of the six TH programmed options described above are combined to form a coherent strategy.

**programmed planning** - Programme planning deals with the needs of a specific group of displaced people. For instance, all projects within a particular camp are combined to form a project plan to provide for the TH needs of the camp’s inhabitants.

**Project planning** - Project planning develops and manages the activities required to undertake each project within a programme. For example, the programme plan for the Sar-e-Pol Zahab camp might require the expansion of a clinic. This would involve the production of tendering documents and schedules of work – activities which are co-ordinated within the project plan.

Additionally, The systems approach allows a comprehensive and cross-disciplinary view of the many apparently separate facets of a complex process such as post-disaster reconstruction. Instead of considering the many elements of the complexity independently, we focus our attention on the important relationships between them, and between them and their environment.

In the systems approach, the Temporary housing projects in post-disaster reconstruction process is recognized for its two main sub-systems: (i) organizational and (ii) technical; their interdependence is (or should be) essential in the environment of chaos following a disaster. The organizational sub-system includes elements regarding 'who is to do what', for example: sources of financing, and definition of authorization and control mechanisms; The technical process has to respect the habitual phases of project initiation, preparation, construction and hand-over, within the constraints of limited resources (and limited time) and with the involvement of a great variety of participants, often with divergent objectives. The technical sub-system includes elements regarding ‘how’ to consume the resources, for example: selection of materials and construction methods.

Thus, this study presents a customizable platform which is able to be applied for each case with regard to the findings from analyzing the case studies.

To this end, the decision-making process algorithm for selecting suitable PDA is presented in Fig.5. In general, this decision-making model embraces two main parts; organizational and technical. The organizational section, which contains Conditions and Availability sectors, is the initial screen phase for selecting PDA. The technical takes into account the alternative availability. Indeed, this section of the model considers whether the alternative PDA exits in the affected area or can be provided. Also, the Conditions part probes required infrastructures and conditions for utilizing each alternative by assessing local And TH characteristics with regard to the material and immaterial aspects. In the second screening phase, the detailed technical indicators are applied to assess acceptable/available alternatives based on economic, social, and environmental impacts by considering exclusive local features and demands to distinguish most suitable alternative(s) among all options. By the Johnson (2009), The systems approach allows a comprehensive and cross-disciplinary view of the many apparently separate facets of a complex process such as post-disaster reconstruction.

Therefore, decision-makers need to choose a suitable strategy to deal with PDA issue, which embraces intertwined interior and exterior factors that could have antithetical impacts on each particular case. It is necessary to have a model that could cover human errors and consider the correspondences and interconnections between previous cases and new cases.

In the end, decision-makers have the ability to deal with PDA for the Sar-e-Pol Zahab programs or each specific case by applying the strategy presented, which are derived from this study by
simplifying the complicated PDA issue into explicit steps and characteristics. This research presents a new strategy to deal with a temporary accommodation and especially temporary housing provision program for decision-makers based on customizing effective factors. Through three main vertexes and other inherent aspects gathered within these vertexes. Figure 6.

In addition, the choice phases, which include these elements and the interconnections, have been defined. Finally, a customizable model was proposed to carry out a PDA and TH selection process. Figure 7.

![Diagram](image)

Figure 5. Temporary Settlement Response, Planning. (Source: Corsellis & Vitale, 2011).

![Diagram](image)

Figure 6. The authors’ custom model is based on Johnson’s model to perform the PDA and TH selection process.
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چکیده می‌سوز

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درمان کمک برای تامین منابع قرار گرفته می‌گردد با منابع و در این مقاله کمک برای پیش‌بینی دردهای انسانی ادامه دارد. برای پیش‌بینی منابع قرار گرفته کمکی که نیازمندی‌ها و نیازهای اجدادان برای دردهای انسانی ادامه دارد. تفسیر بیانگر برای انتخاب استراتژی استراتژی اسکان پس از سانحه بررسی می‌گردد. در زمان استراتژی استراتژی اسکان پس از سانحه بررسی می‌گردد.

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4. انتقادی تحقیق

این تحقیق با تکنیک دو بخش سازمانی و فنی به سه بخش اصلی (سطوح استراتژیک، برنامه‌ریزی و پروژه) یک استراتژی جامع در برنامه‌ریزی استکان موقع، با کسب تصمیم‌گیری‌های زمین در مناطق فاجعه را تهیه می‌کند؛ گزینه‌های مدل‌سازی مشابه، بر اساس اولویت‌های هماهنگ با توجه به زمان‌بندی هر سال به‌کار می‌رود. این روش برنامه‌ریزی مسکن در سطح یک استراتژیک (2) پروگرام و (3) پروژه‌های ساحلی در سطح این از این مراحل را کاربردی شناسی به‌طور کلی در هنگام بین‌شماری در انرژی ملایمی، مبتنی است. که

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کلیدواژه‌ها: استراتژیک، موقع، سازمان، برنامه‌ریزی، تحقیق و گسترش.

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Interpret Influencing Factors on Revisit Intention to Rural Tourism Destinations in Yazd Province

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Abstract

Purpose- Aim of this study was to interpret the effect of perceived quality and perceived value on tourists’ loyalty by the mediation of satisfaction and destination image in the three tourism target villages of Yazd province (located in central Iran).

Design/methodology/approach- Present study is applied research regarding the objective and the type of research is a descriptive correlation. The population of the study consists of all incoming tourists to three tourism villages of Yazd province (Kharanagh, Saryazd, and Sadeghabad). Participants were 200 visitors to three villages of Yazd province that were selected using the convenience sampling method. They all completed the perceived quality, perceived value, satisfaction, destination image, and loyalty scales in a questionnaire. Data were analyzed using the path analysis model (LISREL software).

Findings- The study shows that there is a positive and significant relation between tourists’ loyalty and perceived quality, between tourists’ loyalty and perceived value, between tourists’ loyalty and destination image, and between tourists’ loyalty and satisfaction. Moreover, perceived quality and perceived value have a direct, significant effect on tourists’ loyalty. Perceived quality by the mediation of destination image has an indirect effect on tourists’ loyalty; perceived quality by the mediation of satisfaction has an indirect and meaningful effect on tourists’ loyalty; perceived value by the mediation of destination image has an indirect effect on tourists’ loyalty; perceived value by the mediation of satisfaction has an indirect and meaningful effect on tourists’ loyalty.

Keywords- Tourists’ loyalty, Perceived value, Destination image, Tourist satisfaction, Perceived quality.

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1. Introduction

Iran is facing an unemployment problem today more than ever. The oil price has shaped the country’s economy and has made policymakers look for solutions outside the earlier patterns. Tourism as a complex system with large dimensions can be a pathway through the unemployment gap (Miraj, 2008). Job creation, sustainable development, economic stability, regional balance, aid to global peace, contribution to investing in cultural heritage, etc., have been the advantages of the tourism industry (Sadr Mousavi & Dakhili Kahanmoye, 2005). Hence, our country is one of the top ten countries in terms of tourism (cultural and civilizational attractions) and among the top five countries in terms of diversity (natural environment), and one of the top three countries in terms of handicrafts (Taberi Damneh et al., 2011). Tourism in recent years has been widely considered as a solution for development (Akbarian Ronizi & Ramezanzadeh Lasbuee, 2015).

Tourism, considered as a tool for national income and one of the economic forms of sustainable development, has many forms, one of its forms as rural tourism aimed at sustainable development of local communities. It has turned to a new job in rural development regions (Walpole & Goodwin, 2000).

Rural tourism, one of the most important patterns of tourism, for the first time, appeared in response to increased urbanization and industrialization in the 19th century (Teyu, 2004 as cited in Akbarian Ronizi & Ramezanzadeh Lasbuee, 2015). Rural tourism can play an important role in the diversification of rural communities and in creating new opportunities in rural areas including the creation of profitable employment in rural areas, increasing the income of villagers, public participation and reduction of income differences between villagers and citizens, reducing the migration of villagers to cities and reducing the migration problems of big cities. It must be acknowledged, however, that tourism solely cannot satisfy all the needs of the villagers (Rezvani, 2008).

Today, rural tourism is an obvious factor in rural development that drives tourists to rural areas and improves the quality of life, infrastructure, and employment rates (Bardón, 1990).

Rural tourism emerged as a type of tourism when shore tourism, which had the lion's share, went down to the recession (Besteiro, 2006). Other alternative forms of tourism, such as rural tourism affected by European firms, started to develop (Fernández, 1987 as cited in Hernández-Mogollón et al., 2011). Rural tourism would satisfy the people who want to stay away from the city in the quiet of the suburbs and that later led to credit, order, become academic and more classification of this kind of tourism (Cánoves et al., 2005). Making loyal customers is one of the most important tasks of a marketer because it costs much less to maintain current customers than to attract new ones (Moon & Minor, 2009). By creating loyalty, consumers can form desirable behavioral intentions, such as repurchase, lack of price sensitivity, and product recommendation to others. If the expectations of tourists can be met, these people are sure to recommend a visit to the region, which is the most effective way of marketing and advertising (Sunderland, 1998).

Perceived quality as consumers' judgment about the superiority of a product or service is an important factor in the selection of goods and services by consumers (Zeithaml, 1988). Perceived value refers to the benefits that a product or service brings to the consumer. These benefits accompany by the costs involved in the purchase of goods or services. Perceived value is a good predictor of behavioral intentions (Williams & Soutar, 2009). Perceived quality as consumer opinion about the superiority of a product or service is a critical factor that is used today for customer satisfaction.

Increasing the quality of quality increases the likelihood of desired behavioral intentions (Zeithaml et al., 1996).

Perceived value refers to the benefits that a product or service brings to the consumer by deduction of the costs involved in the purchase of goods or services which is a good predictor of behavioral intentions (Williams & Soutar, 2009). Value as the benefits derived from buying the product are factors that affect satisfaction and behavioral intentions. The perceived value is a better predictor for satisfaction (Chen & Tsai, 2007).

The mental image of the destination consists of a spiritual paradigm or a person's perception of a destination. Furthermore, a mental image can denote a simplified set of perceptions that cover many data about a location.
In one sentence, the subjective image of the destination is the subjective perception of a location that can change from person to person (Chao, 2005). Gallarza et al. (2002) reviewed the previous researches on the mental image of the tourism destination, noted the following results:

- A mental image of a place is a set of beliefs, ideas, and feelings that the individual has (Kotler et al., 1993, as cited in Gallarza et al. 2002).
- The target (destination) image consists of three components associated with each other, cognitive, affective, and behavioral (Gallarza et al. 2002).
- The image is the mental expression of the attributes and interests of a product (Santes, 1994, as cited in Gallarza et al. 2002).

Optimal or unfavorable preconceived notions about the product or a destination (Parneto, 1995, as cited in Gallarza et al. 2002).

Yazd province has a large variety of cultural, natural, and biological world heritage, which was preserved in a rural area for several millennia. Some of them are registered in UNESCO heritage and preserved but others are going to be forgotten. According to the mentioned literature and many years of drought and the loss of major rural businesses which has been agriculture and agriculture. We face a shortage of water each year in Yazd province. The culture and traditions of that region are forgotten and people are forced to migrate to larger cities and earn income and as result, we lose much cultural and natural heritage.

With comprehensive and scientific planning of rural tourism development, it can be possible to revitalize forgotten rural areas and develop them and make a permanent job and income for villagers and preserve rural heritage. In addition to the importance of rural development on employment rate and reverse, migration will be tried in this research to study Structural relations of quality and perceived value with loyalty in rural tourism destinations; mediating role of destination image and tourist satisfaction in Kharanagh, Saryazd, and Sefidabad tourism target villages of Yazd province, which are rich in tourism attraction (Figure1).

There are some researches about revisit factors of destination, but this study was examined four main variables that affect the loyalty of tourists and also there are rare rural studies operated in the rural desert area of Yazd which nominated as tourism target villages of the province, in this study three tourism target villages of Yazd were studied. On the other hand, most of the time, rural studies neglect the marketing approach of destination management, in this study researchers emphasized this aspect of destination management.

The main question of this study is whether the perceived quality and perceived value have a significant indirect effect on tourists' loyalty by the mediation of satisfaction and the destination image?

2. Research Theoretical Literature

The goal of reviewing the theoretical bases and history of the research is a better description of
tourists’ loyalty to the rural destination and effective factors on it. Therefore, the concepts of loyalty in rural tourism destinations and influential elements have been mentioned.

Destination loyalty- Loyalty refers to the repeating of visiting a destination or relative interest to revisit the same destination (Yoon & Uysal, 2005; Prayag, 2009; Ramseook-Munhurrun et al., 2016). Features such as the convenience of facilities, security, suitable infrastructure, cultural attractions and shopping, diversity of tourist attractions, and accessibility are indicators that can influence loyalty (Prayag, 2009).

Previous research has shown that previous visits, general satisfaction, and quality are good predictors of tourists' loyalty (Chen and Tsai, 2007; Prayag, 2009; Li et al., 2009; Ramseook-Munhurrun et al., 2015; Ramseook-Munhurrun et al., 2016.). In addition, it is necessary to consider service quality and satisfaction more indicate because they are predictors of loyalty (Lee, 2009). Many researchers have studied the relationship between service quality and satisfaction in determining loyalty. Recent research on leisure times and travel showed loyalty compared with attitudinal and behavioral factors (Backman & Crompton, 1991; Pritchard & Howard, 1993; Baloglu, 2001). Loyalty is divided into four categories: high loyalty, 2 - hidden loyalty, 3 - secret loyalty, 4 - low loyalty. While the empirical support of the typology in the literature of marketing and leisure services has been stated, the researchers have developed four distinct types of loyalty in many fields.

