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**Original Article** 

## The Role of Climatic Factors on the Health of Rural Settlements in Iran

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## **Abstract**

**Purpose-** Health is one of the main axes of sustainable development and has a main role in flourishing and improving the quality of life. Housing, as an important factor can have a direct impact on human health. The purpose of this study is to investigate the climatic elements on rural housing and their impact on the health of villagers.

**Design/methodology/approach-** This research is a descriptive cross-sectional study of the housing health status of 1150 households in 2020 which was done by a library research method (statistical data of Sarvabad city health center) and a field study method (interview and questionnaire). The studied index of climatic factors includes four elements of radiation, heat, humidity and wind, which have the greatest impact on the housing of villagers.

**Finding-** Field surveys in Pirshalyar district showed that more than 67% of mountainous settlements are southwest. 23% of other settlements are located in the north, east and west. Sunlight illuminates only 20 to 25 percent of the home space. Villagers usually thicken the walls to withstand the temperature (heat and cold). Also, it was shown that the average diameter of dry walls is between 100 and 75 cm. The results showed that 89% of the first-floor residential units are wet and damp. Wind flow in some seasons causes the spread of germs and parasites in the villages.

Keywords- Housing, Climate, Health, Village, Oraman Takht, Kurdistan.

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## 1. Introduction

ealth is one of the main axes of sustainable development and part has a main role in (Bahrami, 2018). Maintaining and promoting the health of the community is a prerequisite for initiatives in economic and social planning. For years, housing has been recognized as one of the important factors that can have a direct impact on human health (1). Epidemiological studies show a high correlation between housing status and its health effects on human health. Housing is a shelter to facilitate a better life of human beings and guarantee human physical and mental health. More than half of human life is spent in housing (2). Obviously, abandonment of the principles of housing hygiene causes some irreparable consequences. According to the WHO, every year a large number of people and more than 3 million children die due to unfavorable environmental conditions(3). Use and interact with climatic elements in construction and architecture is influential for housing health.

Rural settlements in Iran have been formed according to the requirements of environmental conditions. Iran's geographical position is a bridge between Europe and Asia (Eurasia). For this reason, it has always been invaded by foreigners throughout history. In the past, most Iranians lived in villages and mountainous areas were considered as a safe place away from the reach of enemies, so the construction of rural housing was more affected by human factors (security) and less attention was paid to comfort. Kurdistan Province is no exception to this situation. Due to the border position of Kurdistan Province, rural settlements have been formed in the foothills or at the bottom of mountain valleys in a stepped manner. According to 2016 census, 28% of the total population of this province live in villages ( www.amar.org.ir, 2016).

Since rural settlements in Oraman are located uneven, high altitude and cold and dry climate and in mountains and foothills biological limitations are created. Lack of space to build housing has given rise to a dense and stepped texture. Other ensuing problems are the lack of sunlight for lighting and heat gain, infiltration of precipitation in the direction of the slope and its transfer into rural housing and more importantly human coexistence with livestock and poultry, respiratory and gastrointestinal diseases, osteoarthritis.

Therefore, paying attention to the climatic indicators of housing is important in the design and architecture of rural housing. The aim of this study is to investigate the rural settlements of Oramanat in relation to the effects of climatic factors on the health and well-being of local residents. The main question of the research is how much attention has been paid to the health of housing in Oraman Villages of Sarvabad County of Kurdistan Province according to the climatic criteria in Oraman villages?

## 2. Research Theoretical Literature

Housing is the smallest form of physical embodiment of the relationship between man and the environment (Zanganeh, 2015). Rural housing, unlike urban housing, is not only a place for family members to rest and live, but also can be a place for the coexistence of humans and animals based on the type of economic function (Bahrami:2015). The World Health Organization in the setting standards for healthy housing considers climate the most important indicators (http:// www.environmentalhealth. ir).

The U.S. Housing Health Committee made a list of 12 housing defects. Not to be evaluated as a uninhabitable accommodation, a housing unit should not exceed more than four of these shortcomings. One of the cases is the lack of access to sufficient light (Didier, 2010).

As stated by Opoko, the fundamental function of buildings is the protection of man from the unsuitable weather, Ogunsote, continues that knowing about the nature is essential in design to maintain the comfort in buildings. In his views, six major factors exist that affect thermal comfort: (i) air temperature, (ii) the mean radiant temperature, (iii) the air velocity, (iv) the relative humidity, (v) the intrinsic clothing, and (vi) level of activity (Agboola, 2011).

Various models have been designed by climatologists for climatic comfort, including the Mahani, Giuni, Evans models. Alijani (1997) believes that among the climatic elements, temperature and humidity have a greater effect on human health and comfort. Kasmaei (2013) stated that human comfort conditions are a set of conditions that are suitable for at least 80% of people in terms of temperature regime. Hooshvar (1986) believes that the most effective factor in regulating the ecological circle is sunlight. Regardless of its heat and light, sunlight has direct



effects on human activities, including the construction, texture and architectural style of housing. Ghobadian (1993) believes that housing design based on climatic factors is the most important factor in increasing the comfort and health of the housing environment.

In recent years, various methods and models have been developed to identify and the degree of impact of climatic elements on the human body. The Oleg model provided a bioclimatic diagram in the 1960s. He performed calculations in four different climatic regions of the United States and concluded that the capacity requirements and thermal resistance of the regions were not the same. In the same decade, Giuni introduced the bioclimatic diagram (Safaepoor, et al., 2013).

Investigating the role of climate and environment in shaping the structure of rural housing in Fars province, Movahed & Fattahi (2013) concluded that the old rural housing units were built aligned with the climatic and environmental characteristics of the region. Darban & Salehi (2020) in their paper entitled "climate-based architecture study in residential houses in Kashan" found that the use of environmental conditions to create comfort inside the building was an aim in design goals and each of the building components is almost compatible with climatic conditions. Analyzing the role of climatic factors in the formation of rural texture and housing in temperate and humid climate of Diva Babol village, Ghorbani (2017) concluded that the old residential units have been designed compatible with the climatic conditions, and in the new residential units, the emphasis is on climatic

In their paper entitled "climate change: Impact on the environmental design of buildings", Pretlove & Oreszczyn (1999) indicated that the temperature and solar radiation in the London region had changed significantly during 15 years and the climatic data which are applied for energy design calculations experience inaccuracies in predictions of energy use. Gupta & Nathani (2016) in their study titled "climatic elements & their impact on building design" concluded that climate is a key factor for architecture designing, and controlling climate takes a lot of parameters. The final outcome after applying the climate parameters is quite different than normal architectural design. In

fact, in architectural designing, architects have to consider all the parameters together to achieve sustainable energy efficient and green building. Oraman Takht village is considered as one of the mountainous and touristic areas of Kurdistan province. No studies have been conducted on the effects of geographical factors in this area, especially the effect of climatic elements on the texture of rural settlements. In the present study, the effect of climatic factors on rural settlements in terms of health and wellness was investigated.

## 3. Research Methodology

The research is an applied study and in terms of method is descriptive-analytical method which investigated the housing health status of Oraman villages in accordance with climatic indicators. The statistical population includes 7 villages of Pirshalyar Rural District in Sarvabad County with 1150 households and 518 residential units. 220 residential units were selected by Cochran's method. The research was prepared in the period of 2020-2021.

In this study, four climatic indicators that have the greatest impact on the internal and external texture of buildings have been selected. As shown in Table 1, it includes sunlight, heat, humidity and wind. The selection method is based on the results of previous studies by researchers and the World Health Organization. Since rural areas do not have climatic synoptic stations, two stations in the surrounding areas, Kamyaran and Marivan, were used to determine the effects of climatic elements over a period of 10 years.

In preparing the items of the questionnaire in, the views of 6 professors of with a focus on climatology and public health and housing in Kurdistan University were utilized and its reliability was obtained with Cronbach's alpha coefficient 0.72.



## Table 1. Climatic elements and related items

(Source: Chang-Richards, et al., 2018; Jaakkola, et al., 2014; Ormandy & Ezratty, 2012; Kasmaei, 2013; https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK535293/)

Wind	Humidity	Tempretur	Radiation and light
The role of wind in cooling the texture inside the building	Ways of moisture penetration into the texture of the building	The role of solar heat in building heating	Sunlight coverage on the surface of the rooms
The role of housing design	The role of moisture in the	Texture and design of	Position in the direction
against wind burns	spread of germs and diseases	the building against heat	of light and radiation
			Common diseases in
			mountainous areas

Table 2. Number of villages in Pirshalvar-Sarvabad district

Source: Statistical Yearbook: 2018

Village name	Number of households	Number of residential units	Village name	Number of households	Number of residential units
Belbar	165	199	Absabad	16	17
Selen	206	200	Kalji	62	74
Ghevar	328	360	Nav	164	185
Neven	213	199			

## 3.1 Geographical Scope of the Research

Sarvabad County with an area of 1002 square kilometers located in Kurdistan Province, western Iran. which borders Iraq from the west. It has a border with Iraq form the west. The area is placed from 46  $^{\circ}$  4 'to 46  $^{\circ}$  43 'east longitude and 35  $^{\circ}$  and 3' to 35  $^{\circ}$  and 25 ' north latitude. The county is limited from the north to Marivan County, from the east to Sanandaj County and from the south to

Kamyaran County. The capital of this county is Sarvabad city, which is located at an altitude of 1270 meters above sea level, and 80 km from Sanandaj (Statistics Center of Iran, 2016). Figure 1 shows the geographical location of the study.

Horaman is a completely uneven environment in terms of topography. the range of heights fluctuates from 800 meters to more than 2000 meters above sea level. Figure 2 shows the natural geographical location of Horaman

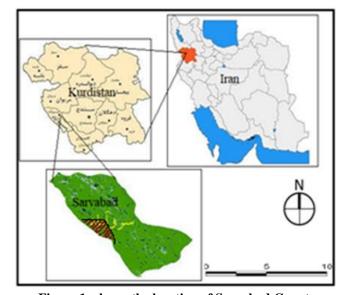


Figure 1: shows the location of Sarvabad County





Figure 2: shows the natural geography of Horaman-Google Earth

## 4. Research Findings

## 4. 1. Location of rural settlements

Statistical findings show that more than 40% of rural settlements in Sarvabad County have a southern position, 26% have a northern position, 23% have an eastern position and less than 10% have a western position (4). Field surveys in Pirshalyar Rural District showed that more than 67% of mountainous settlements are south-west, and 23% of other settlements are located in the north, east and west. See Figure 3.