True faithful customers are characterized by attributes such as attitudinal dependencies and excellent behavior support to a product or service and the least vulnerability to competitors.

Hidden loyal customers are those who show low support to the brand's strong attitudinal dependencies, which may prevent them from buying because of protective barriers such as price and promotion (such as available time, repetitive) or position (convenience of access and distribution).

Fake-Artificial loyal customers are those who repeat the purchase and have no dependency on the brand. The high support level of fake loyal customers may be linked to daily purchasing, financial incentives, persuasive factors, and the absence of alternatives, and so on.

Low loyal clients are, those who perform fewer visits and are at low attitudinal and behavioral levels to use a brand. Hidden and low loyal customers are highly prepared to attract by competitors because they understand a poor connection and support with the brand (Backman & Crompton, 1991; Abdel Kader Fayed et al., 2016)

Concerning perceived value and loyalty, it can be said that perceived value is currently the most prominent element in the intention to purchase and revisit intention. Among quality factors in tourism studies, the perceived value services factor is the best element of loyalty in shopping and visit and travel recommendation. (Abdel Kader Fayed et al., 2016).

Perceived Service quality- Service quality has been defined as how much the needs of the consumer have been met and how much the customer's needs satisfy his expectations. (Kotler et al., 2014). Moreover, the measure of consumer service quality is the satisfaction that arises from an event or a transaction (Oliver, 2010).

Based on tourism literature, many researchers have suggested that service quality performance can be considered a suitable measurement tool for measuring the satisfaction of visitors because the visitor will be satisfied when the quality of the product or service is at the desired level (Chen and Chen, 2010; Oliver, 2010; Udo et al., 2010).

Today, the perceived quality of products and services is considered the most important factor in competition in the business world. Also, the present age is called the Age of Quality, which can significantly increase the level of positive perceptions of services and products, because the quality and type of customer perception affects his behavioral attitude and overall customer community (Figure2)
According to Figure 2, it is likely that tangible and intangible factors have a significant effect on the subjective image and perceived environmental quality; therefore, the process of emotion, perception, and environmental cognition are important dimensions that must be addressed in the environmental management and planning, because it facilitates the experience of space in terms of quality.

Tourism is a service industry whose mental image is positively affected by their visits to their destination and the quality of perception among them (Sánchez et al., 2001). Also, increasing the quality of the environment has a significant impact on tourist satisfaction and willingness to revisit intention (Petrick et al., 2001).

Every year many tourists in the world choose rural areas as tourism destinations because of cultural, natural, and historical heritage and leisure activities. The role of perceived quality of the environment and mental image of rural tourism destinations is considered as tourist decision making in selecting the destination and attracting enough tourists considering the greater tolerance capacity, as the mental image of a tourism destination is a measure of choosing a destination that many tourists pay attention while traveling. Having proper awareness of the interests of tourists and their attitude about infrastructure, service quality, tourism capacities, local people, and so on is necessary to control or manage the mental image of tourists from tourism destinations and seek to enhance their environmental perceptual quality from a destination.

Among the past studies on the development of tourism destinations, only a few studies have focused on the topic of perceived quality (Murphy et al., 2000). It is interesting to note that the quality of the environment and service quality is interesting because the overall assessment of tourists from a destination is a combination of products, services, and experiences. Perceived quality and perceived value play a critical role in affecting consumer behavior (Lam et Hsu, 2006). Therefore, when tourists evaluate services and products properly, the perceived value of their destination is placed at a desirable level; therefore, there is a significant relationship between perceived quality of tangible and intangible factors and perceived value (Moon et al et al., 2011).

Perceived value- The perceived value is the overall consumer evaluation of the usefulness of products or services based on understanding what is received and what has been paid (Zeithaml, 1988). In its research, WoodRuff (1997) has stated the perceived value of the customer as perceived perception and assess the attributes of products, performance value, and consequences of their use.
as well as facilitating access to goals that can meet customer goals in certain situations. Since the mid-1990s, the literature related to perceived value theory was an important topic in the tourism industry that could play an important role in improving the competitiveness of tourism organizations as well as promoting sustainable tourism development (Lee, 2009).

Petrick (2004) found that the perceived value of the visitor could increase the market share of a tourism company, and his research findings indicated that the perceived value affects the behavioral intentions of tourists as well as revisiting the destination. Mingyan and Seng (2002) suggested that improving the perceived value of the customer can encourage tourists to go to the restaurant and serve the purpose of restaurant operations. Xu et al. (2006) stated that in fierce market competition, the similarity between tourism products offered by different travel agencies would reduce the feasibility of product differentiation strategy, and thus the perceived value of the customer would be their main competitive advantage and also be very helpful in increasing the value of customer perception, cost orientation, time orientation, as well as relationship orientation.

Tourist satisfaction- The evaluation of the satisfaction rate of tourists is based on tourist expectations of the visit (Akama & Kieti, 2003) it means that if the overall performance of the tourism service is expected or exceeded, tourists will find satisfaction; on the other hand, if performance is lower than the tourists' expectations, level of its satisfaction is considered low or unacceptable. Tourist satisfaction is considered an important topic in tourism since it plays a role in decision making, consumption of products and services as well as the decision to revisit (Chen & Tsai, 2007; Armario, 2008; Prayag, 2009).

Accordingly, tourist satisfaction is a key indicator for measuring the success of the services offered at the destination (Prebezac & Mikulic, 2008). The satisfaction of tourists due to the unique characteristics of the destination causes the overall satisfaction of the destination. Satisfaction with different parts of the destination leads to general satisfaction. The overall satisfaction of hospitality experience involves the satisfaction of unique destination attributes that tourists experience, such as cultural attractions, residence, weather, people, the natural environment, the social environment, and so on (Kozak & Remington, 2000). Many studies in the field of tourism believe that satisfaction affects the future behavioral intentions of tourists (Chen & Tsai, 2007; Chi et al., 2013; Prayag, 2009).

The positive experiences of tourism in the destination can lead to word-of-mouth marketing, recommendation (for example, a good destination), and revisit of destination (Yoon & Uysal, 2005; Oppermann, M. 2000; Chi, C.G.Q., & Qu, H. 2008).

According to the importance of customer satisfaction at the destination level, the concept of satisfaction is still defined in different forms. One of the definitions suggests that satisfaction is a delightful realization, which is defined by Oliver in 1997 (as cited in Giese & Cote, 2000). It means that tourists feel that reaching their needs is somehow pleasurable.

(Lee et al., 2016) said that Satisfaction based on the importance of products or services and their performance was evaluated experimentally. At the destination level, there is an indirect relationship between the importance of their destination attributes and their performance, which is defined by Ryan et al. (2002) and Griffin and Edwards (2013); therefore, it is assumed that tourist satisfaction can be directly affected by the performance of the target features and indirectly by its importance.

In the sense that in the empirical evaluation of tourist satisfaction, the relationship between the unique characteristics of the destination must be recorded, since the ideas of satisfaction and expectation are based on subjective perception, and it’s different from one person to another, it can be difficult to predict the volume of expectations and satisfaction of tourists. However, with regards to appropriate marketing strategies and suitable service, a tourism Destination can benefit from different tourists.

Destination image- The destination image encompasses ideas, thoughts, and effects that people have about one place; so having a mental image and type of perception affect the decisions of tourists (Kazemi et al., 2015). This image or perceived feeling may be unreal or unrealistic from the destination of tourism, but this image of a tourist influences his decisions and shaping his behavioral pattern. Also, in another definition of the destination image, the subjective image of
people is expressed in terms of sensations, knowledge, and overall understanding of the destination (Gomez et al., 2015). Some of these authors believe that the destination image affects the choice of destination and stated that the destination which has a positive image will be on the decision-making process and this destination is ultimately chosen to revisit. Furthermore, the mental image of the destination affects the behavioral intentions of individuals for visiting the region in the future (Tabatabayenasab S. M. & Mahavarpur, F. 2017). The key factor for tourism destinations is the subjective image. In choosing tourism destinations, perceptions or positive impressions of tourists have a significant impact. As such, the destination image can affect the satisfaction and future behavior of people (Lee, 2009).

The perception of tourists of the mental destination image should not be overlooked, because this is a decisive factor in choosing a tourism destination for tourists (Mohamad et al., 2015). The mental destination image will have a significant impact on tourist decision-making and behavioral consequences of his travel (Toudert & Bringas-Rábago, 2016). One of the important and effective factors in choosing different destinations from tourists’ perspectives is the subjective image of the destination (Puh, 2014). The existing definitions of the target image are related to individual or group beliefs of one place (Min et al., 2013; Zeugner-Roth & Žabkar, 2015).

The destination image, according to Crompton (1979), "defines the beliefs, opinions, and Impressions that one has from a destination". This definition is at the individual level and is generalizable to the group Lawson and Baud-bovy (1997) have defined the mental image of destination from individual and group aspects: "The image of destination is to express objective knowledge, perceptions, prejudices, imagination, and thoughts that a person or group has to a place or destination" (Lawson & Baud-bovy, 1997).

For theory, the mental image of destination plays a critical role in the destination selecting process, because customers trust significantly their alternatives and subjective destination images while they are choosing tourism destinations (Tasci & Gartner, 2007). In practical terms, the mental image of a destination is an important foundation for destination marketing, because mental destination images can reveal the strengths and weaknesses of the destination in the vision of future tourists (Tasci & Gartner, 2007).

In the area of loyalty, perceived quality, perceived value, destination image, and tourist satisfaction in rural destinations have not been made many Studies; therefore, the researcher has pointed out the results of studies that examining the relationship between variables:

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According to the mentioned literature and literature review, there have been some researches in the context variables of perceived quality, perceived value, destination image, and tourist satisfaction with loyalty, but so far no research has been done at the same time interpret the relationship between perceived quality and perceived value with the loyalty of rural tourists with the mediating role of destination image and tourist satisfaction in the country; Additionally, no research has done in Yazd tourism target villages. Thus, the present study regarding the mentioned cases considered a model of the relationship between perceived quality and perceived value with the loyalty of rural tourists. In the conceptual model of study destination image and tourist, satisfaction has a mediating role between structural relation of perceived value and perceived quality on rural tourists’ loyalty (Figure 3).

![Conceptual Model](source)

Figure 3. Conceptual model
(Source: Campón-Cerro et al., 2016; Donnelly et al., 2008)

Based on the conceptual model and theoretical bases, the following hypotheses were introduced and tested:

H1: Perceived quality has a direct and significant effect on the loyalty of tourists.

H2: Perceived value has a direct and significant effect on the loyalty of tourists.

H3: Perceived quality with mediating role of tourist satisfaction has an indirect effect on the loyalty of tourists.

H4: Perceived quality with mediating role of destination image has an indirect effect on the loyalty of tourists.

H5: Perceived value with mediating role of tourist satisfaction has an indirect effect on the loyalty of tourists.

H6: Perceived value with mediating role of destination image has an indirect effect on the loyalty of tourists.

3. Research Methodology

The research method has been quantitative research descriptive - correlation concerning the effect of perceived quality and perceived value on tourists’ loyalty by the mediation of tourist satisfaction and destination image. Data was collected with questioner including all variable scales with 5-point Likert scales. The research community has been determined according to the available parameters in terms of conceptual model parameters. Based on these parameters, the sample size was estimated at 200 domestic tourists of three villages of Kharanagh, Saryazd, and Sadeghabad in Yazd province.
Table 2. Scale used

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<td>Quality (QUA)</td>
<td>The new scale, based on</td>
<td>(QUA1) It had what I was looking for.</td>
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<td>Zeithaml et al., (1988)</td>
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<td>Overall</td>
<td>Campón et al. (2016) Williams</td>
<td>(OVS1) I found all the services needed during my stay.</td>
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<td>satisfaction</td>
<td>and Soutar (2009) San Martín et</td>
<td>(OVS2) I found everything I needed to have a satisfying experience.</td>
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<td>(OVS)</td>
<td>al., (2008); Williams and</td>
<td>(OVS3) I can satisfy my motivations as a rural tourist.</td>
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<td>(OVS5) I had a good experience.</td>
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<td>(2010); Forgas-Coll et al.</td>
<td>(OVS 6) I made a wise choice.</td>
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<td>(2012); Oliver (1997); Tse &amp;</td>
<td>(OVS 7) I found exactly the rural tourism destination that I was looking</td>
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<td>(OVS8) I feel satisfied with my decision to visit it.</td>
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<td>Loyalty (LOY)</td>
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<td>Qu (2008); Hernández-Lobato et</td>
<td>(LOY2) I will visit it on my next rural tourism trip.</td>
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<td>al. (2006), Kim et al. (2012);</td>
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<td>San Martín et al., (2008); Su</td>
<td>(LOY4) I will recommend it to people who ask my advice.</td>
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<td>(LOY5) I will tell other people positive things about it.</td>
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For data analysis, statistical packages were used Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS V22) and Linear Structural Relations (LISREL V8.54) SOFTWARE. Descriptive indexes including mean, standard deviation, and correlation coefficients were calculated. Structural hypothesized relationships with the test path analysis model and the fit index of the final model were reported.

4. Research Findings

4.1. Relationship between research variables
To determine the mean of perceived quality variables, perceived value, satisfaction, Destination image, and tourists' loyalty were used descriptive statistics, standard deviation, and correlation matrix between the research variables (Table 2).