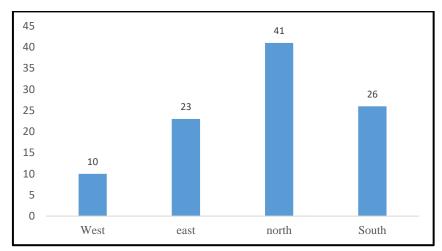


Figure 3: Location of rural settlements in Sarvabad Couny

## 4.2 The role of sunlight

Sun and sky are main sources of the light. A sufficient amount light is vital for health and comfort in buildings. Southern exposure to the light is ideal for most living spaces, as it brings in the most light and does not vary much over the course of the day (5). Moreover, daylight influences humans' welfare, health, primarily stimulates and controls circadian rhythms, improves the immune systems, activities of

inner and visual organs (6). The sunlight is considered by occupants as an important factor of well-being in indoor environment of habitable rooms. Basically, the direction of rural settlements in the mountainous areas of Oraman is towards south or south-west to maximize the sunlight intake.

In mountainous areas, the intensity of sunlight is high with a wide range of waves are in a wide range, although ultraviolet and infrared rays are



emitted more than other rays (7). Villagers react to their environment by using checkered and long design for their house windows to prevent the intensity of sunlight. This is a special pattern when the sunlight has different waves. The long form of the windows causes the sunlight to illuminate and warm the internal texture of the building at dawn as shown in Figure 4.

Despite of having benefits, traditional architecture has some drawbacks. The width of the windows is between 110 and 150 cm, which makes it impossible to keep more than 35% of the rooms bright and warm. Low sunlight, in turn, leads to the spread of diseases such as tuberculosis, rheumatism, and disorders in the vision, body, and

joints of the villagers. Field studies conducted through a questionnaire showed that more than 75% of middle-aged and elderly people suffer from joint pain and 24% of women and girls have vision problems. Among 288 residential units, 87% of rural windows are oriented to the south and only 13% of the windows are towards the west and some to the east. There are usually two windows for two rooms. The area of the rooms were at minimum 4 \* 3 and maximum 5 \* 3 meters. Due to the lattice pattern of the windows and their narrow width, the sunlight illuminates only 20 to 25 percent of the house space. In other words, Residential rooms need lighting such as lamps, from three in the afternoon. The corridors often need lamps.

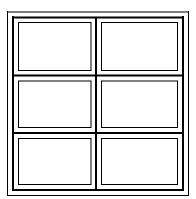


Figure 4: The form and texture of windows in mountainous areas

One of the characteristics of the texture of the settlements in Horaman, is having dry walls and using for the roof of the buildings. Because of the 15 per cent albedo of the clay, the structure is warmed up late and loses the temperature late (8). In other words, their heat capacity is high. These

conditions cause a balance of temperature inside the building space. The horizontal roof surface of the houses is used as a resting place and/or a yard for dwellers in summer due to the mountain breeze to the valley, as shown in figure 5.

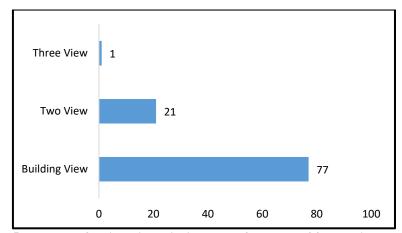


Figure 5: Number of residential units in terms of number of facades in percentage



## 4.3. Temperature

Temperature is one of the most important indicators in determining human comfort and convenience in a residential space, because heat is directly related to the efficiency of human physical and physiological activities. Thus, the heat does not only affect the physiological structure of humans, but also their functions such as housing (9). The quantity of temperature affects both the exterior texture of the dwellings (materials, dense texture, wall diameter, etc.) and the interior space of the building in terms of design and form. Statistical findings showed that the average temperature in two stations close to the study area. For Marivan, the average temperature is 12.8 ° C, the maximum temperature is 35.4  $^{\circ}$  C and the minimum is 4-6  $^{\circ}$ C. For Kamyaran, the average temperature is 13.5 ° C, the maximum is 36.6 and the minimum is -5.5 (10).

The findings showed that the materials used in Oramanat rural housing (Horaman) are in fact from local and indigenous substances such as carcass stone, which are often laid down on top of each other without the use of mortar. Villagers usually thicken the walls to withstand the weather (cold and heat). Field studies showed that the average diameter of dry walls is between 100 and 75 cm. One of the reasons for this situation can be due to increasing the thermal capacity of the texture inside the building. However, the thermal capacity of

materials depends not only on the material, but also on their specific gravity (11). The temperature fluctuation of the interior surfaces of the building depends on the exterior surfaces or the capacity and the thermal resistance of the wall materials. Due to the rough topography of the study area, the high diameter of the walls has caused that the space inside the building is limited and the number of rooms does not exceed two. Because of the mountainous location of the villages, snow is the prevailing type of the precipitation. As the temperature increases, snow gradually melts and penetrates into the ground and passes in the direction of the slope of the ground, which is in line with the texture of the buildings. This make moisture penetrate the internal texture of buildings and rooms. In these conditions, with increasing temperature, the volume of humidity also increases, and consequently, human health is physiologically and respiratory threatened (Figure 6).

One of the natural ways to deal with climate change is to design summer and winter living rooms. The winter living room is chosen above the barn (where livestock and poultry are kept), because the animals keep the roof of the rooms warm with the heat (biogas) they produce. Conversely, a summer room above a livestock feed depot usually keeps the floor cool.

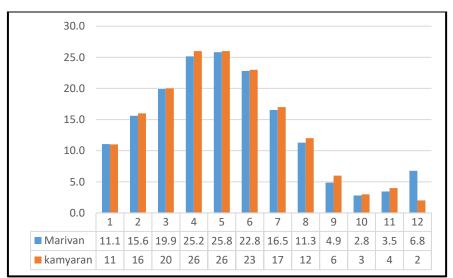


Figure 6: Average temperature over a ten-year period in Marivan and Kamyaran.



## 4.4 Humidity

Relative humidity is another climatic element that is directly related to temperature, precipitation and wind fluctuations. Relative humidity indicates the degree of saturation and precipitation power. Relative humidity along with air temperature are effective elements in human comfort and climatebased design (12). The results showed that the highest relative humidity is in the cold months of the year. The lowest percentage of relative humidity is in July, when 45% of the relative humidity of Kamyaran station is below 50%, and the highest level is in January, when the humidity is above 70%. But in Marivan station, the average minimum relative humidity is 51% in July and the highest is in January, when the humidity is above 80%.

The importance of studying the relative humidity in the residential texture of stepped villages is due to the fact that rainfall such as snow and rain moved in the direction of the slope. In other words, rainwater and snowmelt due to heights in the floor of residential buildings moved in the direction of the slope. It affects a residential movement. In general, moisture enters the residential space in various ways and causes adverse effect on health the buildings. Ways of moisture penetration into the building were as follows:

- -Infiltration of moisture (rain, snowmelt) from the floor of the building
- -Infiltration of moisture (rain) from the roof
- Moisture penetration from the side walls.

## 4.1.1 Moisture penetration from the floor to the ceiling

Basically, the flat roof design of mountain dwellings is composed of clay. In winter, rainwater turns into ice and during the day the ice melts, which creates some holes on the roof where clay is lesser. In this way, water and moisture passes through the roof and reaches to wooden beams and boards with a diameter of 2 cm. They absorb infiltrating water and swell up. Throughout the year the pressure due to expansion is associated with the bursting of the side walls, which causes

the loss of adhesion of mud and soil around the beams. After a few years only the stone folds of the walls can be seen. This ends up to the invasion of insects and animals that consume the beams. Insects tend to live and destroy the whole structure gradually.

4.1.2 Infiltration of moisture (rain) from the roof Because the regime for precipitation in different mountainous areas, the falls fall obliquely and vertically to the wall surfaces made of stone and mud straw, during continuous rainfall over time provides a gradual destruction of the walls. In mountainous areas, the direction of droplets is angled or straight when it rains. During the rain seasons, the hatch and stones on the walls are washed up and slowly get destroyed. The destruction is aggravated by changes temperature. Rural dwelling stones are calcareous. The combination of freezing ice at night and melting the ice during the day increases dissolution and permeability of moisture, which causes the spoilage of gypsum and soil in the walls, and increases the danger of breakdown.

## 4.1.3. Infiltration of rainwater and snow through the floor of the building

Since rural settlements are formed in the direction of the slope and in a regular and vertical staircase, rainwater and snow flow penetrate the ground and reach the foundations of the building, and then, soak up the walls with moisture. This situation brings about:

- -The relative humidity increases to a considerable extent.
- -increasing the temperature inside the building
- Existence of high humidity causes the growth of bacteria, animals and vermin.
- Significant humidity inside the living space accelerates the spoilage of dairy products.
- High humidity combined with rising temperature and lack of sunlight in the seasons (summer and winter) leads to diseases such as tuberculosis, rheumatism, joint and muscle disorders, dizziness and shortness of breath. See Figure 7.



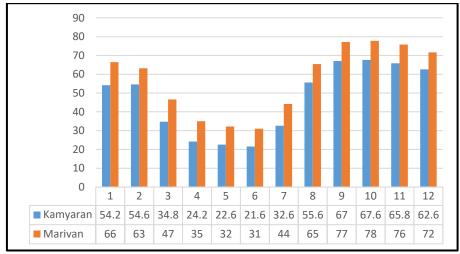
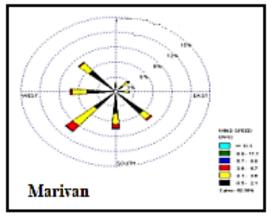


Figure 7: Average ten-year wet period in Kamyaran and Marivan stations

## 4.1.4 Wind

Among all the environmental factors that affect architecture, the wind has the greatest influence on architectural shapes, more precisely, the wind flow is greatly dependent on the shape of architecture (13). This is the case in Oramanat rural settlements. The results showed that two types of winds with two different directions have affected the study area. One of these winds is called Zalan or dry wind from the northwest to the southwest, the second is Shah Mal wind, a wet wind which move from the west of the country (the Mediterranean) to the east of the country. The results of field studies showed that most of the villages are located in the southwest, which is about 15 degrees from the west. This location is chosen to turn the settlements towards dry and scorching winds that are directed from the northwest to the south. On the other hand,

the southwest position of the houses is somewhat inclined to the Mediterranean winds that are rainy. Another effect of wind flow is related to the location of rural settlements in mountainous areas. Mountain villages have a local wind flow that is the same as mountain to valley breeze and valley to mountain during the day and night. Since the livelihood of these villages is livestock, livestock waste is dumped into the rivers by the villagers. When the local winds breeze and the temperature is high in summer, a stench of animal waste blows in the village. This will lead to the spread of germs and fungi and ultimately increases the incidence of diseases and the overall mortality rate. The results showed that in Oraman villages, seasonal rivers that pass through the middle of the village have no concrete cover. See Figure 8.