In this study, the average number of tourists (M =3.81) in a 5 - point range shows that tourists have assessed loyalty at the appropriate level. The mean dimensions of perceived quality, perceived value, satisfaction, and destination image show that tourists have assessed the five variables appropriately. The relationship with perceived quality, perceived value, satisfaction, and destination image has a meaningful relationship. The intensity of the loyalty relationship with the perceived quality is appropriate and more than other variables (r = 0.66, p<0.001). Satisfaction has the highest relationship with perceived value. The destination image is more associated with satisfaction (r = 0.67, p<0.001) than the perceived quality and perceived value.
Table 3. Mean, standard deviation, correlation, and validity coefficients

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<td>(2) Value</td>
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<td>(3) Satisfaction</td>
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<td>0.564**</td>
<td>0.705**</td>
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<td>(4) Image</td>
<td>3.67</td>
<td>0.66</td>
<td>0.453**</td>
<td>0.526**</td>
<td>0.677**</td>
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<td>(5) loyalty</td>
<td>3.81</td>
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<td>0.666**</td>
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<td>0.619**</td>
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To answer the research hypotheses and investigate the relationship structure of variables in the desired model and the influence of Exogenous variables (perceived quality and perceived value) and mediating variables (satisfaction and destination image) on the endogenous variable (loyalty) was used the statistical method of path analysis by LISREL software (8.54 version). Standard coefficients and coefficients of the final model of the research are based on the path analysis model in Figures (4) and (5). The model fitting indicators suggest that the final model has a fairly good fit with the data (Table 3). The direct, indirect, and total effects are reported in Table 4. In the final model, the perceived quality and perceived value affect tourists’ loyalty. There is the indirect effect between perceived quality and loyalty with mediating of destination image and also the indirect effect between perceived quality and loyalty with mediating of satisfaction. Perceived value has an indirect effect on loyalty with mediating of destination image and also Perceived value has an indirect effect on loyalty with mediating of satisfaction. Also, satisfaction and Destination image affect loyalty.

Figure 4. The standard coefficients of the final model: the effect of perceived quality and perceived value on tourists’ loyalty with the role of mediator of satisfaction and destination image

![Figure 4](image)

Chi-Square=3.96, df=2, P-value=0.13783, RMSEA=0.071

Figure 5. Significance coefficients of the final model effect of perceived quality and perceived value on tourists’ loyalty with the role of the mediator between satisfaction and the destination image

![Figure 5](image)

Chi-Square=3.96, df=2, P-value=0.13783, RMSEA=0.071
Table 4: Performance indices of the final model

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<td>$X^2$/df</td>
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<td>1.98</td>
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Table 5. Direct, indirect, and total effect of perceived quality, perceived value, satisfaction, and destination image on the loyalty of tourists

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<td>Perceived Quality on Satisfaction</td>
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<td>&quot;0.212&quot;</td>
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<td>Perceived Quality on Destination Image</td>
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<td>&quot;0.0088&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;0.0428&quot;</td>
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<td>Perceived Value on Satisfaction</td>
<td>&quot;0.21&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;0.0058&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;0.0151&quot;</td>
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<td>Perceived Value on Destination Image</td>
<td>&quot;0.41&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;0.0106&quot;</td>
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<td>Endogenous on endogenous</td>
<td>Satisfaction on Loyalty</td>
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<td>Destination Image on Loyalty</td>
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5. Discussion and Conclusion

Today, in addition to producing and converting agricultural and livestock fields, rural areas have been able to develop and expand their rural and crafts industries, which include customs, culture, traditions, and encourage tourists to visit these rural areas. Today, because of changing lifestyle of the majority of people in the world and the spiritual and psychological pressure of urban environments, residents are forced to leave cities and join the skirt of nature and enjoy natural and unspoiled environments and travel to the villages. Considering the above-mentioned cases, the development and tourism development in the villages depend on the attention of officials and managers to provide a proper platform to improve the quality of environmental services and create a desired perceived value for tourists, it is required to create a proper image of the destination and attract tourist's satisfaction, for tourists will be loyal to the destination. According to this, the main purpose of this study was to investigate structural relations between perceived quality variables, perceived value, destination image, satisfaction, and loyalty of tourists.

The first finding suggests that the perceived quality has a significant effect on the loyalty of tourists, which is consistent with the previous study (Parvazi, 2016) this regard, it can be argued that quality is one of the most important factors on tourists loyalty and revisit intention because tourists who enjoy high service quality in rural tourism destinations are more inclined to return to the same destination with the same quality experienced and this could be important for marketers.

The second finding suggests that perceived value has a significant effect on the loyalty of tourists, which is consistent with previous studies (Kim et al., 2012; Hoseini, 2015; Ngoc Khuong & My Duyen, 2017; Taheri & Ansari, 2016) the justification of this finding can be argued that rural destinations have acceptable value and tourists have considered this services valuable for rural tourism. These tourists have shown willingness to return to that destination and to experience previous valuable services. The third finding indicates that the perceived quality is indirectly and mediated by satisfaction. It affects the loyalty of tourists. This finding is consistent with the previous study (Kim et al., 2012), the results of this study show that the quality of services offered in rural tourism destinations has a significant impact on the intention of tourists to revisit, in addition by creating a sense of
satisfaction in tourists, it can indirectly have a significant effect on the revisit intention and their loyalty to rural tourist destinations.

The fourth finding suggests that the perceived quality indirectly affects tourists’ loyalty by the mediation of the destination image. This finding is consistent with previous studies (Permatasari et al., 2017; Ngoc Khuong & My Duyen, 2017; Shirkhodaye et al., 2016) in this regard, we can say that the quality of services offered in rural tourism destinations has a significant impact on the intention of tourists to revisit the destinations indirectly, by creating a positive image in the minds of tourists, it can indirectly affect tourists and their loyalty to rural tourism destinations.

The fifth and sixth finding indicates two indirect effects in the research model. The fifth finding implies that perceived value indirectly affects tourists’ loyalty with mediating of satisfaction. This finding is consistent with some of the previous findings (Shirkhodaye et al., 2016; Kim et al., 2012; Ramseok-Munhurrun et al., 2015; Ngoc Khuong & My Duyen, 2017)

In explaining this, it can be argued that the perceived value of tourism services provided in tourism destinations can have an indirect effect on revisit intention and loyalty to tourism destinations as well as the direct and meaningful effect on revisit intention and loyalty of tourists by creating a sense of satisfaction in tourists who have received valuable services.

Furthermore, the sixth finding suggests that perceived value is indirectly affected by the mediation of the destination image. This finding is consistent with the previous study (Jafari et al., 2017) it can be said that the perceived value of tourism services provided in tourism destinations can have an indirect effect on revisit intention and loyalty to tourism destinations as well as the direct and meaningful effect on revisit intention and loyalty of tourists.

The model of tourists’ loyalty in this study presents some limitations. First, tourists’ loyalty in rural tourism is affected by many dimensions in this study only perceived quality dimensions, perceived value, satisfaction, and the image destination were considered and neglected from other aspects that could have a potential impact on it. Therefore, researchers are offered to consider other aspects in future research.

In addition, this research has been carried out regarding incoming tourists to three villages in Yazd province (Kharanagh, Saryazd & Sadeghabad) and the results are not generalizable to other villages in other provinces.

Therefore in future research, the model of loyalty of tourists in other cities of Iran as well as from the viewpoint of the local community and comparing their views together can be tested separately. It is also suggested that researchers use other methods to collect data such as interviews and compound methods.

According to the results, some strategies that can lead to competitive advantage for villages in the long term can be suggested to managers and supervisors:

1. According to the results of the study, it has been found that loyalty has a positive and significant relationship to quality and there is a direct and meaningful relation between destination image and perceived quality.

Based on the loyalty of tourists, it is suggested rural tourism aims to increase service quality by creating a sense of satisfaction in tourists and desired image in tourists’ minds, which cause loyalty and word of mouth (WOM) advertisement, in result reduced significantly Tourism advertising cost for attracting new tourists.

2. According to the results of the study, the perceived value of tourists has a positive and meaningful relationship with satisfaction and destination image. It is suggested that in addition to maintaining and enhancing the quality with proper cost management, increase the true value of your service, therefore have a great impact on the tourist intention to revisit. This loyalty will boost further prosperity and significantly reduce the future costs of attracting new tourists.

This study focused on four main variables which impact revisit intention but in the future study researchers suggest study more variables that affect revisit intentions and loyalty of tourists, also in this study, three Yazd rural destinations were studied, in the future study it could be suggested to study other tourism target villages of Iran and results could be compared with each other. Also it could be suggested to used qualitative or mixed-method in the future study for collecting and analyzing data.

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بررسی عوامل تأثیر گذار بر قصد بازگشت گردشگر در مدیریت مقاقد گردشگری روستایی در استان یزد

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چکیده مبسوط

با توجه به روند افزایش تعداد گردشگران و نیازمندی اکنون به بهترین تصمیمات در حوزه گردشگری، اهمیت کسب و کارهایی در این حوزه بسیار بالا قرار دارد. این مطالعه به منظور بررسی نقش کیفیت ارکان‌های تأثیر گردشگری روستایی و ارتباط آن‌ها با تأثیر گردشگری روستایی در روستاهای استان یزد انجام شده است.

کلمات کلیدی: کیفیت ارکان‌های تأثیر گردشگری روستایی، ارتباط آن‌ها با تأثیر گردشگری روستایی، روستاهای استان یزد.
بحث و نتیجه گیری

بنا به تأثیر کیفیت ادراک شده و قصد بازگشت به مقصد روستایی می‌توان گفت که کیفیت پیکر از مهم‌ترین عامل‌های وفاداری و بازگشت به مقصد روستایی است. به این دلیل که کیفیت خدمات بالایی در مقاصد گردشگری روستایی برخوردار هستند، تمایل بیشتری به بازگشت به همان مقصد با همان کیفیت نشان داده می‌شود. البته باید در نظر گرفت که کیفیت ارائه شده در ذهن گردشگران به طور غیر متقید بر وزاداری و قصد بازگشت گردشگران تاثیر می‌گذارد و از سوی دیگر این کیفیت با ایجاد رضایت موجم می‌تواند به مشتریان وفادار تبدیل شده و دوباره به مقصد روستایی برگردند. این نتایج با مطالعات پیشین (برنار، 2016 و نکو کویک، 2017) همراه است.

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کلیدواژه‌ها: وفاداری گردشگران، کیفیت ارائه شده، کیفیت خدمات، تصویر مقصد، رضایت گردشگران.

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Integration of Neural Network, Markov Chain and CA Markov Models to Simulate Land Use Change Region of Behbahan

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Abstract

**Purpose** - Land is the place of earthly natural ecosystem functionality that has been used by humans in multiple methods. Land-use change (LUC) simulation is the most important method for researching LUC, which leads to some environmental issues such as the decreasing supply of forestry products and increasing levels of greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, the present study aims at (i) using the Landsat imagery to prepare land use-cover (LULC) maps for 2000 and 2014; (ii) assessing Land use changes based on land change modeler (LCM) for the period from 2000 to 2014, and (iii) predicting the plausible land cover pattern in the region of Behbahan, using an algorithm based on ANN for 2028.

**Design/methodology/approach** - A hybrid model consisting of a neural network model, Markov chain (MC), and cellular automata (CA Markov) was designed to improve the performance of the standard network model. The modeling of transfer power is done by multilayer Perceptron of an artificial neural network and six variables. The change allocated to each use and the forecasting is computed by Markov chain and CA Markov. Operation model calibration and verification of land use data at two points were conducted in 2000 and 2014.

**Findings** - Modeling results indicate that the model validation phase has a good ability to predict land-use change on the horizon is 14 years old (2028). The comparison between modeling map and map related to 2013 shows that residential area and agricultural land continue to their growth trend so that residential area will be increased from 3157 hectares in 2014 to 4180 hectares in 2028 and it has 2% growth that has been 2% from 2000 to 2014. The results of this study can provide a suitable perspective for planners to manage land use regarding land-use changes in the past, present, and future. They are also can be used for development assessment projects, the cumulative effects assessment, and the vulnerable and sensitive zone recognition.

**Keywords** - Change Detection, Neural Network, Markov Chain, CA Markov, Behbehan County.

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1. Introduction

The land is the place of earthly natural ecosystem functionality that has been used by humans in multiple methods (Mohammadyari, et al., 2020). Land-use change (LUC) simulation is the most important method for researching LUC, which leads to some environmental issues such as the decreasing supply of forestry products and increasing levels of greenhouse gas emissions (Macedo et al., 2013). So, land-use change has attracted the attention of managers and planners who are engaged in the issues related to sustainable urban and environmental development (Mohamed & Worku, 2020). LUC is a complex process (Irwin & Geoghegan, 2001; Lambin et al., 2006), and modeling these systems is challenging. It is well known that the drivers of LUC operate across a variety of spatial-temporal scales in a nonlinear way (Veldkamp & Lambin, 2001) and thus nonlinear tools are needed to simulate these dynamics. The type of land use and the land covering is the result of mutual relation between social-cultural factors and land potential power. In other words, changing land use and the cover is the beginning of the dynamic exploitation of natural resources by human beings to manage their needs (Oñate-Valdivieso & Sendra, 2010).