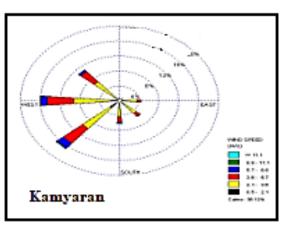


Figure 8: Golbad diagram in two synoptic and climatological stations of Marivan and Kamyaran



## 5. Discussion and conclusion

Housing as one of the biological needs of human beings plays an essential role in the survival and life expectancy of its inhabitants (14). Field surveys in Pirshalyar Rural District in Oramat, Sarvabad County in Kurdistan Province, showed that the high rate of rural population growth and limited space for construction have led to the migration of rural youth to other urban areas. According to the results of official statistics, about 54.4% of the rural housing area in Sarvabad County is less than 100 meters. There is also a shortage in supply of housing in the study area (Bahrami, 2018). The results showed that sunlight illuminates 20 to 25% of the residential space. The temperature in summer and deposit of animals' waste into the river bring about a condition for the growth of bacteria and germs., Due to the local breeze of mountain to valley and valley to mountain during the day and night, respiratory and gastrointestinal diseases are spread. The local people were dissatisfied with this situation and stated that it led to more migration from the villages. In terms of humidity, that the findings indicated that the first floor of the units are mostly wet because of snowmelt and rain penetration that flows in the direction of the slope. In terms of wind flow, even though the flow is balanced during the seasons, the statistical evidence of stations close to the study area indicates that the weather is hot in summer and dry and scorching in winter due to the low altitude of villages above sea level.

Finally, the lack of space for the inhabitants on the one hand and the coexistence of humans with livestock and poultry over a period of several years, lack of light and heat in the living space and hot winds in the mountainous areas of Oramanat have led to the spread of diseases such as tuberculosis. rheumatism. joint disorders, osteoarthritis. respiratory failure, heart disease, etc. According to the Sarvabad Health Network, over the past decade, the number of tuberculosis patients was more than 30, more than 48% of the people who are 49 or more has been diagnosed with osteoarthritis. Furthermore, more than 12% of rural residents suffers from rheumatism and 6% of them have respiratory disorders and 4% have experienced common human-animal diseases (malaria).

In the last two decades, after the development of communication network and application of durable materials into the rural space, there has been a change in the architecture and design of rural housing. However, because of the rough nature, they did not improve the health of rural residents. In general, the housing health situation in this area is not optimal and some measures and programs need to be implemented by health officials. On the other hand, government technical and regulatory agencies should monitor the construction of new rural housing to prevent physical and mental illness caused by poor housing

The villages of Pirshalyar Rural District were built in mountainous areas due to historical and security conditions. Rural housing in the study area was a safe environment to survive from the invasions of the enemies, which was the main reason of settlement other than well-being. The results also showed that the texture and construction of rural housing in this part of Kurdistan lacks the necessary architectural standards, including; sunlight, heat, humidity and wind. Several factors have contributed to the spread of diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria, respiratory and vascular disorders, joint disorders and osteoarthritis. These factors are: human coexistence with livestock and poultry, lack of air conditioning in the interior of rural settlements, high humidity and inappropriate method of burying animal waste in rural areas. These factors, in turn, have reduced life expectancy. Therefore, the need to design housing compatible with climatic elements is essential for the sustainability of rural settlements in the study area. The results of the above studies are consistent with the results of Sepahi, et al., (2015) in the terms of poor housing, Fallah et al., (2010) about existence of common human and animal diseases, Darula et al., (2015) in terms of sunlight and its effects, Straube (2002) regarding the negative effects of humidity, Golpayegani, et al., (2013) in the matter of the shortage of health services, Aktan Aktu (2014) concerning the air conditioning.

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## نقش عوامل اقلیمی بر سلامت سکونتگاههای روستایی ایران

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## چکیده مبسوط

#### ۱. مقدمه

سلامت یکی از محورهای اصلی تو سعه پایدار و بخش لاینفک آن برای شکوفایی و ارتقای کیفیت زندگی است. حفظ و ارتقای سطح سلامت جامعه؛ لازمه هر حرکت و اقدام در برنامهریزی اقتصادی و اجتماعی محسوب می شود. از سالها پیش، مسکن بهعنوان یکی از عوامل مهمی شناخته شده است که می تواند بر سلامت بشر اثر مستقیم بگذارد. مسکن عبارت است محلی بهعنوان سرپناه برای ادامه حیات بهتر انسان مورداستفاده قرار می گیرد و دارای امکانات و تسهیلاتی است که سلامت جسمی و روانی انسان را تضمین می کند. بیش از نیمی از عمر انسان در مسکن سپری می گردد. یکی از عواملی که مستقیما بر سلامت مسکن تأثیر می گذارد نقش عوامل

در این پژوهش چهار عامل اقلیمی تابش و حرارت، رطوبت ، باد بیش از سایر عناصر اقلیمی بر طراحی و معماری مسکن تأثیرگذار میباشند. درگذشته ساخت مسکن روستایی بنا به اقتضای شرایط امنیتی آن زمان طراحی و بنا شدهاند. غالب رو ستاهای اورامان تخت بنا به موقعیت اکولوژیکی آنها کوهستانی و کوهپایهای بوده ازاینرو بافت سکونتگاهها کوچک ، متراکم و پلکانی شکل است. کمبود فضا توام با شرایط نامطلوب اقلیمی در طراحی مسکن بستر سلامتی و تندر ستی ساکنان رو ستایی را تهدید کرده ا ست. پژوهش با هدف بررسی سکونتگاههای روستایی اورامانات در ارتباط با شرایط سلامتی و تندرستی موردمطالعه قرار میدهد. سؤال اساسی پژوهش این و تندرستی موردمطالعه قرار میدهد. سؤال اساسی پژوهش این است که روستاهای اورامان تابعه شهرستان سروآباد استان کردستان تا چه اندازه به سلامت بهدا شت مسکن با توجه به معیارهای اقلیمی در روستاهای اورامان توجه شده است؟

## ۲. مبانی نظری تحقیق

مسكن كوچكترين شكل تجسم فيزيكي رابطه انسان و محيط است. مسكن روستايي برخلاف مسكن شهرى، نهتنها مكانى براى استراحت و سکونت اعضای خانواده است، بلکه با توجه به نوع کار کرد اقتصادی، از همزیستی انسان و حیوان برخوردار است . سازمان جهانی بهداشت استانداردهایی را برای مسکن سالم تعیین می کند که مهم ترین آنها شاخصهای آب و هوایی است.کمیته بهداشت مسکن ایالاتمتحده ۱۲ نقص مسکن را فهرست میکند که اگر هر واحد مسکونی بیش از ۴ مورد از این مشکلات را داشته باشد، غیرقابل سکونت تلقی می شود و باعث بیماریهای روحی و جسمی می شود. یکی از ۴ مورد، عدم دسترسی به نور کافی است.اگوبلا معتقد است: شش عامل برآسایش حرارتی مسکن تأثیر می گذارد: ۱-دمای هوا ۲- دمای تابشی ۳- سرعت هوا ۴- رطوبت نسیبی ۵-لباس ۶- سطح فعالیت. علیجانی براین باورا ست که از میان عنا صر اقلیمی دما و رطوبت بیشترین تأثیر بر سلامت انسان دارند. هو شور معتفد است تابش نور خورشید بیشترین تأثیر بر بافت مسکن دارد. کسمایی معتقد است شرایط آسایش انسان را مجموعه ای از شرایطی رژیم دمایی مناسب میداند.

## ۳. روششناسی پژوهش

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## ۴. يافتههاي تحقيق

از نظر موقعیت اکولوژیکی بررسیهای آماری نشان میدهد که بیش از ۴۰ در صد از سکونتگاههای رو ستایی شهر ستان سروآباد دارای موقعیت جنوبی،۲۶ درصد دارای موقعیت شمالی، ۲۳درصد دارای موقعیت شرقی و کمتر از ۱۰ در صد دارای موقعیت غربی میباشند. در زمینه تابش بررسیهای میدانی در دهستان پیرشالیار هورامان نه شان داد که بیش از ۶۷در صد از سکونتگاههای کوه ستانی دارای موقعیت جنوب متمایل به غربی است. ۲۳درصد از دیگر سکونتگاهها دارای موقعیت شمالی، شرقی و غربی میبا شند. از نظر تابش نور و حرارت این مناطق دارای پنجرههای کوچک و مشبک میباشند. نور خورشید به دلیل بافت مشبک پنجرهها و عرض کم آنها، زاویه تابش نور خورشید تنها ۲۰تا ۲۵ درصد از فضای خانه را روشن می کند. یافته ها در زمینه رطوبت نس جبی نشان داد به دلیل موقعیت ا ستقرار سکونتگاهها و ریزش نزولات جوی در طول، موجب افزایش رطوبت در بافت درونی ساختمانها و زمینه رشد باکتری و حشراتی مانند شــپش، کک،و.. ایجاد می کند. در کل رطوبت از چند طریق وارد بافت مسکن روستایی شده و سبلمتی ساکنین روستاها را تهدید می کند: نفوذ رطوبت از طریق کف ساختمان باران و ذوب برف ۲- نفوذ باران از طریق سقف ساختمان ۳- از طریق دیوارهای کناری

. عامل دیگر اقلیمی جریان باد و وزش باد است. جریان باد به دو صورت بادهای خشک که در اصطلاح محلی زلان گویند و بادهای مدیترانه که غالباً باران زا بوده و به باد شه مال معروفاند.