The consequences of this phenomenon are economic, social, and environmental on local, zonal, and global scales (Koomen et al., 2007). Koomen Remote sensing satellites are the most common data source for recognizing, quantifying, manifesting, and mapping land-use changes patterns (Abd El-Kawy, 2011). Therefore, the manifestation and modeling of land-use changes can offer suitable recognition of these changes by remote sensing data in a GIS environment (Mendoza, 2011; Bakr, 2010). Land Change Modeler can revolutionize the analysis and investigation of land cover changes and predicting land-use changes (Schulz et al., 2010). In this modeling, the most important assumption is that the nature of development and changes remain the same during time and past changes can predict future changes based on a historical scenario. The ecosystem can be guided to the desired path by predicting land-use changes and adopting effective managerial policies (Jensen, 2007). Land cover models are widely used for the analysis and prediction of land-use change (Bonilla-Bedoya et al., 2020; Mohammad & Worku, 2020; Silva et al., 2020; Dadashpoor et al., 2019; Sun et al., 2018; Huilei et al., 2017; Tripathi & Mozmder, 2014; Yang et al., 2014; Pijanowski et al., 2014; Arsanjani et al., 2013; Ma et al., 2017; Perez-Vega et al., 2012; Shahidul Islam & Ahmed, 2011). Among these studies, Mohammad and Worku (2020), simulating the dynamics of land cover using cellular automata and the Markov chain approach in Addis Ababa and its suburbs. The research employed a hybrid Cellular Automata, Markov chain, and multi-criteria analytical hierarchy process modeling approach. The result shows the rapid growth of built-up, which accounts for 3.7% in 2005, 5.7% in 2011, and 7.0% in 2015. Moreover, Silva et al. (2020), modeled the land cover change based on an artificial neural network for a semi-arid river basin in northeastern Brazil. The results showed that for 2035, an increase in the herbaceous and shrub vegetation class and a decrease in the area occupied by tree-shrub vegetation are predicted. The study aimed to indicate the land cover alterations in the region of Behbahan between 2000 and 2014 to understand the future land use scenario (2028) of the area through integrating remote sensing and advanced GIS techniques with the ANN model, Markov chain, and CA Markov.

The paper is structured as follows. Section 1 presents the study site in Behbahan, the database, and the data preparation process. The two-section briefly introduces the methodology of neural network modeling to determine essential driving forces of sprawl, Markov chain, and CA model. Section 3 discusses the outcomes of the implemented approach, and finally, the paper concludes with a summary and some suggestions for future works.

2. Research Methodology

2.1 Geographical Scope of the Research

The studied region is between 50 degrees and 91 minutes longitude to 50 degrees and 25 minutes eastern, 30 degrees and 45 minutes latitude to north 30 degrees and 32 minutes in zone 39 that the highest altitude is 1380.93 meters and the lowest 267.14. The highest slope is 69.87 and the lowest 1%, the minimum annual temperature is 18.1°C and the maximum annual temperature is 32.37°C. The space of area is 615.6 square kilometers and the regional climate is dry based on the Domarten method. A three-
dimensional map of the region is provided by Surfer11 software (Figure 1).

![Figure 1. Location of the study region, Behbahan, Iran](image)

### 2.2. Methodology

The type of this research is the application and data collection is done in two forms: library and mensuration. It is also used ArcGIS 10, Google EARTH, Surfer11, IDRISI Tiga, and ENNVI 4.8 software.

Land use map preparation- Landsat satellite images were used for providing land use maps relating to 2000 and 2014 (Table 1).

<table>
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<th>WRS Row</th>
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<th>Number bands</th>
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In this research, images were used with real colorful combinations for obvious representation of some special phenomenon relating to research purposes. The combination of band 3 infrared, band 2 with green color, band1 with blue color, or 321 RGB models are used for ETM sensor images creation, and for OLI sensors 432 combinations are used. First of all, geometrical, atmospheric correction and early pro processing are done on all used images several times. Then, the supervisory classification method is used for classification. In this controlled classification, the first step is the introduction of a region of intersect for each land cover class. Didactic samples are defined by visual interpretations on colorful combination images and by topography maps provided by the Topography Organization of Iran. In this process, the normal differential vegetation index (NDVI) is used for green coverage classification so that the vegetarian cover is separated from others easily and the sampling is done with more accuracy. The numbers of classes are selected according to images from available maps, the condition of the region, and the class required for land coverage maps, and six gained separation classes are: 1. residential area, 2. agricultural land, 3. Water, 4. forests, 5. grasslands, 6. bare lands. After didactic samples are determined, satellite images are classified. In this research, the Maximum Likelihood algorithm (Schulz et al., 2010) and AVI, MNF index is used to make a classification. Image classification is one of the main components in data collection that is achieved through the study of the relationship between spectral effects and classes or different classes (Oommen, 2008). The process of images classification is a conversion of data to comprehensible information (Mountrakis et al., 2011). Then, a mode filter is done on classification results so that images are simplified and small parts are removed (Nahuelhual et al., 2012).
Classification accuracy assessment- To ensure the accuracy of an extracted map from satellite images, its accuracy should be evaluated (Lillesand & Kiefer, 2000). The accuracy of classification represents the confidence level of the extracted map and refers to the adjusting level between remote sensing data and source information (Dewan & Yamaguchi, 2009). Evaluating the accuracy of classified maps is done by specifying 200 points for 2014 images by random stratified sampling in the region and the real land use is compared to them by Garmin 62S GPS. Kappa coefficient is calculated. Kappa shows the accuracy of the map. Amounts between 0 to 100 percent show a specific level for this classification and negative amounts show bad results. Kappa coefficient is above 90 percent which shows the high accuracy of prepared maps. Evaluating the maps prepared in 2000 is done by visual interpretations and a controlled spot in a land that has not changed during a time (Schulz et al., 2010).

Changes display- The changes display of land use is an essential tool for environmental analysis, planning, and management. In this research, land use maps relating to 2000, 2014 are entered into the LCM model for analysis and area changes detection. Land change modeler is software to create constant ecological development and it is planned and constructed to identify the increase in land changes and obvious need for biodiversity analysis. It is in IDRISI software and it is also available as an application for Arc GIS. Land change modeler gives a tool to investigate and do the empirical evaluation and modeling of land-use change and its effects on biological variations with the help of the modeler (Eastman, 2006).

Variable election- The variables used for the model are the digital elevation model, slope, distance from residential areas, distance from agricultural lands, distance from roads, and evidence likelihood map. Cramer correlation coefficient is used to determine a correlation between independent variables and dependent variables. This correlation coefficient compares independent variables with subjective classification from land use map (evidence likelihood) (Eastman, 2006). Variables used in this research are used in most of the studies related to land-use change modeling. Euclidian distance analysis is used for providing maps relating to distance from residential are agricultural land and distance from the road. All of the above variables are quantitative. Map relating to transmission from all use to agricultural land and map relating to transmission from agricultural to all uses are produced for land coverage quantitative variables and they are transformed to quantitative variables model input by evidence likelihood deformation and land coverage map in the early year (Eastman, 2006).

Potential modeling of land-use change by the artificial neural network of multilayer Perceptron- In this section of modeling, transformation power from one use (such as a forest) to another use (such as agriculture) becomes a model according to explaining variables (such as slope, nearness to the road) that is each pixel of the image has how much potential to change from one user to another. The output of this section will be a transformation power map for each variable (for example from forest use to agricultural land). Cramer V coefficient is calculated which shows the amount of relationship between variables and land cover. Six sub-models (agricultural to residential, forest to grassland, grassland to agricultural, grassland to arid land, arid land to residential and arid land to agricultural) and six variables (quantitative variable in agricultural sub-model, digital model of altitude, distance from agricultural lands, distance from residential areas, distance from road and slope) are selected to modeling of the possibility of occurrences in each transformation by multilayer Perceptron neural networks (Pijanowski et al., 2002; Chuvieco, 2002).

Markov chain model- The MC model is a stochastic process model that describes how likely one state is to change to another state. It has a key-descriptive tool, which is the transition probability matrix. The MC model is defined as a set of states where a process begins in one of the states and moves consecutively from one state to another; each move is defined as a step (Zhang et al., 2010). In the MC model, two distinct land use maps at different time points should exist, and then it is possible to calculate the probabilities of transition between these time steps. The analysis of the Markov chain is suitable for use changes and land coverage and it’s useful when changes aren’t easily describable. Markov chain is the collection of random values whose possibility in a given time depends on the numbers in the past (Fan et al. 2008). In this research, the change
allocation to each use was calculated by the Markov chain (Haibo et al., 2011; Coppedge et al., 2007; Wu et al., 2006).

CA-Markov model- CA-Markov model incorporates the theories of the Markov chain and Cellular Automata (CA) and is commonly used in predicting LUC (Sang et al., 2011). CA has strong capabilities in simulating the spatiotemporal characteristics of complex systems and can be used to simulate unexpected behaviors of complex systems that cannot be represented by specific equations. Markov chain is commonly used for predicting geographical characteristics lacking after-effect events. When LUC is predicted by the Markov chain, land use is regarded as a stochastic process and different land-use types as the states of a chain (Cabral & Zamyatin, 2009; Clancy et al., 2010). Implementation of the CA-Markov model can be described by the following 3 steps:

1. Calculated transition area matrix using Markov Chain analysis is used to predict the transition area matrix of LUC. At first, the original transition probability matrix (denoted by P) of land use type should be obtained from two former land use maps. Then, according to the non-aftereffect of Markov, the transition probability matrix for target simulation periods can be predicted according to Eq. (1).

\[ P(N) = P(N-1) \times P \]  
(1)

where \( P(N) \) is the state probability of any time, and \( P(N-1) \) is the preliminary state probability. Having a transition probability matrix, the transition area matrix can be easily obtained, which is performed by Eq. (2).

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
A_{11} & A_{12} & \ldots & A_{1n} \\
A_{21} & A_{22} & \ldots & A_{2n} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
A_{n1} & A_{n2} & \ldots & A_{nn}
\end{bmatrix}
\]  
(2)

where \( A \) is the transition area matrix, \( A_{ij} \) is the sum of areas from its land-use class to the \( i \)th land use to the \( j \)th class during the years from start point to target simulation periods; and \( n \) is the number of land-use types. This process can be achieved by utilizing the MARKOV mod in the IDRISI Andes, which is a raster-based spatial analysis software developed by Clark Labs at Clark University. With IDRISI Andes, you can explore, predict, and model impacts on land cover change with the innovative Land Change Modeler facility.

2. Generated transition potential maps

Transition potential maps are the simulation foundation of the Markov-CA model; they are used to control the spatial distribution of land use. At the earliest stage, transition potential maps are generated from the transition probability matrix, which is calculated using Markov Chain. For this type of transition potential maps, patches of a land-use type would transit to other land use classes with the same probabilities. Recently, several studies have attempted to incorporate natural and socioeconomic data (such as slope, elevation, distance to the nearest road, population density, and GDP per capita) to generated transition potential maps. These attempts have helped to improve the simulation accuracy of the Markov-CA model.

3. Simulated land-use change (LUC) using CA model

Simulated LUC using the CA model, provides a spatial framework. Deciding iteration times, integrating transition area matrix and transition potential maps as the local transition rule of CA, land use map in the future could be simulated. The local transition rule of the Markov-CA model can be performed by Eq. (3).

\[ \text{if } S_j = \max(S1, S2, \ldots, Sn) \text{ and } \text{Area}_j = \text{Area}_i \text{ then } C_i \rightarrow C_j \]  
(3)

where \( S_j \) is the potential of a patch transit to the \( j \)th land-use class; \( \text{Area}_i \) is the total area from land-use class \( I \) to land-use class \( j \) in the current iteration; \( T \) is iteration times; \( C_i \) is the \( i \)th land-use class.

3. Research Findings

The classification of images by maximum likelihood classification shows six land use classes in the study area. Figure 2 shows land use maps relating to 2000 and 2014 and their area are shown in Table 2; Kappa coefficient is 94.35 for 2014 and 93.53 for 2000. Moreover, the overall kappa coefficient for 2000 and 2014 maps, 0.95 and 0.97 respectively, were acceptable results.
Table 2. User area targeted in the region

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Land uses</th>
<th>The year 2000</th>
<th>The year 2014</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Area (km²)</td>
<td>Area (%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Residentia</td>
<td>16.596</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Agriculture</td>
<td>69.9444</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Water</td>
<td>8.5329</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>forest</td>
<td>36.5499</td>
<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rangeland</td>
<td>220.0572</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bare</td>
<td>264.456</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>615.6</td>
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The result of changes display shows the area was under many changes of land use during 2000 to 2014. These changes include decreases, increases, and mere changes for each class and transformation from one class to another class. The most decrease includes grasslands destruction and their transformation to other uses. In this research, according to changes display results, six sub-models are considered for transformation power modeling by multilayer Perceptron artificial neural network. Sub-models are agricultural to the residential, forest to grasslands, grasslands to agriculture, grasslands to arid land, bare land to residential, and arid land to agriculture. After selecting sub-models, six variables are selected according to regional characteristics. Studying Cramer correlation coefficient, variables whose correlation coefficients are more than 0.1 are selected for modeling (Table 3).

Table 3. Overall Cramer’s Results

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<th>Independent Variables</th>
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<td>DEM</td>
<td>0.1391</td>
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<td>Slope</td>
<td>0.1099</td>
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<tr>
<td>Distance Residential</td>
<td>0.1228</td>
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<td>Distance Agriculture</td>
<td>0.1296</td>
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<td>Distance Road</td>
<td>0.1125</td>
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<td>Evidence Likelihood</td>
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According to independent variables and sub-models, transformation potential maps are drawn for every sub-model by multilayer Perceptron neural networks (Figure 3).
Three accuracy assessment factors, training error, and test error are determined for modeling transformation power modeling (Table 4). Finally, the amount of each use change is predicted by the Markov chain, and land use maps relating to 2028 are drawn in the LCM model by the multilayer Perceptron neural networks method (Figure 4 and Table 5).
Table 4. Accuracy assessment of artificial neural network

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Accuracy rate</th>
<th>Training RMS</th>
<th>Testing RMS</th>
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<tr>
<td>84.35</td>
<td>0.1457</td>
<td>0.1493</td>
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Figure 4. Land use map predicted 2028 (MARKOV chain)

Table 5. User area map modeling (MARKOV chain)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Land uses 2028</th>
<th>Area (km²)</th>
<th>Area (%)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Residential</td>
<td>41.8086</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Agriculture</td>
<td>210.3687</td>
<td>34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Water</td>
<td>11.4093</td>
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<tr>
<td>forest</td>
<td>9.3636</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Rangeland</td>
<td>76.1544</td>
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<td>Bare</td>
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The possibility of transformation each use to other users is represented by the probability matrix (Table 6).