## ۵. بحث و نتیجه گیری

نتایج نشان داد تابش نور خورشید ۲۰تا ۲۵ درصد فضای سكونتگاهي را روشن مي كند. انتقال فضولات دامي به رودخانه موجب رشد و گسترش باکتریها و میکروبها و حشرات موذی شده و نسیم محلی دره به کوه در طول ایام شبانه روز زمینه گسترش بیماریهای تنفسی و گوار شی را بالابرده است. نتایج میدانی نشان داد ۸۹درصد از واحدهای مسکونی اورامان طبقه اول آنها مرطوب و نمدار است. از نظر جریان باد به دلیل وزش بادهای خشک و سوزان بافت پنجرهها کوچک طراحی شدهاند. نهایتاً بیماری هایی ناشی از طراحی نامناسب اقلیمی زمینه گسترش بیماریهایی مانند سل، رو ماتیسے، ناراحتی های مفصلی، آرتروز، کم بنیایی تنفسے، ناراحتیهای قلبی و سایر بیماریها شده است. نتایج خانه بهداشت ده ستان پیر شالیار نشان داد طی دهه گذشته تعداد بیماران سل بیش از ۳۰ نفر، بیش از ۴۸در صد از افرادی که در سنین ۴۹ سال به بالا دارای ناراحتی آرتروز پا دارند. بیش از ۱۲درصد از ساکنین روستایی دارای روماتیسم و ۶درصد دارای ناراحتیهای تنفسی و ۴درصد دارای بیماریهای مشترک انسان با دام (تب مالت)هستند. كليدواژهها: مسكن، آبوهوا، بهداشت، روستا، اورامان تخت، کردستان.

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## **Unproductive Activities and Their Affecting Factors in Iran**

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#### **Abstract**

**Purpose-** Unproductive activities refer to economic activities which do not have a positive effect on GDP, but have high profit and returns, which can eliminate productive activities. This is a phenomenon that has occurred in Iran in the last three decades. The aim of the present study is to analyze the factors causing and spreading unproductive activities using Fumanat area as the context.

**Design/methodology/approach-** The study area is Fumanat, one of the historical regions of Gilan. The type of research is qualitative. In order to collect the required data and information, we conducted the various steps: First, using secondary data, the study illustrated changes in the share of employment in the economic sectors of the region, changes in the area of agricultural land use, as well as changes in the level of built land use. Second, conducting interviews with different business owners of each household, the common activities of households were studied to determine the evolution of productive activities in the sample villages. The common activities of households and among them unproductive activities were identified by inductive method. In order to understand the factors affecting the creation and expansion of unproductive activities, the qualitative approach of grounded theory was used.

**Findings-** The study indicates that in the mountain zone, 39.1 percent of jobs, in the foothill zone, 32.3 percent of jobs, in the plain zone, 41.9 percent of jobs and in the coastal zone, 30.2 percent of jobs, can be categorized as unproductive activities. The existence of uncertainty, lack of support for productive activities, the property rights issue, inadequate privatization and dysfunctional institution system affect the expansion of unproductive activities in the region.

**Originality/value-** Various studies have examined productive and unproductive sides in economic endeavors, most of which considered them with a macro point of view. The present study tries to investigate the contextually of the factors underlying these changes in a rural space and community.

Keywords- Uncertainty, Property right, Dysfunctional institution system, Unproductive activities, Fumanat.

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## 1. Introduction

nproductive (non-productive) activity refers to activities that do not harm the process of economic growth and development if they are removed from the economic sphere. Rather, their removal helps to improve the economic stability. Such activities do not create real economic values and do not have a positive effect on GDP, despite having high income and returns. The International Labor Organization describes productive activities as endeavors that promote national economic competition. In contrast, activities that add nothing to GDP consider as unproductive activities whose growth depend on several factors in national and regional economies. After the experience of the 2008 financial crisis (Palley, 2013), industries and economic activities are assumed to be interrelated and the expansion of unproductive activities is associated with a decrease in productive activities (Ivashina & Scharfstein, 2010).

Due to the expansion of unproductive activities in the country, in 2011, almost half of the income is generated from economic activities without any actual value creation in Iranian households. This income is not from appropriate employment, but it is obtained through the purchase and sale of real estate, interest on bank accounts, the purchase and sale of gold and foreign currency and coins exchange, or other methods of trading. The rate was 49% in 2019 and now is increased to 63% in 2021, which show the unequal accumulation of capital and its socio-economic consequences.

Activities in the Iranian economy are divided into productive and unproductive ways. Productive activities have low profit and high commitment. Unproductive ones, however, are associated with high profitability and low commitment and These unnecessary. characteristics the unproductive activities in the last decade have caused that private banks attract deposits and inject them into this means with high interest rates. From 1992 to 2014, land prices increased 10 times while the price index increased 54 times. As a result, many small businesses have turned their capital into money and deposited it in banks. Because the current interest rate in the non-productive sector (buying and selling gold coins, currency, land and housing) is not even comparable with the rate in the productive sector. In addition, the growth of unproductive activities has caused significant changes at the national and regional levels (Shakeri, 2016). Hence, the spread of unproductive activities has disrupted the country's economic activities, and has challenged the motivation to work and build constructively and create wealth in the country.

Fumanat is one of the areas with the historical background which was the center of "Biah Pas" (west of Sefidrood River). This area was located in front of "Biah Pish" (east of Sefidrood) whose center is Lahijan. Today, Fumanat region is divided into three counties: Fuman, Someh Sara and Shaft. In the past, the economic equilibrium was established in the region and each area (coast, plain, foothill and mountain) used to have its own products to involve in the local and regional transaction. Now, many of the region's traditional products e.g. hemp and sugarcane with their processing industries are eliminated; others, such as silk and tea are active in declining condition while some new economic activities are expanding. In general, the distribution system of economic activities in the region, and thus the dispersion of the population has changed. The most important consequence of this is the weakening of productive activities, inability of competitive activities against unproductive activities, unemployment and migration to the suburbs of cities in the region or the country. As a result, many problems and sometimes heavy damages were followed.

The aim of the present study is to first conceptualize unproductive activities in rural areas of Fumanat. Afterwards, the volume dimensions of unproductive economic activities in the area are demonstrated. Finally, the underlying factors for the expansion of such activities in the region are analyzed. Therefore, we attempted to answer the basic question of what factors have led to the spread of unproductive activities in the Unproductive activities region. hinder development of a balanced regional economy, which is one of the current economic challenges in socio-economic systems. So, the analysis of barriers and the provision of corrective solutions can justify the current research.

## 2. Research Theoretical Literature

Numerous studies have examined the theoretical foundations of the creation and expansion of unproductive economic activities. Most of them studied the spread of unproductive activities from a macro and ecological perspective, and have



concluded that the development of productive activities undermines economic growth and national development. A group of researchers linked the owners of unproductive economic activities to "wealth-creating and rent-seeking entrepreneurs" (BaumoL, 1996; Kirzner, 1997). Many believe that the existing and current institutional structures of society create constraints for the expansion of productive activities and at the same time provide incentives to expand non-productive activities (Henrekson & Sanandaji, 2011).

Baumol (1990) calls unproductive activity something that reduces the wealth and well-being of society. According to Kirzner (1997), productive activity increases efficiency and leads to the creation of positive externalities. Holcombe (1998) sees entrepreneurship as a productive activity because it expands the business environment. The research of Najarzadeh et al. (2012) entitled "the role of productive and entrepreneurship unproductive in economic growth" indicates that self-employment activities in the informal sector of the economy lead to tax evasion, which is considered unproductive activity. In a report in 2020 entitled "unproductive activities of competing production, some global experiences and strategies in Iran", the Parliament Research Center introduced examples of unproductive economic activities in five categories, which are: Making a profit from first, buying and selling of real estate (land, residential and commercial units), second, from gold, valuable metals trading (coins and ingots), third, from foreign currency transactions, fourth, from bank deposits and fifth, from the intermediation and distribution of goods. According to the report, any activity with the intention of generating income, profit or any kind of benefit that increase national production by creating added value is productive, while any activity that creates profit or benefit for individuals, but at macro level, does not create added value and does not increase national production, is unproductive. Economic activities are different in terms of added value. Some activities lead to the production of goods or services, hence benefit. Some other activities are merely the distribution of income from one person to another and do not add any value to industrial, agricultural or service products. For example, making a profit from buying and selling real estate

(except for delivery services) does not create added value or production, but it can be profitable for housing traders. Sometimes these activities have low risk and high profit so they attract the capital, which could be used in production. Abbas Shakeri (2014) believes that unproductive activities play a restrictive role in the economy and cause the despair of productive factors.

Productive activities create positive externalities, i.e. they reduce ancillary costs but unproductive activities cause negative externalities and increase ancillary costs. Exploiting natural and human resources, unproductive activity causes inflationary recessions in the economy (Shakeri, 2016: 171). According to Olson (1982), there is a positive relationship between the weakness of laws and the creation and growth of non-material activities in economy.

Recognition of unproductive activities is inductive and can be identified from the effects of this type of economic activity. Therefore, unproductive activities cannot be defined by a fixed formula, but they are defined and identified on a comparative means based on the role they play in society and national production. Similar activity may be productive in one place and unproductive in another. Retail and wholesale are necessary and productive provided that they are in the service of production. When they become so large so that they take production into their own control, they become unproductive. Financial service is productive in essence if it is to equip funds for production and reduce the cost of risk. It is unproductive when it engages in extensive financial activities unrelated to production and helps create risk instead of reducing risk costs. In other words, if banking activity is a central institution, facilitator and enabler of the production system, and uses limited resources optimally, it is a productive activity, but if it attracts people's deposits at a high rate and injects it into unproductive activities, it is considered as an unproductive activity. Trade as a productive activity causes power of production and supply. It does not prolong the process of production to consumption, and it is based on absolute or comparative advantage and economies of scale. On the other hand, it is a restriction to production as an unproductive activity (Shakeri, 2016: 167-187). Service, including educational, health, commercial and welfare services, support production and their



role is essential. Obviously, activities that damage the productive strength of society and its environment cannot be considered productive activities.

This type of activity has a high return and it takes productive activities out of the economic cycle due to competition. Furthermore, it prevents the accumulation of physical and human capital, and technological improvement in the productive sector, and undermine the incentives of productive activities. When unproductive activity dominates a society and makes the process of productive activity difficult or limited, it leads to the development of meaningless, destructive, and thus production activities elimination. As a result, production remains to the extent of subsistence level, along with unintended economic, social and spatial consequences.

Economic change and the expansion of different types of employment are attributed to different factors from various scientific perspectives. According to Douglas North, the winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics, economic change transformations results from human communities quantitatively and qualitatively, stock of knowledge and institutional framework (North, 2005: 1-2). The institutional structure, or in other words, the accumulated beliefs of society over time consist of the political and social structure, and property rights. Political structure defines the way in which political choices are made, the structure of property rights defines formal economic incentives, and informal incentives in economics are explained by norms and customs or social structure.

For economic geographers, institutions are seen as conduits to reduce the cost of local transactions. In general, there are three types of approaches to institutions in economic geography. These three types of institution evaluations included: Rational choice institutionalism that seeks to increase productivity by creating specific organizational forms in specific institutional environments. Sociological institutionalism that investigates social processes, networks, and commitments by examining collective interpretive frameworks. Finally, historical institutionalism that contributes to our understanding of the evolution of institutional structures throughout history (Martin, 2003).

In the view of relational economic geography, economic action, and its evolution is based on three propositions. Contextuality - economic factors function structurally in the context of social and institutional relations. Path dependency - in terms dvnamism contextually provides dependent development because economic decisions in past affect the action of today and future. Contingency - economic trends, despite path-dependent development, are subject to unpredictable change, and they operate essentially in an open system (Bathelt & Glückler, 2003: 117-144).

In this view, resources use (including material resources, knowledge, power and social capital) is also analyzed within social, institutional, political and economic relations and at a collective level. Furthermore, they affect each other in terms of efficiency and outcome (Bathelt & Glückler, 2005).

Scholars who have studied the relationship between culture and economic change are in several groups of as market-oriented, historian, and institutionalist. Market orientation believes that culture sometimes hinders economic change. meaning that certain institutions, such as extended families or caste systems in India or Hindu refusal to kill animals, may impede the efficient allocation of resources in developing economies. Adversely, they sometimes ignore the role of culture in economic transformation. According to Frederick List, one of the supporters of the historical school, the sense of self-esteem and sense of belonging to the country among a nation and the tendency to virtue and avoidance of corruption, depends on the productive strength of any society as a system of collective life (Need to be checked According to him, capital of mind as the source of innovation for the nation together with other forms of capital make a nation prosperous (Levi-Faur, 1997).

Among Institutionalists, Acemoglu and Robinson (2016) stated that any changes that occurs in technological production and leads to the improvement of production capacity will leave inevitable effects on the cultural behaviors and beliefs of the society. Thus. economic developments have a more significant effect on cultural developments. Oliver Williamson considers the effects of culture on the levels of macro and micro development to be crucial. Hajun Chank states there is a mutual interaction between



economics and culture, even though economic development is not subject to a cultural revolution. Because economic development, which means improving productivity, in some extent creates the culture that needs it. Douglas North believes that culture in its basic function is a decisive element in the formation of the motivational structure of society, and it forms the system of beliefs and institutions. These will form the motivational structure, determine the direction of knowledge acquisition, generate channels of personal interest, and finally create organizations appropriate to the institutional structure (North, 1990, p. 42-43).

## 3. Research Methodology

## 3.1 Geographical Scope of the Research

The spatial territory of the studied area consists of the historical region of Fumanat, in the north of Iran and the southeast of the Caspian Sea. The average annual precipitation in the area is 1300 mm, the average annual temperature is  $7.5 \,^{\circ}$  C and its soil varies from alluvial to soft and black forest soils. The vegetation of the area includes Caspian Hyrcanian forests and natural mountain pastures that human-driven deforestation is transparent in their landscape.

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In the past, the economic equilibrium was established in the region, so each zone (coast, plain, foothills and mountains) used to have its own products to engage in the local and regional transaction. Now, many of the region's traditional products e.g., hemp and sugarcane with their processing industries are eliminated. Others, such as silk and tea are active in declining condition while some new economic activities are expanding. In general, the distribution system of economic activities in the region and consequently the dispersion of the population has changed. The most important consequence of which is the weakening of productive activities, inability of competitive activities against unproductive activities. unemployment and migration to the suburbs of cities in the region or the country. As a result, many problems and sometimes heavy damages were followed.

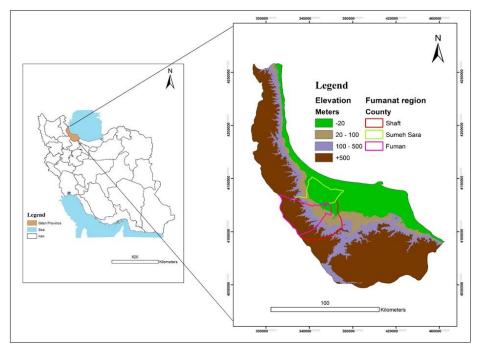


Figure 1. Location of the study area with emphasis on the elevation zoning



## 3.2. Methodology

The research is a qualitative method in terms of methodology. In order to collect the required data and information first, using secondary data, we identified changes in the share of employment in the economic sectors of the region (Table 2), changes in the area of agricultural land use (Table 3), as well as changes in the area of built-up land use (Table 4). In order to collect field information, all rural settlements in the area (403 villages) were divided into four types of coast, plain, foothill and

mountain in terms of physical features and prevailing livelihood. In the coast zone, hunting and fishing are part of the livelihood of farmers. The plain zone is characterized by the dominant rice cultivation. In the foothill zone, a combination of rice cultivation and husbandry is evident, and finally, the mountain zone is a place for ranchers. 25 villages were selected as the sample villages. The villages consisted of 5,780 households, 236 of which selected among different zones using the Cochran method. Table 1 illustrates the sample villages of the research.

Table 1. Sample villages

Source: Statistics Center of Iran 1996 & 2011

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Areas	Height (meters)	Inhabited settlements	Number of samples	Total households	Sample households	Village
Coast	Less than 20	25	3	1083	44	Baqlakessh - Handeh Khaleh - Siah Darvishan
plain	From 20 to 100	196	10	2799	114	Zaideh Paeen- Shirzil- Rudpish- Gol Afzan Gasht - Kordabad - Send - Khatib Gurab - Shekal Gurab - Pish Hesar
Foothill	100-500	84	6	1425	58	Darbagh - Ghal-e-Rudkhan- Heidarlat - Shulem - Gaskereh - Abroud
Mountain	More than 500	98	6	473	20	Lat- Visrud- Zodel- Koryeh-Zardaljeh- Taleghan
Total	-	403	25	5780	236	

We conducted interviews with different business owners of households in the selected villages, the common activities of households were identified (Table 5). The number of activities is not the same as the number of households because the number of employed individuals in different households was different. The identification of unproductive activities is inductive, so we separated productive and unproductive activities inductively. Sometimes it is necessary to know its instance, but it is necessary to

know its features and effects (Shakeri, 2016: 164). In order to identify the factors affecting the creation and expansion of unproductive activities, we use the qualitative approach of grounded theory (Allan, 2003: 1-10).

## 4. Research Findings

## 4.1. Changes in the share of employment in economic sectors

Table 2 illustrates the share of employment in activity groups by cities and selected economic sectors of the region.

Table 2. The share of employment in activity groups and selected economic sectors of the region

Source: Statistics Center of Iran 1996 & 2011

County	Year	Agriculture	Industry	Construction	Hotels and restaurants	Financial intermedi aries	Real estate and renting	Education
Choft	1997	60.1	8.9	5.3	1.0	0.2	0.3	3.7
Shaft	2011	49.7	0.5	8.5	8.4	0.6	2.9	1.4
15 years ra	ange	-10.4	-8.4	+3.2	+7.4	+0.4	+2.6	-2.3
C 1. C	1997	56.5	8.0	2.7	1.1	0.5	0.6	6.7
Someh Sara	2011	44.5	0.9	11.1	8.9	1.2	4.2	2.0
15 years ra	ange	-12	-7.1	+8.4	+7.8	+0.7	+3.6	-4.7
Eumon	1997	53.5	15.4	3.9	1.0	3.0	0.2	5.6
Fuman	2011	42.4	1.0	9.9	8.7	0.8	4.4	2.0
15 years ra	ange	-11.1	-14.4	+6	+7.7	+0.5	+4.2	-3.6



Based on the data in Table 2, in the period of 15 years 1996-2011:

- A. The changes in the employment in the three cities of the district (Sumeh Sara, Shaft and Fuman) are almost the same.
- B. The share of agricultural workers in the area has decreased by an average of 11.16 %.
- C. The share of industrial workers in the area has decreased by an average of 9.97 %.
- D. The employees in education sector in the area has decreased by an average of 11.16 %.
- 4.2. Changes in the area of agricultural land use

- E. The share of employees in construction sector has increased by 5.87 %.
- F. The employees in the hotel and restaurant sector has increased by an average of 7.63 %.
- G. The employees in the financial intermediary sector has increased by an average of 0.53 %.
- H. the ratio of employees in real estate and renting sector has increased by an average of 3.46 %;

The data shows a decrease in the amount of employment in all productive sectors during this period in contrast, in non-productive sectors it faced a significant increase.

 $Table \ 3. \ Changes \ in \ the \ area \ (hectares) \ of \ agricultural \ land \ use \ in \ a \ 30-year \ period \ from \ 1987 \ to \ 2017$ 

Source: Agricultural Census Data 1987 and 2017

County	1987	2017	Change in hectares	Change in percentage
Shaft	22285	22871	586	+2.6
Sumeh Sara	53166	52346	-820	-1.5
Fuman	27908	25443	-2465	-8.8
Total	103359	100660	-2699	-2.6

According to the data in Table 3, in the 30-year period of 1987-2017, the amount of 2699 hectares or 2.6 percent of the area under agricultural use has been reduced. Therefore, the production area for agriculture has decreased, and instead, the number of unproductive activities has been increased, which will be discussed later.

Even though the production techniques in the region have transformed, rice production doesn't show a significant difference from 100 years ago. In fact, the yield of rough rice remains the same amount of 4 tons/hectare (1.2 ton/hectare white rice) while this amount is 3 times less than Turkey (Afrakhteh, 2017:146-152). That is why the net income of rice yield per hectare in 2019 didn't go higher than 70 million Rials. In 2020, untimely raining in the harvest season caused a lot of damage. The daily wage of the workers rose to six million Rials. As a result, rice cultivation is not economically viable. The trend of decline and stagnation of economic activities is also observed in other common productive activities of the region, namely tea cultivation, breeding and animal husbandry.

Iranian tea production in Fumanat has gone through a complicated process (Afrakhteh, 2018: 152-163). Due to privatization plan, the amount of tea production in the area decreased by 60%. Due

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Silk cocoons production has seen the same deteriorating process (Afrakhteh, 2018: 163-174). This makes silk farmers lose their interest in silk production as it reduced from 5,400 tons in 2000 to 923 tons in 2016. The number of employees of Iran Silk Joint-Stock Company is reduced from 400 to 14, and the Kasma Village Silk Weaving Factory in Fumanat area is shutdown now.