The transformed area matrix registers the number of cells which are expected in changing from one kind of land coverage to other kinds in the future (Table 7).

Table 6. Transition probability matrix

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<th>Land uses</th>
<th>Residential</th>
<th>Agriculture</th>
<th>Water</th>
<th>forest</th>
<th>Rangeland</th>
<th>Bare</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Residential</td>
<td>0.9057</td>
<td>0.0287</td>
<td>0.0012</td>
<td>0.0182</td>
<td>0.0033</td>
<td>0.0429</td>
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<tr>
<td>Agriculture</td>
<td>0.0417</td>
<td>0.9019</td>
<td>0.0213</td>
<td>0.0179</td>
<td>0.0172</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Water</td>
<td>0.0159</td>
<td>0.0277</td>
<td>0.6205</td>
<td>0.0590</td>
<td>0.1587</td>
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<tr>
<td>forest</td>
<td>0.1043</td>
<td>0.1312</td>
<td>0.2033</td>
<td>0.2033</td>
<td>0.4049</td>
<td>0.1359</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rangeland</td>
<td>0.0257</td>
<td>0.2890</td>
<td>0.0113</td>
<td>0.0151</td>
<td>0.3479</td>
<td>0.3110</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bare</td>
<td>0.0171</td>
<td>0.0686</td>
<td>0.0109</td>
<td>0.0101</td>
<td>0.3042</td>
<td>0.5891</td>
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Table 7. Matrix transferred area

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<th>Land uses</th>
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<th>Water</th>
<th>forest</th>
<th>Rangeland</th>
<th>Bare</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Residential</td>
<td>31778</td>
<td>1009</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>639</td>
<td>116</td>
<td>1504</td>
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<tr>
<td>Agriculture</td>
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<td>150626</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>2985</td>
<td>2875</td>
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<tr>
<td>Water</td>
<td>202</td>
<td>352</td>
<td>7866</td>
<td>747</td>
<td>2000</td>
<td>1510</td>
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<tr>
<td>forest</td>
<td>1823</td>
<td>2293</td>
<td>356</td>
<td>3554</td>
<td>7079</td>
<td>2376</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rangeland</td>
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<td>56012</td>
<td>2183</td>
<td>2935</td>
<td>67440</td>
<td>60290</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bare</td>
<td>4408</td>
<td>17690</td>
<td>2803</td>
<td>2617</td>
<td>78450</td>
<td>151945</td>
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</table>
This matrix is drawn by multiplying each column from the transformation probability matrix with land use cells relating to it in the second picture (Eastman, 2006). After running Markov, the CA-MARKOV transfer area has tables, maps transfer potential derived from the neural network methods and land use map is the second year of preparation (Figure 5).

![Figure 5. Land use map predicted 2028 (CA-MARKOV)](image)

### Table 8. User area map modeling (CA-MARKOV)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Land uses 2028</th>
<th>Area (km²)</th>
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<td>Residential</td>
<td>38.584</td>
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<tr>
<td>Agriculture</td>
<td>149.656</td>
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<tr>
<td>Water</td>
<td>12.965</td>
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<tr>
<td>forest</td>
<td>16.981</td>
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<td>Rangeland</td>
<td>204.896</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bare</td>
<td>192.518</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>615.6</strong></td>
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### 4. Discussion and Conclusion

After the two methods produce maps with CA-MARKOV modeling and Markov chain prediction, results were compared with the 2014 land use map. According to two different approaches for modeling, results showed that it map Was predicted by Markov- Chain is closer to reality. So, to create a future scenario in the year 2028, forecast maps with the Markov model were chosen.

In this research, a land change modeler is used for land-use changes modeling in the Behbahan region. The results of land-use changes from 2000 to 2014 show that these changes have occurred in the vast area. Among of studied uses, the most increase happens in the area related to agricultural, residential, and water use, and most of the increase in the area is related to agricultural use (8036.01 hectares). The decrease occurred in the grassland, drier land, and forest use and most of the decrease occurred in the area related to grassland use (4560.39 hectares). The decrease in grassland area and its conversion to other uses include 6233 hectares from grasslands to agriculture, 1199 hectares to dried land, 1146 hectares to a forest, and 599 hectares to the residential area. The comparison between the modeling map and map related to 2013 shows that residential area and agricultural land continue to their growth trend so that residential area will be increased from 3157 hectares in 2014 to 4180 hectares in 2028.

An interesting point is that the number of villages does not increase during these 14 years but the extension of village area will be increased and
agricultural land decreases from 15030 hectares to 2103.6 hectares. The growth percentage of this use land had been 10% from 2000 to 2014 but it will be changeless from 2014 to 2028. The dried land area also will increase 5% more than in 2013. Water zone space will be changeless during these 14 years. The decreasing process will probably occur in the water district and Maroun dam in the future decades. Unfortunately, not only destruction process of grasslands and forests is not avoided but also it is followed with more pace than in the past. Grassland had been 17445 hectares in 2014 but it is 7615 on the modeling map. 637 hectares will be decreased from forest area that it is the warring issue and management activities should be done for maintaining forests so that the problems such as flood, soil erosion, increasing of greenhouse gases, and loss of biodiversity are avoided. The decrease also happens in grassland and forests. The compactness of population centers in Behbahan and changing natural views to urban ones are the greatest changes in this city. It is expected that this process will continue with more pace in the future and the increase in agricultural lands confirms this point. About the decrease in grassland areas, it can be said that the growth of population in villages and the need for food made the villagers change grasslands to agricultural lands. On the other hand, another reason for grassland destruction is the excessive livestock grazing that changes vegetation coverage composition and ranchers destruct and changes forest coverage by grazing livestock from young trees, twig trees, livestock born construction, fuel, and household consumption. The results of this study (increasing residential areas and decreasing forests and grasslands) are in line with the results of Mohammad and Worku (2020), Silva et al. (2020), Dadashpoor et al. (2019), and Sun et al. (2018). Moreover, the result of transformation power modeling assessment by the artificial neural network shows high accuracy. In many studies (Mohammad & Worku, 2020; Silva et al., 2020; and Perez-Vega et al., 2012), the accuracy of this method has been mentioned. Results of this study show that population growth and urban expansion are the main factors of use changes which are in line with the results of Caldas et al. (2010) and Joorabian Shoshtari et al. (2012). The population of this region has increased from 163032 in 1375 to 180593 in 2016 (www.amar.org.ir). The results of the Cramer correlation coefficient show that the most important independent variable explaining Behbahan city changes sequence are: quantitative variable in the agricultural model, digital elevation model, distance from agricultural land, distance from a residential area, and distance from road and slope. These variables are selected in many studies like Gholamalifard et al. (2013) and Schulz et al. (2010).

This paper tried to demonstrate that this hybrid technique (neural network–Markov–CA) offers certain advantages compared with traditional techniques. Firstly, this approach is capable of considering and integrating environmental and socioeconomic factors, which are not considered in current CA models, SLEUTH (Clarke et al., 1997; Yang & Lo, 2002; Dietzel & Clarke, 2006). Secondly, any spatial factor can be imported to this approach to measure its influence on urban sprawl and, accordingly, can be rejected after statistical assessment. Finally, the mentioned approach was tested and verified in two steps: (i) while the approach was being developed (the model calibration process) and (ii) through the comparison of the actual map and the simulated map of 2006, which was generated to verify the outcome of the approach. Whereas the validation of the current LUC models is still weak (Pontius & Spencer, 2005), it is not feasible to validate the certainty of the simulated maps for the future. Thus, the only possible way to verify the model was to validate it at the most recent time, and following the assurance of the model’s performance, future land use maps could be simulated more confidently.

This research is the presentation of an empirical model between a dependent variable (the amount of land-use change) and independent variables. According to the existence of non-linear relationships among variables, an artificial neural network has been used. The development and changes in nature will be the same during a time and it is the most important hypothesis in this modeling. In the other words, the last changes can predict future changes based on a historical scenario. The results of this study can provide a suitable perspective for planners to manage land use concerning land-use changes in the past, present, and future. They are also can be used for development assessment projects, the cumulative effects assessment, and the vulnerable and
sensitive zone recognition. Finally, the results of this research can be used for performing projects relating to decreasing destruction effects, deforestation, and forest destruction in that the main purpose is decreasing greenhouse gases and maintaining biodiversity.

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تفیق مدل‌های شبکه عصبی مصنوعی، Markov chain و CA Markov برای شیب‌سازی تغییرات کاربری زمین منطقه بهبهان

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چکیده مبسوط

مقدمه
زمین مکانی از عملکرد اکوسیستم طبیعی است که توسط انسان به روش‌های مختلف استفاده شده است. شبیه‌سازی تغییر کاربری زمین اهمیت بسزایی برای تحقیق در مورد تغییر کاربری زمین است که سیاه‌پوش از مسائل زیست‌محیطی پدیده‌ای که در زمینه‌های مختلف عمدتاً باعث افراد و افراد مسئولان اعضای جامعه به سیستم محیطی در ایران و جهان داشته می‌باشد. به عبارت دیگر، تغییرات کاربری زمین و شیب‌سازی آغاز بهره‌برداری انسان از منابع طبیعی به‌منظور برخورداری انسان از این منابع، نیازهای اقتصادی، اجتماعی و سیاسی در سیاست‌گذاری انسان در محیط زیست و در زمینه‌های مختلف ایجاد می‌شود. به عبارت دیگر، تغییرات کاربری زمین و شیب‌سازی به وجود آمده‌اند.

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2. مبانی نظری تحقیق
مدل‌های پیشنهادی به طور کنترل‌پذیر به تجربه و تحلیل و پیش‌بینی تغییر کاربری زمین استفاده می‌شود. در بین این مدل‌ها مدل‌های شبکه عصبی مصنوعی، Land Change Modeler (LCM) و CA Markov می‌توانند این دستیابی را با توجه به ویژگی‌های ویژه‌ای که در اینجا مورد بررسی قرار گرفته است که در مجموعه‌های تحلیل‌های خود، شباهتی سیستم‌های اتوماتیک دارند.

CA-Markov

CA-Markov یکی از مدل‌های شبکه عصبی مصنوعی است که در زمینه‌های مختلف استفاده شده است. این مدل به روش‌های مختلف انسانی در حوزه‌های مختلف از جمله زمین‌شناسی، جغرافیا و... استفاده می‌شود. CA-Markov با توجه به ویژگی‌های ویژه‌ای که در اینجا مورد بررسی قرار گرفته است که در مجموعه‌های تحلیل‌های خود، شباهتی سیستم‌های اتوماتیک دارند.

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این تحقیق از نوع کاربردی و جمع‌آوری اطلاعات به‌دست‌آمده با توجه به طبقه‌بندی و نقشه‌های کشاورزی در استان خوزستان، بهبود در روش‌های اندازه‌گیری و شبیه‌سازی انجام شده است.

راهنمای تحقیق

در تحقیق حاضر، با استفاده از این روش، نتایج به‌دست‌آمده برای مرتع به کشاورزی و مرتع به مسکنی می‌باشد.

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Analysis of Socio-Cultural Challenges Facing Local Managers in the Process of Rural Development (Case Study: Central District of Rasht County)

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Abstract

**Design/Methodology/Approach:** This is an applied research in which a descriptive-analytical method has been adopted for data collection and analysis. The study data was obtained through documentary analysis and field studies. The statistical population of this study includes 63 villages in the central district of Rasht County. All Delhars and members of the Islamic Council of these villages (n=284) were interviewed and filled out the questionnaire. Data analysis was performed using statistical methods (t-test and weighted mean). The social challenges facing local managers with 18 items and cultural challenges with 8 items were subjected to analysis at three levels.

**Findings:** The results suggested that local managers of villages in the central district of Rasht County confront serious social and cultural challenges in the process of rural development. Poor collaboration of villagers with local village managers in rural development plans and projects with a mean of 4.42, reverse migration and social problems caused by the construction of second houses with a mean of 4.41 and migration of youths from villages to the city and non-participation in Council elections with a mean of 4.40 were the major social and ethnic challenges. Also, tribal differences in the villages with a mean of 4.35, lack of solidarity between local managers and people in tackling rural problems with a mean of 4.34 and poor work culture with a mean of 4.13 were also the most important cultural challenges facing local managers in the villages at the central district of Rasht County.

**Research Limitations/Implications:** The disagreements between local managers, reluctance to provide information on research topic and the difficulty of reaching managers in the villages were the main limitations of the present study. Appointing a member of the village management body as a spokesperson and setting the criterion of permanent residence in the village as a precondition for the nomination of the executive director were among executive strategies offered in the present study.

**Practical Implications:** Changing the management style from person-centered to participatory management in the administration of rural affairs, monitoring the inflow of non-indigenous people into the village in order to safeguard its social and cultural structure, building a suitable infrastructure to keep young and active forces in rural areas and encouraging them to study in the fields pertained to planning and rural development, participating in the decision-making structure of local management, fostering interaction between local managers and villagers through a management system based on law obedience and transparency and ultimately stimulating villagers to engage in teamwork and its effective results in the process of achieving comprehensive rural development.