Livestock breeding in the region achieved prosperity in various forms in the past (Pourfikoei 1978; and Bazen 1989), but due to the dominance of the traditional method, and insignificant income, it has been declined dramatically (Afrakhteh, 2018: 174-177). In 2020, the outbreak of crimean congo haemorrhagic fever caused a lot of damage to farmers. The two traditional crops of sugarcane and tobacco are restricted in the Someh Sara area. All these data show that productive activities in the area are experiencing a drastic reduction.

## 4.3. Changes in the area of built-up land use

Table 4 shows the changes in the area of built-up land use in the Fumanat area. During this period, 1581 hectares or 137 percent, has been added to the built-up land in the area. A local survey shows that an average of 17.8 percent of these built-up lands consists of second homes, villas and houses



constructed by affluent urban residents in rural areas. That is to say, the less conversion of land use

for production, the more unproductive residential and service land use.

Table 4. Changes in the area of built-up land use in a 30-year period from 1987 to 2017 (in hectares)

Source: Statistics book of the province, 1987 and 2017

County	1987	2017	Change in hectares	Change in percentage
Shaft	415	575	160	38
Sumeh Sara	415	1280	865	208
Fuman	324	880	556	172
Total	1154	2735	1581	137

## 4.4. Type of employment in terms of sample villages in different types of zones

Table 5 shows the common type of employment in the region in different types of mountain, foothill, plain, coast zones.

Table 5. Employment in the Various areas of Fumanat

	Occupation	Number	Percent	Unproductive
areas	Occupation	Number	Percent	percentage
	Animal husbandry	7	25	-
	Agriculture	3	10.7	-
	Slaughterhouse worker	2	7.1	7.1
Mountain	Restaurant worker	3	10.7	10.7
	Shopkeeper	4	14.2	14.2
	day laborer	3	10.7	-
	Carpenter	1	3.7	-
	Driver	1	3.7	-
	Employee	2	7.1	-
	Livestock middlemen	2	7.1	7.1
	Total	28	100	39.1
	Employee	6	9.2	=
	Agriculture	16	24.6	=
	Teacher	7	10.8	=
	Military	5	7.8	=
	Seller of construction materials	7	10.8	10.8
	Butcher	2	3.1	3.1
	Manual worker	6	9.2	=
	Tire dealer	2	3.1	3.1
Foothill	Driver	1	1.5	=
	Barber	1	1.5	1.5
	Coffee shop	2	3.1	3.1
	Billboard design	1	1.5	1.5
	Financial intermediaries	3	4.6	4.6
	Shopkeeper	3	4.6	4.6
	Post Bank teller	2	1.3	=
	Gasoline seller	1	1.5	=
	Total	65	100	32.3
_	Agriculture	26	8.7	-
	Animal husbandry	3	1	=
nlein	Grocery	14	4.7	4.7
plain	automobile repair shop	16	5.4	
	Itinerant vendor	4	1.3	1.3
	Governmental Employee	15	5	-



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	Military	22	7.4	-
	Teacher	16	5.4	-
	restaurant worker	32	10.7	10.7
	Coffee shop and barber shop	14	4.6	4.6
	Real estate dealer	10	3.4	3.4
	Clock smith and radio repair	7	2.3	-
	Stationery	6	2	2
	Photography	1	0.3	-
	Driver	5	1.8	-
	Simple worker	27	9	-
	House builder	18	6	=
	Industry	6	2	=
	Real estate dealer	12	4	4
	Taxi	24	8.6	8.6
	Baker	5	1.8	=
	businessperson	4	1.3	1.3
	Computer services	3	1	=
	Post Bank	4	1.3	1.3
	Gas station worker	3	1	=
	Total	297	100	9.41
	Agriculture	18	16.5	=
	Animal husbandry	8	7.4	-
	Fisherman and hunter	12	11.1	-
	Driver	5	4.6	4.6
	Sales person (grocery-coffee shop-barber shop)	9	8.2	8.2
C 1	Baker	2	1.8	-
Coastal	Restaurant and Tourism	19	17.4	17.4
	Manual worker	8	7.3	-
	Employee	9	8.3	-
	Military	7	6.4	-
	Teacher	7	6.4	-
	Industry	5	4.6	-
	Total	109	100	30.2

According to local and inductive evaluation, in the mountain area 39.1 %, foothill 32.3 %, plain 41.9 % and the coastal area 30.2 % of jobs were estimated unproductive jobs. The plain area has the highest number of unproductive jobs because the population of this area, due to its proximity to the urban centers of the area, has had less migration. People in this area provided business around their settlements while the young population in mountain, foothill and coastal areas, due to local

restrictions, have migrated to the urban centers of the region to search for jobs.

## 4.5. Effective factors in creating and expanding unproductive activities

To find the factors that create and expand unproductive activities, we obtained various statements through interviews with business owners in sample villages. Some quotations and related concepts and themes are shown in Table 6. These statements have been analyzed using the grounded theory approach.



Table 6. Statements about factors affecting the expansion of unproductive employment using grounded theory

le 6. Statements about factors affecting the expansion of  Statement	concepts	Themes	Major theme		
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As long as the product is still in our hands, the price is very low.  When the price rises we have the product no longer.  When selling livestock, livestock middlemen are all united and buy them from us at the cheapest price.  Agricultural work has no end result.  Production work has thousands blind knots, a wise person does not go close to it.  Agricultural work is very hard and its income is very unstable and insignificant  When you have an agricultural or livestock product, you have to curry favor with buyers on the other hand, you have to curry	Economic uncertainty	Uncertain environment			Uncertain atmosphere
favor to provide tools and needs, too.  I have been farming rice for 10 years, and spent all that money and effort. one year it was burned, another year it was rotted and another time it was destroyed by the pest.  Any work related to a living thing, whether plant or animal, is dangerous and risky	Natural uncertainty				
No one knows you these days when you get in trouble.  The farmer must always work. no pension and no insurance.	Social uncertainty				
The cost of mixed-livestock is not commensurate with its income.  The price of bran and fodder is increasing steadily; veterinary medicines are becoming more expensive every day. Our cost cannot be met by this price for selling milk. Selling livestock also has its own problem.  This year, we had a disease in our cows. The medicine was so expensive and it was all loss.	Livestock is not economically viable	Production is not economically competitive			
Some of my classmates went to Tehran. I stayed here and continued farming. They now come by truck. I am old here empty-handed.  Cultivate one hectare of land, you do not earn 15 million a year, Start a cafe, you earn 15 million per month.  No farmer could go to Mecca instead they go to Mashhad was on loan [as a pilgrimage trip].  Agricultural earnings and expenditure do not balance.	Agriculture is not economically viable		Weak support for productive activities		
The farmer has no peace.  Agriculture is always miserable  The rancher work day and night no resting, but the worker sleeps comfortably at least at night.  The young generation is not looking for agricultural work. We are tired too	Hard work of traditional agriculture				
Today, if you hire a person (worker), it must be either old people or people with disabilities.	Lack of job attraction in animal husbandry				
There is no economic efficiency in small land size agriculture. You need others to help you for plowing, transplanting, harvesting, threshing, transportation, and because there are a lot of requirements for tools in the work season, operators do not do a good job. In fact, they ask for a lot of money.  Income of small-scale agriculture is not compatible with today's cost of living	Small units are not economically viable				



Statement	concepts	Themes	Major theme
Employee means begging, after 30 days you get money that is lost within 5 days, you have to suffer for another 25 days miserly	An employee has almost no income	Formal activities are not economically competitive	
I was a sweeper in the hospital. When I got married, I could not rent a house with the salary  If you work as a worker, you have to live for eight hours, you get 200 thousand Tomans, which ends with bread, butter, sugar	Worker wages are very low		
and tea, the job is not even every day.  Business, today, is the best thing if the goods are not sold, the price goes up  Trading is always blessed, you can sell at a profit and at any	Inflation has led to high profits for tradings		
price.  Due to inflation, sales are profitable.  If you buy land, then get a construction permit, the price will increase 10 times.  There are a thousand organizations to prevent the high price of little things such as candy, but there is no organization to prevent the high price of land and housing.  Land trading today is a lucrative business.  The income is good for restaurants.  The prevalence of building second homes and more is the main source of purchasing building materials and profits of material providers  30% of buildings that can be used for reconstruction are being destroyed  Locals build houses as well as immigrants, which has boosted the sale of building materials  Self-employment is good, you have your own choices and considerable income.  When I was a farmer, I never had the money to raise my child sufficiently  If I did something else (other than what you call illegal) I could	Land trading is thriving and profitable  Informal activity has a high income	Financial intermediary has a high income	
not own a car for the rest of my life  Whatever I did, I did not find a job, I had to work with this car  There is no work here, you just can find a job in the cities, but they pay a maximum of one and a half million, with which you cannot even rent a room.  I went to university to study and after all I got no job. I had to open this shop (selling CDs) to be busy	Lack of work in the public sector		
In our house, four of us are all engineers, we all paid for them, but they are unemployed  In the past, this area was a textile factory, people were working, now it is closed  Chuka (paper) factory used to hire employees, but now it is not recruiting  The closed Fumanat textile factory is currently closed  The closed Kasma silk industry is not currently hiring.  If I do not smuggle, what can I do?  In the past, tea factories used to recruit from spring to autumn, but now it is very low	Lack of work in industry sector	Labor market recession	
Graduates cannot do everything  Even low-paid jobs for public sector is good  If I could work as a public servant, I would close my cafe today.	Believe in clerical jobs	A culture of disregard for work	



Statement	concepts	Themes	Major theme
Even God knows intermediary money legitimate (Halal)	Transaction		
It has long been said that merchant is the beloved of God	intermediary		
Buying and selling land is not worse than selling drugs	is an acceptable activity		
In trading, you may gain not much money, but you are comfortable	England's		
Shopping of any kind, even if the income is low, is good. Your body is comfortable	Embracing easy work		
Driving earns cash	1		
Livestock is not cost-effective at all. We keep these few livestock so that our rangelands won't be taken away from us.	Fear of losing pasture ownership	Weak property rights	Weak property rights
We were a company worker (temporary contract). After a while, we got redundancy dismissal.	Temporary contract	Ministry of Labor policy	Privatization
What should I do when no one is seeking production for the	Neglect		
country?	national		
Serving the country is an obsolete and meaningless concept.	interest		
Nobody appreciated us when we did something good and lawful	Productive work is not encouraged		
They all smuggle and have never been persecuted.	It's not any responsibility in an informal job	Institutional malfunctioning system	Institutional malfunctioning system
Now the money is contaminated, obtaining lawful (Halal) no	Receding the		
longer makes sense	ugliness of		
Everyone who does something wrong is powerful now and	unauthorized		
laughs at our face.	work		
When everyone is struggling to make money why shouldn't I?			
The life is expensive especially when you are ill.	Earn money		
After all, living needs money, you have to provide for it. You can't achieve satisfaction by just saying the word.	at any price		

Based on the findings of the grounded theory, there are five main factors in the creation and development of unproductive activities in the affected area, which are:

First, **an atmosphere of uncertainty** that has prevented the development of productive activities in three ways.