**Originality/value:** Recognizing the main challenges facing local managers in a district of Guilan province can play a prominent role in improving their efficiency in the process of achieving rural development. The results of this research can be useful for district and county managers.

**Keywords:** Rural management, Rural development, Social challenges, Cultural challenges, Central district, Rasht County.

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1. Introduction

A key element in the survival, stability and vitality of a society, management is the main driver behind transition from the status quo to a favorable and desirable situation (Mohammadzadeh & Khosravipour, 2018). The realization of rural development requires applying various strategies and techniques. One of the controversial issues in this regard, which can be seen as a basis for directing the scene of local management and development in rural areas, is the issue of housing in both physical and non-physical dimensions. As mentioned, local management plays a fundamental role in rural development in general and in socio-economic development in particular (Molaei Hashjin et al., 2017). Rural management is a multifaceted process composed of three pillars of people, government and public institutions (Kabiri & Valaei, 2019). Given the importance of rural management in attaining rural goals, rural management in Iran needs to draw on core knowledge and provide the necessary momentum for the realization of this goal in the rural areas (Heidari Mokarrar & Nazari, 2011).

Iranian villages have been struggling with a raft of problems from the past to the present, including the lack of attention to sustainable management in the villages, which give rise to countless problems and challenges such as rural-city migration, weak public participation in administrative activities, imposed planning, lack of competent local management (Dehyar), and youth unemployment, among other things (Mousavi & Badri, 2012: 79). The new concept of rural management underscores the role of local institutions and the participation of villagers as one the fundamental requirements of sustainable rural development. At present, the rural management structure of the country comprises of two parts: The Islamic Council of the village as a decision-making body and Dehyar as an executive branch with legal and financial independence (Moradi & Agahi, 2014). Islamic councils and Dehyars, as the most inclusive chain of the civil society, aims to respond to a social need, which used to be realized in traditional ways in the past, but has currently emerged as a fertile ground for popular participation. Accordingly, in the sixth and seventh principles of The Islamic Republic of Iran, Councils and Dehyars are regarded as pillars of decision-making and administration of the country. In fact, they play a crucial role in various decision-making, supervisory and managerial sectors by relying on public votes collected through elections or referendums (Talib, 2010: 127).

At present, the rural councils, along with Dehyari, which can be seen as the executive branch of the Councils, are in charge of rural affairs. The villages are expected to tap into underdeveloped potentials through a local democratic organization. The expansion of councils can contribute to the development of non-governmental organizations, increase people's participation in local affairs, and bring to account the rural management institution. However, evidence suggests that rural Islamic councils confront several issues and challenges that, if ignored, can beget numerous problems for the villages across the country. Social challenges are one of the main challenges of councils that are directly and indirectly involved in creation of other challenges. Handling affairs and coordinating a specific program or framework that identifies rural problems and adopts the best possible solution seems necessary (Riahi & Masoumi, 2020). In the new approach system, the decentralized approach to national development has led to the inception of a new rural management, i.e., the establishment of Dehyari in rural areas, which was a formal and legal institution in charge of rural affairs and local rural management in rural areas. Currently, it is deeply involved in the villages, addresses a growing body of rural problems and plays a pivotal role in rural development (Estelaji et al., 2011). However, despite all the efforts made by local managers, a variety of factors such as financial variables, people's attitudes, etc., have mounted a number of challenges in social and cultural domains.

The central district of Rasht County, with 75 inhabited rural settlements, 63 of which have Dehyar and Islamic Council, faces multiple challenges in performing its duties and functions, especially in economic, social and cultural domains. More than two decades of experience in modern rural management has not yet translated into effective rural development. This study aims to investigate and analyze the social and cultural
challenges facing local managers in the villages at the central district of Rasht County, and to answer this question, “What are the most important social and cultural challenges facing local managers in the villages at the central district of Rasht County in the process of rural development?

2. Research Theoretical Literature

In the theories on the role of people and government in rural development, the formation of local organizations by local communities has been underscored so that local organizations can play an active role in the development and management of local affairs. Rural society is a kind of social organization built upon the relationship between people and local institutions. Rural management is seen as the technique, organization and order of forging this relationship. As one of the major components of rural development, it is influenced by national macro strategies and approaches in the sphere of management. Management approaches can be classified into traditional approaches, human resources approaches, systemic and contingency approaches. Given that development is a multidimensional concept, it seems that the best approach to rural development management is a systemic, participatory and contingent one, which is described in some references as "the new management" (Estelaji, 2012). Informed by the requirements of the present era, the new strategy and modernity of rural management has been tilted towards partnership with the people, for the people (Pahuja, 2015). Today, local planning and management theorists have proposed the theory of partnership. Local community-based management is akin to the group or participatory approach that chiefly focuses on local communities. In contrast, participatory management approaches stresses partnerships between local rural communities, the public sector, and other stakeholders on a larger scale, without focusing on the local community. In the theory of partnership, as stated by Terner, government or the people rather than acting as the supplier or the decision-maker, take care of affairs together. In this mutual cooperation, the government provides resources that cannot be offered by people and the local people - within the framework of the organization of local communities (Rezvani, 2011: 230).

Pahuja stresses the importance of cooperation, trust and friendship to cultivate harmony and peace between people and local management (Murarka et al., 2021). This approach, covering a variety of areas, including participation, local community, community-based collaboration, decentralization, and partnership, is associated with approaches that concentrate on local community in the process of sustainable development. Therefore, one of the main factors in the analysis of rural issues is the management structure of these communities. In the past, a traditional management system governed the rural areas of Iran and a survey of rural management in Iran in the post-Revolution era suggests major changes in this period compared to the previous times, but the absence of a precise and goal-oriented approach to policies and macro-plans in rural management is still felt (Ghadiri Masoum & Riahi, 2004). The local organizations are built on the principle of sovereignty of peoples, and participation is a key element underpinning these institutions. Apart from participation, decentralized management, regulated decision-making, systemic thinking, and the model of mission execution are other characteristics of modern rural management (Mahdavi & Najafi Kani, 2005).

At the lower levels of the ruling system, the local management of rural development in Iran is entrusted to the district governor and Dehyar. Dehyari, as a public non-governmental organization that administers local affairs under the supervision of villagers through the Islamic councils, is in charge of public affairs and public services. With the establishment of Dehyaris, for the first time, a formal and legal institution was set up to consolidate public affairs in the villages (Akbari, 2003). For many years, the rural management system in Iran, due to socio-economic structures, developments and lack of efficient management in villages, have undergone complicated changes. In all periods, especially in recent decades, it has given rise to a host of problems for the villagers (Nasiri et al., 2021).

The new structure of the rural management in Iran has two main components: The Islamic Council of the village as a decision making body and Dehyari as an executive branch with legal and financial independence. In addition to access to national budgets, this institution has power to impose and collect local tolls for public services. Dehyars are the link that connect and reinforce governance and supervision bodies at the bottom of the hierarchical structure. These two non-
governmental institutions constitute the pillars of rural management which, if supported by the government, can fill a historical gap in rural management (Naderi Mehdi, 2015). An official executive body with legal legitimacy that operates under the supervision of the Islamic Council of the village to provide public services is a new concept in Iran (Ghadiri Masoum & Riahi, 2004). Part of the problems of Dehyaris could be attributed to their fledgling operation as well as deep-rooted management problems in the country. In the absence of no definite measures and yardsticks for credits and resources allocated to districts and regions, the small communities that are out of reach of the decision-makers, i.e. the villages, would suffer the most serious repercussions. The nascent and inexperienced institution of Dehyari, which closely interacts with the defective institution of the Islamic Council of the village, should advance the development of the village (Office of Program and Budget Studies, 2006). Laws and regulations, even those regarding the interaction between the council and Dehyari, are largely flawed and often lead to overlapping in implementation of duties (Estelaji, 2012). Many of the rural problems, including the lack of coordination and overlapping duties of organizations in charge of villages, the budget constraints of Dehyaris and urban orientation and modeling of most managers of relevant organizations, are levied from outside the village. Other obstacles to modern rural management are the distinctive status of Dehyari management in the management structure, limited experience and lack of expertise of Dehyars (Rezvani, 2011: 260), severe budget constraints of Dehyaris, fragile rural economic the absence of rural management infrastructure in the country, and the abundance of development and service projects undertaken by this institution (Deputy for Dehyari Affairs, 2004:6-5). Other problems such as lack of unified management in the village (Darban Astaneh et al., 2010), poor financial resources, non-participation of residents, negative experiences of villagers, overlapping duties of Dehyaris and other organizations (Ghadiri Masoum et al., 2018), lack of staff specialized in rural affairs (Rezvani, 2011: 260), high prices of equipment and machinery, constrained rural income sources, exorbitant costs of carrying out civil and technical projects for rural areas, social barriers and attitudes of rural tribes to issues (Estelaji, 2012) as well as improper distribution of rural funds (Taghdisi et al., 2011) are some of the challenges to modern rural management. In addition to social challenges, there are a number of parameters and criteria related to the peasant subculture in the rural culture. These social and cultural criteria, which have impeded the development of Iranian villages, include poor mutual trust in personal relationships, lack of innovation, low aspirations., inability to sacrifice immediate resources for future gains, underestimation of the time factor, tribalism and nepotism, over-reliance on government, localism, lack of empathy, lack of motivation for progress and improved standard of living (Azkia, 2005).

![Figure 1. Conceptual model of research](image-url)
With regard to the challenges of local managers in the rural development process, several studies have been conducted, some of which are listed in Table (1).

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<th>Researcher / Year</th>
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<td>Ghadiri Masoum &amp; Riahi (2004)</td>
<td>Analysis of rural management challenges in Iran</td>
<td>Local managers have faced challenges in the areas of sustainable financial resources, participation of local people, human resource training, equipment, tools and facilities.</td>
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<td>Mahdavi &amp; Najafi Kani (2005)</td>
<td>Dehyaris, another experience in rural management of Iran. Case study: West Azerbaijan province</td>
<td>Today, Dehyaris and local organizations can play an important role in rural development, especially in improving physical condition. In this regard, the higher-level supervision of the governorates and allocation of more budget, along with holding training courses related to job descriptions and creating a culture for public participation have been emphasized.</td>
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<td>Imani Jajarni &amp; Karimi (2009)</td>
<td>Social challenges of rural councils in local management</td>
<td>The major social challenges facing Islamic councils are the small share of women in rural management though they constitute a substantial segment of rural population, low human capital of council members and villagers, migration of the council’s members and the young population to the cities, as well as the declining social capital of councils and villagers.</td>
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<td>Badri (2011)</td>
<td>Challenges of rural management in Iran and presentation of strategic policies</td>
<td>This study investigates different periods of rural management in Iran while discussing the major challenges of local managers and proposing solutions for current challenges.</td>
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<td>Rokn al-Din Eftekhari et al. (2018)</td>
<td>Identifying the problems and obstacles to the success of rural areas in Selseleh city in Lorestan province</td>
<td>The main obstacles to the effective functioning of rural areas are administrative barriers and supports followed by financial and social problems as well as specific issues related to Dehyars and legal obstacles.</td>
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<td>Ghadiri Masoum et al. (2018)</td>
<td>Investigating the problems facing rural councils in East Azerbaijan province</td>
<td>In this study, a number of obstacles such as uncertainty and unawareness of Dehyars about their duties, inefficient execution some tasks due to a lack of experience, ethnic bias, lack of support from officials, council and people and limited cooperation of institutions with Dehyar.</td>
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<td>Moradi &amp; Aghei (2014)</td>
<td>Analysis of rural management challenges based on a qualitative approach to the Basic theory</td>
<td>Challenges such unfamiliarity of people and local organizations with the duties of Dehyar, a negative stance on Dehyar, the lack of cooperation and support of local and government organizations from Dehyar, the development of top-down plans by executive organizations, the weak spirit of cooperation and voluntary participation of the people, the shaky legal status of Dehyar and finally, the absence of equipment and financial resources</td>
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<td>Kabiri &amp; Valaei (2019)</td>
<td>Analysis of Challenges of New Rural Management (Case Study: Villages of Miandoab County)</td>
<td>The most important challenges facing villagers are unemployment, lack of motivation and personal skills, organizational inefficiency, regulatory problems and law gaps, and inadequate funding of Dehyaris with a total variance of 62.97. Job insecurity, poor financing, lack of motivation and income negative attitudes of the people and prejudices of the councils are other main factors.</td>
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Challenges facing rural management and its role in the underdevelopment of Peripheral villages (Case: Shiraz)

Socio-cultural challenge has been a key challenge to the development of rural management in the villages of Peripheral in Shiraz. Based on statistical analysis, in the studied villages, a significant difference was observed between rural management challenges in different dimensions. The results also revealed that as the distance from the city increases, the effect of rural management challenges on the underdevelopment of villages in the outskirt of the city declines. In fact, villages closer to the city were more severely affected by city laws and regulations.

Based on the points presented in Table (1), the bulk of studies on challenges facing local managers of rural settlements were on economic challenges and few studies have explored social and cultural challenges, which represent key areas of rural development.

3. Research Methodology
3.1. Geographical Scope of the research
The geographical area of the present study is the central district of Rasht County. As one largest district of Rasht County, it covers an area of 522 square kilometers and shares border with Khomam and Bandar Anzali on the north, Sangar and Rudbar county on the south, Kouchesfahan district on the east and Tulamat district, Someh Sara county, Fuman and Shaft on the west. The central district of Rasht county, according to the latest General Population and Housing Census in 2016, consists of 4 villages of Pasikhan, Pirbazar, Humeh and Lakan with 78 villages (75 inhabited villages and 3 uninhabited villages). In 2016, this area was home to 246,759 households and 740,985 people, of which 78.24% settled in urban areas and 21.76% in rural areas (Management and Planning Organization of Guilan, 2017).

![Figure 2. Geographical location of the study area](image)
3. 2. Methodology

This is an applied research in which a descriptive-analytical method has been adopted for data collection and analysis. The research information was obtained using two methods of document analysis and field studies. Information related to the background and subject of research, theoretical framework and scope of research were obtained from document analysis and the major social and cultural challenges facing local managers (Dehyars and Islamic councils) were identified through field studies using observations, interviews and questionnaires. The validity of the questionnaire was assessed based on experts’ opinion and its reliability was estimated at 0.975 based on Cronbach’s alpha test. The statistical population of this study consisted of local managers including members of Islamic councils and Dehyars in the central district of Rasht County. This district has 75 inhabited villages, of which 63 villages have Dehyari and Islamic Council. In this study, 284 local managers (Dehyars and the Islamic Council) of these villages were selected using Total population sampling. The t-test and weighted Mean were utilized for data analysis. Data processing was conducted using SPSS22 software. The tables were drawn in Excel software, and maps were designed by Arc GIS software. The independent variable of research, i.e. challenges facing local managers, was measured by social and cultural indicators, and the dependent variable is rural development.

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4. Research Findings

4. 1. Demographic characteristics of the respondents

The analysis of respondents’ profile suggests that 91% of respondents were male and 9% were female. In terms of age, 30.6 of respondents were in the age group of 20 to 30 years, 64.5% were between 30-40 years old and 4.9% were between 40 to 50 years old. The local managers’ level of education will play a significant role in managing rural affairs and mitigating village issues and problems. With regard to education, local managers in the study area could be divided into 5 groups: Below school, diploma, associate’s degree, bachelor’s degree, master’s and doctoral degree. Of the total local managers in the central district of Rasht County, 97.5% had a university education, with their vast majority (73.9%) having a bachelor's and master's degree (Table 3).
Table 3. Personal and general characteristics of the respondents

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4.2. Social challenges of local managers

The social challenges facing local managers in the villages at the central district of Rasht with 18 items were analyzed using t-test and weighted mean, as shown in Table (4). Accordingly, the social challenges of local managers in the study could be classified into three levels in terms of importance: first-level social challenges with an weighted mean of above 4 (very important), second-level social challenges with an weighted mean of 3.5-4 (important) and third-level social challenges with an weighted mean of less than 3.5 (average).

**First-level social challenges**: In this category of challenges facing local managers of villages in the central district of Rasht, there are 6 challenges with a weighted mean of 4.10 to 4.42 (i.e. very important). The participation of villagers in various plans and projects is a key way to achieve rural development. Low participation of local people in rural plans and projects due to their inefficiency was the main challenge facing local managers at the studied villages, which was recognized as the biggest social challenge by local managers with a mean of 4.42. Improving access to services in the villages of the central district of Rasht County, especially gas supply to the villages, paving roads, and giving loans for the renovation of houses have fueled the reverse trend of migration to the villages of this district. Reverse migration and the social problems ensuing the construction of second houses represent one of the problems confronted by local village managers. This item, with a mean of 4.41, was the second important social challenges facing local managers in the studied villages after the low participation of villagers. These problems are especially evident in Pastak and Alman villages, where a large share of lands has been acquired by the people of Tehran to build their second houses. The long-term presence of candidates in the council without any contestant (in some cases, due to the special situation of the villages and the financial benefits attached to council, and in other cases, due to the unwillingness of other villagers and the absence of a quorum to hold council elections), members and local people are not sufficiently motivated.

For this reason, in most of the studies prior to the rural elections, one of the biggest problems facing Islamic councils and Dehyaris was the small number of candidates and the continued appointment of elderly and unmotivated people as the members of the Islamic councils and Dehyaris, which has overshadowed the presence of youths. The tendency of villagers and the young and active rural population to migrate to the city and therefore their absence in the management system with a mean of 4.40 underlines its importance as one of the major social challenges facing local managers in the study area. Villages such as Selki Sar, Lakan, Khajan Chahar Dang have been among the villages that have experienced this important challenge in recent years.
Surveys have shown that many local managers, especially Dehyars, have no permanent residence in villages and dwell in the cities. This has disturbed the ongoing interaction of villagers with the local managers. As a result, some rural issues and problems village still remain unresolved. On the other hand, in some cases the absence or temporary residence of local managers, especially Dehyars in the village has an adverse impact on their activity, decreasing their efficiency in advancing and implementing rural development programs. The absence and temporary residence of local managers in rural areas, with a mean of 4.25, was also confirmed by local managers in the villages under study. Despite the fact that villages in the central district of Rasht County are dense and positioned in the plains in the vicinity of city, most local managers stated that if local managers lived in the village, they would pay more attention to rural issues as they would feel the shortcomings. Islamic councils and Dehyaris at the central district of Rasht County struggle with the inadequacy of laws and regulations in village administration. Such inadequacies, with a mean of 4.21, was proposed as the fifth social challenges facing local managers in the area. Research suggests that in the villages of Saghalaksar, Alman and Pastak, this issue was more prominent than other villages in the central district of Rasht County. Local organizations and managers, as institutions that safeguard the rights of exploiters and the local people in the rural and agricultural sectors, are a powerful means of exerting pressure on government agencies in this sector to force them into respecting the rights of citizens, meet the unfulfilled demands and expectations of various stakeholders, improve transparency, reduce corruption, cut red tape and ultimately promote efficiency of government management in rural development. Given the large raft of problems in the villages, most of the villagers attribute rural problems to the Dehyars and hence have trouble trusting Dehyars. For example, in Islamabad village, the local people held Dehyar responsible for power outage. Also, the extent of demands and expectations of the people vary in villages. Therefore, when some expectations are not met, villagers may lose their trust in Dehyar. As such, the little trust of people for local village managers with an average of 4.10 was proposed as the sixth social challenge facing local managers in the villages of the central district of Rasht County (Figure 3).

Second-level social challenges: Second-level social challenges facing local managers of villages in the central district of Rasht County, with an weighted mean of 3.5 to 4, included 10 "important" challenges, as shown in Figure 4. Social capital in rural areas was measured in terms of empathy, trust and participation, and human capital was assessed through literacy.
education, and so on. Development process in villages of the central district of Rasht County has not been executed effectively, which has dwindled the level of trust and participation of villagers in local managers. Most of Dehyars are well-educated, but since their managerial and professional knowledge is fairly low, their drawbacks begin to stand out. The reduced social capital and low human capital in the villages of the central district of Rasht County with a mean of 3.94 is one of the main challenges facing local managers in the process of rural development. According to studies, villagers tend to visit different government organizations in person to tackle problems and they are not satisfied with Dehyars performance and the village council. This reflects the little trust of local people for Dehyar and members of Islamic council.

Unemployment is a key issue in today's societies and in developing societies, youth unemployment may turn into a serious issue with huge deleterious socio-economic, cultural and cultural effects. Thus, it can be argued that one of the primary goals of the government in the economic domain is to generate full-time employment and fight unemployment. The responsibilities in this regard, particularly in lower subdivisions, are shouldered by governorates. Full employment also describes an economic situation in which all job seekers in the society have access to a decent job and unemployment is scarce. Today, creating jobs for the youth in rural areas is one of the social problems of local managers, which was noted as one of the main challenges facing local managers in villages at the central district of Rasht County with a mean of 3.90. Different countries and regions of the world have adopted varied rural development approaches, and strategies relative to their specific conditions and priorities. Certainly, it is not possible to make sustainable achievement in this area without drawing on the global experiences or only focusing on job creation in rural areas and without considering the rural development strategy. Cooperation at the local management level offers several benefits, including increased local decision-making capacity, protection of local identity, expanded access to external resources, cost reduction, greater productivity and efficiency, conservation of economic resources, and growth of political influence by empowerment of individuals. Accordingly, the lack of a vivid development pattern is one of the challenges confronting local managers of the studied villages in the rural development process, which was proposed as a major social challenge facing local managers with a mean of 3.67. Islamic councils and Dehyars play a crucial role in the development of villages and the recruitment of efficient and indigenous people. If cognizant of the laws, regulations and duties of councils and Dehyars, they can further improve this role. The expansion of the agricultural sector is one of the main pillars of the country's economic planning and the development of villages aimed at preventing the rural-urban migration and their growing activities in the agricultural sector and conversion industries is of utmost importance. Due to the multiplicity of their problems, the villagers underestimate the measures taken by village managers and fails to appreciate the efforts of Dehyars and Islamic councils to deal with rural problems. In this regard, most of Dehyars stated that what they have done for the village was not appreciated by the villagers and they solely cared about tackling their own problems. With a mean of 3.60, this challenge was one the social challenges facing local managers in the villages of the central district of Rasht County. For example, in the village of Shalkuh, some of the local people’s lands were in the course of the water canal and they were ready to do anything to deal with this problem irrespective of its consequences for the future of the village.

One of the persistent problems in rural communities is the poor coordination between the relevant executive bodies, parallel work, waste of capital and disregard for the real needs of the villages. To optimally allocate scant government funding, it is necessary to focus on rural planning and develop comprehensive and integrated programs. Undoubtedly, there is an interplay between improved social conditions, the change of the cultural system and the productive and economic situation of the society. That is, economic, social, and cultural goals are interdependent. In rural societies, production, distribution, consumption, administration, education and promotion are foundations of rural communities that are closely interrelated. Together, these factors forge the network of social and economic system of rural society. Therefore, the ultimate goal of rural planning is to improve these relationships so that material and human
resources could be optimally exploited to increase the level of production and improve the level of consumption.

Increased production levels are directly linked to better education, public health and social welfare. Since one of the goals of rural development is to improve the living conditions of the villagers, it is essential to provide conditions for villagers to gain access to quality health, education and enhanced social welfare. This largely depends on the sound performance of the relevant bodies, but in the current situation of villages, the multiplicity of executive bodies in charge of planning with a mean of 3.61 was proposed as a challenge, for the abundance of government agencies leads to parallel work and reduces their efficiency. The educational needs of Islamic councils and Dehyars include specialized knowledge in agricultural sciences, natural resources and activities related to these sectors, as well as familiarity with public services. Regarding educational methods, based on the results, it seems that Islamic councils and Dehyars have concluded that in-person education at classes is more effective than other methods. As for the specialized knowledge of council members and Dehyars, it should be stated that most important materials such as familiarity with legal and judicial affairs, administrative and organizational affairs, as well as social and cultural affairs are provided at high school and universities. Hence, to improve the efficiency of councils, Dehyars need to first upgrade their general trainings and then provide specialized training accordingly. The results of the studies revealed that the low knowledge and awareness of the villagers about the rules and regulations of Dehyari with a mean of 3.57 was one of the social challenges facing local managers.

Lack of familiarity with the rules and regulations of the rural guide plans as well as constructions within the river path, which is a usual cause of conflict in the villages, is a clear example of villagers’ lack of knowledge and awareness of rules and regulations of Dehyari. Research shows that local people have high and unrealistic expectations of councils and Dehyari, holding the council accountable for solving many of the village’s problems. People are under the assumption that all issues or deficiencies in the village must be handled by the Islamic councils and the Dehyar. However, when they learn that the councils and Dehyari are devoid of the executive power to tackle these problems, they are disillusioned with the local managers. In the long term, this negative attitude undermines the status of Council and Dehyar in village management and leadership and debilitates their acceptance by local people.

The results of studies on the low executive power of local managers in tackling village problems with a mean of 3.56 was one of the social challenges in the rural development process. More than 70% of local managers in the study area admitted they lacked the executive power to handle the problems of the villages. For example, in the village of Pastak, due to the limited power of Dehyar, the rural guide plan was not revised, and therefore many villagers kept struggling with issues related to the land use change and construction of residential settlements for themselves or their children.

The high level of local people’s expectations and the limited capacity of local village managers suggest that public attitude of the Islamic councils of Dehyars is a function of their expectations from this institution. These expectations are largely affected by the type of activity and literacy of the villagers. The results concerning the high level of villagers’ expectations and limited capacity of local managers indicate that this factor, with a mean of 3.55, was mentioned by about 63% of local managers. Local administrators in the villages surveyed announced that people expect all their problems to be resolved quickly in the shortest time possible, while Dehyaris are unable to do so. For example, people want issues related to the land use change process be settled in the shortest time possible, while it is not possible due to the surfeit of land use change cases and the relatively long red tape (e.g., villages of Pastak, ALman, Bala koy-e Yakh, Kafteh rud, kamakol, and flooded streets in Pirbazar).

Despite global studies and experiences, modern rural management in Iran has fallen short of formulating a suitable and efficient model of rural management. Perhaps one of the social challenges of village managers is lack of expertise and knowledge of issues related to management. It is because many local managers are appointed by the people, without any background and expertise in rural development planning. That is, they have not received any special training in the field of rural studies during their tenure. Hence, the lack
of professional training and expertise of local managers in the villages at the central district of Rasht County with a mean of 3.51 was also proposed as a challenge. Accordingly, they asserted that local managers have little expert knowledge and it is vital to improve knowledge and awareness by holding specialized courses. The general literacy of council members and Dehyars is mostly limited to the compulsory education they have received at the primary school (Figure 4).