A. Natural uncertainty that the area requires the necessary technology and infrastructure to reduce natural damage to agricultural products. Specifically, in this region, rice fields and other crops are being destroyed because of unpredictable out of season rainfall, drought and pests. In the crop year 1398-1399 (2019-2020), about 30% of rice fields were completely destroyed due to untimely rain and storms. In the same year, because of spring hail, all plums were destroyed;

- B. Economic uncertainty, which means that the pricing system, producer and consumer protection is in a state of confusion, and changes in the prices of agricultural products and the marketing system detrimental to the producer. In 2019, rice was purchased from the producer for 120 thousand Rials and traded in the market at a price of 200 thousand Rials. In 2019, rice was purchased from the producer for 120 thousand Rials and traded in the market at a price of 200 thousand Rials.
- C. Self-employed farmers and ranchers often lack the necessary social and insurance support and, as they say, "We have to work as long as we live". When their agricultural and livestock products are damaged by natural or economic factors, or when the farmers are old and disabled, they will surely fall into poverty. Self-employed and low-income



farmers are not able to independently buy agricultural machinery (tillers, tractors, planters, harvesters, threshers, etc.). As a result, during the working season, they need to deal with all kinds of intermediaries who try to exploit the farmer.

Second, the lack of support for productive activities can be addressed in five ways:

A. Agricultural and animal husbandry activities are not economically competitive and cannot attract active labor, and this is due to various issues. The average production is insignificant and the traditional exploitation method contains both hard work and low efficiency. The average of a production unit's area for the dominant cultivation (self-employment rice cultivation) is about a half of a hectare and the average production per hectare is four tons of rice per year.

Livestock farming is also traditional and according to Afrakhteh (1993) is declining. This type of activity relies on grazing natural pastures plus additional fodder in winter, which requires high maintenance, nutrition, medicine and treatment costs. On the other hand, limited livestock production in addition to livestock purchases monopoly by livestock middlemen, who exploit the smallholders.

B. For the reason of the special situation of the country, the labor market is facing a recession. Unemployment in the region is officially 12.7 %, on the other hand, the minimum wages in the public, and service sectors do not meet the needs due to the prevalence of inflation. At the same time, availability of productive activities in Iran is restricted. Iran's ranking is 128th out of 190 countries on the ease of doing business (The World Bank Group, 2019). In contrast, unproductive activities do not require high expertise and capital, neither do they face various administrative and tax barriers. They make even a lot of profit especially informal and unauthorized ones.

C. Avoiding work attitude is also common in the area, which is against productive activities and prompts unproductive activities. This issue is rooted in history. Charles Issawi (1971: 56) says that "Iranians have an inclination for intermediary businesses, and in the economy they act as if they were born merchants and traders", an issue that intensifies migration to the suburbs and doing unproductive activities. Harvard advisory Group (1951-1958) argued that Iranians invest more in land and buildings, and this is a competitor to industrial investment (McLeod, 1964).

Third, the **property rights issue** is one of the most important factors hindering productive activities in Iran. The property rights index is 4.579, and Iran ranks 103th among 129 countries (International Property Rights Index, 2019). According to Azizolahi (2018), one third of the country's court cases is land lawsuits. In many cases, the extent of public ownership is unclear, and this gap has provided an opportunity for land grabbing (even mountain and forest grabbing) for some dealers. This is indicated when one engages in side activities in order to guarantee one's land ownership rather than increasing the land capacity. Fourth, inadequate privatization incompatible with the social and economic conditions of the region, which is another factor in the spread of unproductive activities in the region. On the one hand, the implementation of a temporary employment contract reduces the motivation of the worker and the employee to work, and on the other hand, the lay-offs have been joining the group of employees in unproductive activities.

## Fifth, the dysfunctional institution system

Institutions provide structures to reduce uncertainties and structuralize the hidden incentives in human transactions (Rezagholi, 2019). Institutions are comprehensive which encourage development, and sometimes for various historical, social, economic, and political reasons, they do not have a developmental function, thus they become "dysfunctional." The clearest form of institutional structures can be found in the thought of Parsons and Merton. The work of this school of thoughts is tied to the concept of function (Ritzer & Stepnisky, 2017: 313).

The meaning of the dysfunctional institution structure has two components in consistence with theoretical support:

First, the direction of knowledge acquisition: a dysfunctional institution structure is a context that leads the direction of knowledge acquisition to methods of deception and corruption and rewards this mode of learning. Conversely, the type of knowledge that develops the country and creates prosperity is discouraged.

Second, formation of self-interest: the dysfunction institution structure, acts in such a way that individuals in the path of maximizing their own



benefits, damage long-term and national development interests (Momeni, 2020). The function of this institution structure in Fumanat region is that people do not pay attention to national and long-term interests; productive work

is not encouraged; informal economy is not questioned; doing illegal work is not an immoral effort, and earning is at a survival level. As a result, unproductive activities are leading to elimination of productive activities.

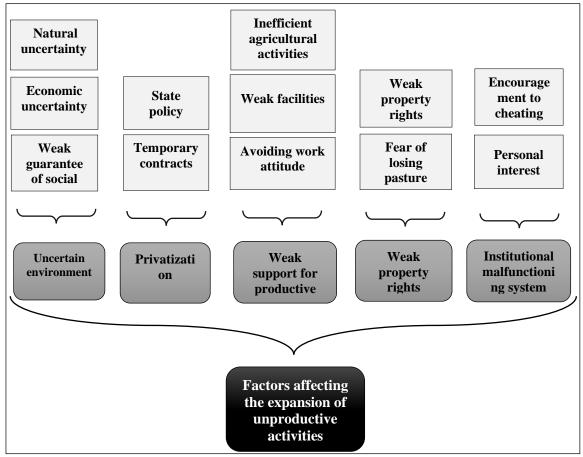


Figure 2: Factors for the expansion of unproductive activities in the area

## 5. Discussion and Conclusion

Productivity is an important indicator and necessity of economic growth. Economic activities can be considered productive or unproductive in terms of resource allocation and its consequences for the society. Social consequences have increasingly been one of the main market concerns (Fanti & Buccella, 2020). We studied these activities in a framework of a rural area and the current status of economic activities in this area.

The study showed that the spread of unproductive activities in the region lies in poor production and low efficiency. Most of those living in poverty are farmers and ranchers who are always busy. Conversely, those with a good income and a more prosperous life are coffee shop owners and market

owners. John Foran mentioned that at the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, the production gap between the strongest country and the weakest country was at last three to one. At Safavid era in Iran, the distance between Iran and France was between 30 to 50 percent, but after the Industrial Revolution, this distance has increased greatly (Foran, 2007). According to David Lands (2005), the gap between the income per capita of countries at the beginning of the first wave of the Industrial Revolution reached to an unprecedented difference of 400 to 1. The data imply the difference between the efficiency of modern and traditional production methods. The traditional method of production, in addition to coercive hardship on producer, has little efficiency.



Low efficiency and income will limit the possibility of constructive cultural change. According to an earlier study carried out based on Maslow's theory (1958) in 72% of cases in Sardar Jangal County, the income and expenditure are not balanced. 74.5% of the population are often involved in meeting the lowest level of their demands, namely physiological and safety needs. At the same time, the presence of people engaged in informal activities in Tehran and large cities, which often have second homes in the region and show off their prosperous life, has made the local population unmotivated to work and make productive endeavor. Their main concern is not self-transcendence but merely the provision of basic human needs (Afrakhteh, 2015: 51-61). A community like this cannot be expected to think about long-term development and pursuit of productive activities. Farshad Momeni (2017) asserted that modern industrial production cannot be popularized in society unrealistically; it requires objective institutional tools. In Bathelt and Glückler view (2013) Institutions play two roles in economic activities: incentives and constraints roles that affect action and interaction in spatial economic point of view.

Synthesizing these mentioned above as well as Charles Issawi and the Harvard advisory group's arguments, we can understand the role of context and path-dependency on the direction of economic activity in the region. In other words, the dysfunctional institution structures will not be transformed into inclusive and functional

institution structures without considering the context. Also, Bathelt (2006) argued that the aim and efficiency of actions in human actors are not defined in advance by this presumption that the actors always seek benefits and/or are rational. Rather, businesses are set in relation to specific economic and non-economic goals and strategies, as well as feelings and emotions. The result of this intended action involves intended and unintended consequences, which affect the next round of decisions. Similarly, investment decisions by individuals will be directed to unproductive and rent-seeking activities with rapid return if the quality of institutions is lacking, or they are not functioning well. As a result, investments deviate from production and innovation (Shirley, 2005).

It can therefore be argued that traditional production, low efficiency, lack of required cultural change, and the dominance of dysfunctional institution structures explain the vicious cycle of underdevelopment and the expanding of unproductive activities in such places.

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## فعالیت های غیرمولد و عوامل گسترش آن در ایران

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#### چکیده مبسوط

#### ۱. مقدمه

فعالیت غیر مولد به فعالیتهایی اطلاق می شود که در تولید ناخالص ملی اثر مثبتی نداشته اما درآمد و بازدهی بالایی در بر دارد. این گونه فعالیتها اگر از نظام اقتصادی کشور حذف شود، نه تنها آسیبی به کشور نمی رساند بلکه می تواند موجب توسعه فعالیتهای مولد شود. در سه دهه اخیر، فعالیتهای غیر مولد در اقتصاد ایران ایجاد و گسترشیافته است، این نوع فعالیت، نیازی به تخصص ندارد، ریسک ندارد، تعهدی در قبال جامعه و دولت ندارد. در مقابل، دارای بازدهی بالایی است. به همین دلیل این نوع فعالیت، بخش زیادی از سپردههای بخش خصوصی را به خود جذب کرده و موجب توسعه فعالیتهایی چون خریدوفروش سکه، ارز، زمین و مسکن شده است. چنین فعالیتهایی به دلیل ریسک پذیری ناچیز و کسب سود بالا، گسترش فعالیتهای به دلیل ریسک پذیری ناچیز و کسب سود بالا، گسترش فعالیتهای مولد اقتصادی کشور را دچار اختلال کرده است و انگیزه کار و تلاش سازنده و خلق ثروت در کشور را با چالش مواجه ساخته است.