Third-level social challenges: This category of social challenges facing local managers in the studied villages were of "medium" level of importance with a weighted mean of less than 3.5. They include two factors of a lack of local managers’ familiarity with the problems of the village with a mean of 3.24 as well as the low participation of women in the local management structure with a mean of 3.07. Although the extent of training provided to councils and Dehyars has taken an upturn in each period, these trainings are still far from the actual needs of village councils and Dehyars, not to mention that the council members and Dehyars are bereft of specialized knowledge in many domains. The educational needs of council members and Dehyars can be categorized into several groups based on research findings including familiarity with administrative and organizational affairs, legal and judicial affairs, social and political affairs, cultural affairs and finally rural development. The results of the studies on the extent of local managers’ awareness of the problems at the villages suggest that most of the village managers in the central district of Rasht County (54.6% with a mean of 3.24) are against this issue, believing that Islamic councils and villagers are largely cognizant of the rural problems. The low participation of women with a mean of 3.07 was also a social challenge in rural management set forth by local village managers in the area. Studies suggest that in the villages of the central district of Rasht County, women have a limited participation in various village affairs and even Dehyars are indisposed to use their help in matters related to rural women. However, considering the improved literacy of rural women, their participation can aid achieve sustainable rural development management (Figure 5).
Figure 5. Social challenges of the third level of local managers

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4.3. Cultural challenges of local managers

The role of cultural planning in the sustainable development of rural social capital should be geared toward strengthening the foundations of rural participation as an empowerment process to consolidate the values of public participation, power and authority of their community, allowing people to take control of their own destiny and granting opportunities for progress to the lower classes of rural society. The cultural challenges of local managers in the villages at the central district of Rasht County were evaluated and analyzed using eight components at three levels of “very important”, “important” and “medium”. The details of each challenge are shown in Figures (6), (7) and Table (5).

First-level cultural challenges: In the first level of cultural challenges facing local managers at villages in the central district of Rasht County, there are 3 factors with a weighted mean of above 4 that are classified as “very important”. Differences abound in villages, especially those with multi-ethnic population. In some cases, ethnic conflicts in rural areas lead to physical skirmishes. Therefore, ethnic-tribal differences and poor solidarity of villagers are considered as a major challenge in rural management. In this regard, more than 89% of local managers with a mean of 4.35 acknowledged that ethnic-tribal differences have given rise to a host of problems in the studied villages. The weak coordination between the villagers and the people thwarts may efforts at villages. This has compounded the problems of the village and prolonged their processing, which was expressed as the second cultural challenges by Dehyars ag the central district of Rasht County with a mean of 4.34. For example, in villages where the electricity and lighting are not desirable and Deyar go to great lengths to solve the problem, but his efforts are foiled by the non-cooperation of the electricity department, an issue documented in at least 20% of villages. Focusing on resources available in rural areas, meeting public needs and providing public facilities and welfare services, optimal use of available resources and increased rural income can help build up national capabilities.

One of the main goals of development in any country is to foster public capacity and promote participation, but this goal will not be realized in rural communities in the absence of development programs. People in the community tend to participate in economic and social issues when they possess the skills and ability required for participation. The low level of education and small income deter individuals from taking part in social and economic matters. On the other hand, a prerequisite for the optimal exploitation of resources in rural areas is the availability of potentials that must be cultivated in the rural population. The ability to use machines, new production methods, and improve operation procedures, etc., depends on the existence of capabilities in rural communities. The weak culture of collective work is one of the cultural challenges facing village managers in this area with a mean of 4.13 (Figure 6).
Second-level cultural challenges: The second level of cultural challenges facing local managers at the studied villages included 4 components with a weighted mean of 3.5 to 4, which were classified as “important”. In recent years, villagers in the study area have witnessed the inflow of non-indigenous people through the acquisition of agricultural land and the construction of second houses in these villages. The highlighted presence of these wealthy people has induced tensions between the local community and non-natives in the studied villages. Verbal abuse and quarrels between villagers and non-natives due to cultural differences represented one of the main cultural challenges facing local managers in villages in the central district of Rasht County with a mean of 3.81. In most cases, these challenges arose in the community under their management. This was especially the case in Alman, Saghalaksar and Pestak villages where several land buyers from Tehran negotiated with the Islamic Council and Dehyar about building constructions.

Low support of villagers for collective work is another challenge to rural management. Individualism of rural people and their disinclination to engage in collective projects was also recognized as an important cultural challenge facing rural managers with a mean of 3.63. One of the most prominent challenges confronting local management in the villages at the central district of Rasht County was the politicization of Islamic councils and Dehyaris. Far beyond the job description of local managers, this has interfered with the process of tackling rural problems. The debate over the politicization of Islamic councils and Dehyaris is controversial, but it is one of the realities of today's rural society. In some villages, Islamic councils usually get involved in politics to accomplish their goals. The component of politicization of Islamic councils and Dehyaris with a mean of 3.61 is a major cause of schism and conflicts among the villagers. Rural women have their own special needs and desires in terms of education, health, culture, etc., many of which are overlooked by male managers. Therefore, it is essential to promote the participation of women in village councils and Dehyaris; however, under the current situation, it is highly unlikely that the problems related to their presence in councils and Dehyaris are solved any time soon. Extensive research has investigated the reasons for the low participation of women in rural activities and organizations. In most rural areas, patriarchy is the rule, with men recognizing women management only in household chores, as they believe women’s engagement in out-of-house work is their duty rather than a form of participation. Accordingly, the research manifests that a major barrier to women's participation in rural affairs is the socio-economic situation and cultural discrimination in rural society. Studies show that the small share of women in rural management (with a mean of 3.57) is seen as an issue of medium to high importance, so that among 63 villages in the central district of Rasht County, 14 (22.2%) villages had a female Dehyar (Figure 7).
Third-level cultural challenges: This level of cultural challenges facing local managers at villages in the central district of Rasht County with a weighted mean of less than 3 was classified as "medium" importance. Rural areas struggle with a myriad of problems and challenges for development, and recognizing these issues guides authorities toward the selection of the appropriate strategy for development of the villages. Challenges in rural areas include inadequate access to capital and facilities, difficulty in providing goods and services, concentration on a particular industry or business, strong tendency for migrate, and increasing trend for agricultural land use change, among other things. Rural development programs should address issues such as job creation in the agricultural and non-agricultural sectors, curbing migration to cities, improving welfare, stressing the development of new technologies, education and training of skilled manpower, and so forth. The weak adoption of modern management techniques has also mounted challenges to rural management, but its share with a mean of 2.04 is below average, suggesting that the villagers welcome new management methods.

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5. Discussion and conclusion

In the new management system of the country, the management of villages has been entrusted to councils and Dehyarics. Rural management is in fact the process of organizing and directing rural community by setting up organizations and institutions. Rural development management is also a multifaceted process involving people, government and public institutions. In this process, with the public participation and contribution of rural organizations, rural development plans and projects are developed, implemented and evaluated. More than two decades have passed since the adoption of the modern rural management, but it seems that the Islamic Council and Dehyars still struggle with countless challenges in the management of their organizations, which have stalled the process of rural development.

The analysis of problems facing Islamic councils and Dehyars suggests there are important challenges that, if overlooked, can significantly obstruct the functioning of these organizations. In this study, social and cultural challenges of local managers in villages in the central district of Rasht County were investigated using 26 factors including 18 social challenges and 8 cultural challenges in three categories of “very important, important and medium” factors. Accordingly, among social challenges, 6 challenges with an aggregate share of 33.3% were assigned to the first category, 10 challenges with a share of 55.6% to the second category and 2 challenges with a share of 11.1% to the third category. Also, among cultural challenges, 3 factors with a share of 37.5% were assigned to the first category, 4 factors with a share of 50% to the second category level and one factor with a share of 12.5% to the third category. The results revealed that among the social challenges facing local managers in the study area, the factors of low cooperation of villagers with local village managers with a mean of 4.42, reverse migration and social problems caused by the construction and expansion of second houses with a mean of 4.41 and the migration of rural youths to the city and non-participation in council elections with a mean of 4.40 were the most important social challenges, respectively. Similarly, among cultural challenges facing local managers in villages at the central district of Rasht County, the factors of ethnic and tribal differences in the villages with a mean of 4.35, poor solidarity between local managers and villagers to solve rural problems with a mean of 4.34 and the weak collective and group work culture with a mean of 4.13 were the most important cultural challenges confronting local managers at the studied villages, respectively.

The findings of the present study are aligned with those reported by Ghadir Masoum and Riyahi (2004) about the low participation of people and human capital of local managers; Imani Jajarmi & Karimi (2009) about the small share of women in rural management despite their significant share of population in the rural population, low human capital of council members and Dehyars, migration of council members and youths to cities and also the diminishing social capital between councils and villagers, and Badri (2011) about the variety of economic, social and cultural challenges facing rural management in Iran in different periods.

Moreover, the results are in agreement with those reported by Roknauddin Eftekhari et al. (2018) on administrative, and social barriers, as well as specific problems of Dehyar and legal barriers together with their impact on the performance of local managers; Ghadir Masoom et al. (2018) on obstacles such as unawareness of their duties, inefficiency in performing duties due to lack of experience and ethnic tendencies; Moradi & Aghei (2014) on challenges such as people and
local organizations’ lack of knowledge about the duties of Dehyar, negative stance towards Dehyar, lack of cooperation and support of local and government organizations with Dehyar, weak spirit of cooperation and involuntary participation; Kabiri & Valaei (2019) on challenges such as lack of personal skills, organizational inefficacy, regulatory problems facing the villagers, and finally Riahi and Masoumi (2020) on socio-cultural challenges as the main challenges confronting rural management in the villages of Peripheral Shiraz. In light of the above, in order to mitigate the socio-cultural challenges of local managers of villages in the central district of Rasht County in the process of rural development, the following suggestions are raised:

- Organizing regular monthly meetings between local managers and the villagers to discuss issues and problems with an emphasis on participatory management in village affairs.
- Changing the local management system from person-centered management (Dehyar) to participatory management in the studied villages in order to mitigate social challenges and accelerate the process of rural development.
- Providing a development model and training local managers of the studied villages to advance sustainable rural development;
- Encouraging young, active and educated local forces in the studied villages to participate in the elections of Islamic councils and then engage in the process of making decisions on rural issues.
- Holding regular training courses to improve the efficiency and skills of local managers at the studied villages in rural administration;
- Considering that a significant portion of the social and cultural challenges at the studied villages is rooted in the individualism and lack of coordination of local managers with the villagers, it is suggested that local managers communicate their executive plans to villagers through regular monthly meetings and draw on the views of the people, elites and informants of the villages.
- Cultivating a culture that favor women's participation in the management structure of the studied villages, especially as a Dehyar and executive director;
- Reforming the structure and duties of rural areas and increasing the share of people in the management of rural affairs based on participatory management model;
- Adapting the new model of management to the strategy of authority delegation and the theory of pluralism. This means that not only rural management needs to possess strong decision-making authority, but also paves the way for people's participation and respects their right to determine their own destiny. In this regard, it would be beneficial to recruit educated managers with master's and doctoral degree in the management system of the studied villages.
- Encouraging local managers and villagers in the study area to engage in collective work and avoid individualism in handling village affairs.
- Discouraging local managers, especially Dehyars in the study area from involving in political issues instead of focusing on handling important issues and problems of the village.
- Encouraging local managers of villages in the study area to study in fields related to rural planning and development in order to adopt scientific and practical methods to tackle or mitigate various challenges in the villages.

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چکیده مبسوط

1. مقدمه

ساختار مدیریت روستایی ایران از دو بخش شورای اسلامی روستا به عنوان نهاد تصمیم‌گیرنده و دهیاری به عنوان نهاد اجرایی تشکیل شده و انتظار است که روستاها با برخورداری از سازمان‌های مربوط به سیاست‌گذاری و توسعه نیازهای موجود را تا اندازه‌ای بسیار به سمت توسعه بالاتری هدایت گردد. توسعه شهرهای روستاها می‌تواند موجب افزایش مشارکت اجتماعی غیردولتی، افزایش سهم شرکت‌های محلی و افزایش دیدگاه و رفتار شهرهای کشور جایگزینی نهادهای غیردولتی در امور روستا و باعث می‌شود مدیریت روستایی باید با توجه به چالش‌های فراهم شده در این زمینه با نهایت ارزیابی و شناسایی این چالش‌ها و بررسی مشکلاتی که با آنها روبرو بوده‌اند، سعی کند به روش‌های بشردوستانه و بهینه‌سازی آنها روبرو شود. این مطالعه با هدف تجزیه و تحلیل چالش‌های اجتماعی و فرهنگی مدیران بخش مرکزی شهرستان رشت، در سال‌های 1400 پروپوزال انجام شد.

2. مبانی نظری تحقیق

مدیریت روستایی در ایران، در سطوح پایین‌تر حاکمیت با استفاده از شورای اسلامی روستا و دهیاری ختم می‌شود. با همکاری دهیاری‌ها، قراردادی رسمی و قانونی برای تهیه و بهره‌برداری از این نهاد‌ها در روستاهای توسعه‌خواه و سازوکارگری در استان‌های مختلف کشور اجرایی می‌شود. این نهاد‌ها قادر به اجرای مسائل مختلف و با بهره‌برداری از این چالش‌های اجتماعی و فرهنگی، بهبود کارکرد و بهره‌وری روستاهای بهتری در راه باید تaleza. چنین جوان‌های اجتماعی و فرهنگی مدیران محلی روستاها، به‌عنوان نهاد اجرایی و تحقیق و راهبردی، بهبود رفتار فرهنگی و اجتماعی روستاهای محلی در روستاها را بهبودی می‌بخشند. این مطالعه با هدف بررسی چالش‌های اجتماعی و فرهنگی مدیران محلی روستاها در سال‌های 1400 پروپوزال انجام شد.

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