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شناخت فعالیتهای نامولد جنبه استقرایی دارد و از روی اثراتی که این نوع فعالیت بر اقتصاد می گذارد، قابل شناسایی است. بنابراین، فعالیتهای نامولد را نمی توان از روی قیاس و فرمول مشخص کرد بلکه بر اساس نقشی که در جامعه و تولید ملی ایفاء می کند و به صورت موردی تعریف و شناسایی می شود.

کنش اقتصادی انسان تحت تأثر عوامل مختلفی قرار دارد. اولین عامل، متن جامعهای است که فعالیتها در آن جریان دارد. عامل دوم وابستگی به مسیر است. به این معنی تصمیمات اقتصادی دیروز، زمینه عمل امروزی و آینده را تحت تأثیر قرار می دهد و عامل سوم، اقتضایی بودن کنش اقتصادی است که روندهای اقتصادی به رغم توسعه وابسته به مسیر، موضوع تغییر غیرقابل پیش بینی است و به طور اساسی در سیستم باز عمل می کند. بنابراین سیستم نهادی جامعه، نظام قاعده گذاری و سیستم پاداشها تعیین کننده روند فعالیت اقتصادی است. در جامعهای که نظام تصمیم گیری از گسترش فعالیتهای مولد در جامعهای بخش مولد در اثر عدم توان رقابت حذف می شود و فعالیتهای بخش مولد در اثر عدم توان رقابت حذف می شود و فعالیتهای نامولد گسترش می یابد.

#### ٣. روش شناسی تحقیق

ناحیه موردمطالعه تحقیق، فومنات از نواحی با سابقه تاریخی گیلان است. استراتژی تحقیق استقرایی با استفاده از رویکرد کیفی است. دادههای موردنیاز تحقیق به دو روش اسنادی و مطالعه میدانی بهدستآمده است. اطلاعات موردنیاز، مراحل مختلف زیر انجامشده است: نخست، با استفاده از دادههای اسنادی، تغییرات سهم اشتغال بخشهای اقتصادی ناحیه، تغییرات سطح زیر کشت اراضی کشاورزی، و نیز تغییرات سطوح دستساخت انسانی نشان دادهشده است. تا روند تحول فعالیتهای مولد مشخص شود؛ دوم، با مراجعه مستقیم و انجام مصاحبه با صاحبان کسبوکارهای مختلف هر خانوار، در روستاهای نمونه که به روش کوچران انتخابشده است، فعالیتهای رایج خانوارها بررسیشده است.

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از بین فعالیتهای رایج، فعالیتهای غیر مولد به روش بررسی محلی و استقرایی شناسایی شده است؛ جهت درک عوامل مؤثر بر ایجاد و گسترش فعالیتهای نامولد، از رویکرد کیفی گراندد تئوری استفاده شده است.

#### ۴. يافتههاي تحقيق

تحقیق نشان می دهد که در ناحیه کوهستانی، ۳۹.۱ در صد مشاغل، در ناحیه پایکوهی، ۳۲.۳ در صد مشاغل، در ناحیه جلگهای، ۴۱.۹ درصد مشاغل، از نوع درصد مشاغل و در ناحیه ساحلی ۳۰.۲ درصد مشاغل، از نوع فعالیتهای غیر مولد قابل ارزیابی است و وجود فضای نااطمینان، عدم حمایت از فعالیتهای مولد، ضعف حقوق مالکیت، خصوصی سازی های ناموجه و سیستم نهادی گژکار کرد در توسعه فعالیتهای نامولد در ناحیه مؤثر بوده است که درنهایت به فعالیتهای تولید و گسترش کار خلاق آسیب می رساند.

#### ۵. بحث و نتیجه گیری

تحقیق نشان می دهد که از یک سو، بین گسترش فعالیتهای نامولد و بهرهوری اندک فعالیتهای تولیدی سنتی رابطهای وجود دارد. فعالیتهای تولیدی سنتی پرمشقت و کم بازه هستند. اغلب کسانی که در ناحیه از فقر در رنج هستند، کشاورزان و دامدارانی هستند که همیشه مشغول کارند. از سوی دیگر، گسترش فعالیتهای نامولد با محیط نهادی جامعه رابطه دارد. در جامعهای که به دلیل تسلط ساختار نهادی کژکارد، منافع شخصی بر منافع بلندمدت ملی و اجتماعی ترجیح داده می شود، هزینههای مفت خوارگی پایین است و برعکس، بخش مولد با انواع نااطمینانی های طبیعی و اجتماعی روبروست، فعالیت نامولد رشد کرده و جامعه را در دور باطل روبروست، فعالیت نامولد رشد کرده و جامعه را در دور باطل توسعه نیافتگی درگیر و دچار آسیب می کند.

**كليدواژهها**: عدم قطعيت، حق مالكيت، سيستم مؤسسه ناكارآمد، فعاليتهاي غيرمولد، فومنات.

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### Assessing the Feasibility of Rural Participation Based on Good Governance Indicators (Case Study: Abarkooh County)

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#### **Abstract**

**Purpose-** since governance has a direct and close relation to democracy and socio-economic development everywhere, and it is considered to be the main discussion of the discourse of sustainable rural development, the purpose of the present study is to examine the position of governance indicators in rural areas of Abarkooh County and its impact on the villagers' higher participation.

**Methodology**- the present research has been conducted using a descriptive-analytical method and the data were obtained through survey methods. The statistical population of this study were rural district governors, members of Islamic councils and residents of Abarkooh County. Chi-square test, Wilcoxon signed-rank test, Pearson correlation coefficient and regression coefficient were used to analyze the data.

Research findings- the results indicate that the villagers had the highest participation of villagers is in manpower and participation in land donation is in the second place and financial aids is in the last place due to the weak financial strength of the villagers. According to the results of the T-test, the scores of the items related to the indicators of rural governance in Abarkooh County are at a desired level and the highest values belong to social trust and social justice indicators and the lowest value belongs to rule of law indicator. The results of Wilcoxon test show that, the impact of feasibility of governance indicators on public participation in this area has been at a high level. Pearson correlation coefficient and regression analysis were used to examine each of the governance indicators "transparency and accountability, efficiency and effectiveness, social justice, awareness, social trust, rule of law, acceptance of participation" as independent variables on villagers' participation in the dimensions of "manpower, financial assistance, land donation, (which were aggregated) as dependent variables and determine the effect of each of these dimensions. The correlation test value equal to 0.712 shows a significant, positive and direct relationship between independent and dependent variables of the present research. The modified determination coefficient indicates that, 69.4% changes in villagers' participation level is related to feasibility of principles of governance in the study area; therefore, holding meetings for rural people, rural district governors and members of councils for more interaction and informing people about their rights, clarification of financial and income issues and identification of capabilities of human society can play an essential role in feasibility of this matter.

Keywords: Participation, Good governance, Governance indicators, Abarkooh County.

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#### 1. Introduction

Rural development is a multidimensional process and ensures continuous improvement of life and its quality in rural society; in other words, rural development is a strategy that has been developed to improve socio-economic lives of poor villagers (Norouzi & Ebrahimi, 2018).

This approach which was raised in literature of development especially in developing countries align with establishment and institutionalization of civil society in 1990th, has a special place and is identified as one of the requirements of regional and local sustainable development which cultivates the two concepts of empowerment and participation (Sarrafi & Taghizadeh, 2008). Today most rural development experts believe that, achieving sustainable development is not possible without the participation of the majority of people and without any doubt with public participation the development transition period will be facilitated, accelerated and less expensive (Asadi, et al, 2016). Considering the issues and problems due to centralized planning in recent years, fundamentals of rural planning have shifted to participatory planning and the basic concept of rural planning has changed from planning for people to planning with people (Seydaii et al., 2013). The novel approach is based primarily on decentralization and transfer of responsibility to local governments and lower levels of rural management. In this planning method, the role of people and non-governmental organizations is fully highlighted and becomes central not just superficial. In fact, the concept of public participation is interrelated with the concepts of efficiency, decentralization and local governments and introduces the local governments as the superior and impressive option (Ghadermarzi & Jamini, 2017). In this regard, the World Bank in its 2017 report, considers that, achieving all development goals requires a correct understanding of governance (World Bank, 2017).

According to the report of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the best sign of good governance is the degree to which it leads to advancement of human rights including civil rights. Resolution 64 of the Human Rights Commission has clearly linked the governance to an environment which is able to establish human rights and promotes the sustainable human development (Ghadermarzi & Jamini, 2017).

Governance has a direct and close relationship with democracy and socio-economic development and today it is the main discussion of the development discourse or in other words, rural governance is considered to be the essence of the process of sustainable rural development, as United Nations has called it as the only important factor in reducing and eliminating poverty and advancing development (Hesam et al., 2015).

Josef Stiglits believe that, today the development goals have been expanded and include sustainable development and equal and democratic development (Heidari Sarban, 2019). Regarding good governance it can be noted that, thoughtful leadership and management of the community which is correct and efficient, within the framework of rule of law, rational and fair decision making with accountability and responsibility, public participation and similar strategies are created through correct interaction between citizens and socio-political forces of civil society with the government (Sardarnia, 2011). Good governance has been proposed in various studies with the aim of achieving sustainable human development which emphasize on reduction of poverty, creating sustainable jobs and prosperity, environmental protection and regeneration and growth and development of the society, especially women, which all of these are feasible through good governance (Bemile & Boateng, 2015). This is one of the newest and most popular approaches which have been proposed in the field of sustainable rural development management and is based on three main pillars of government, private sector and civil society; it emphasizes on active and effective presence of these pillars in the shadow of participation, accountability, law. efficiency and effectiveness. responsibility, consensus and human monitoring and development (Murdoch & Abram, 1998). Also, today the advancement of good government approach requires rural people and communities to be organized in civil organizations in the form of small social networks so that, they can use and manage their capabilities. talents and creativities (Roknodin Eftekhari et al., 2012). Also, in this model the direct operational responsibility of the manager becomes less and a better possibility is provided for bottom-up planning and control by private and public institutions under the title of public participation (McGill, 1998). It can be noted to emphasize the participatory role of people in management affairs



that, experience has shown that, public participation in managing affairs not only improves efficiency and allocation of costs in the field of social priorities and infrastructural projects, but also it is a kind of decentralization in management that increases human development, equality and realization of social and political justice (Hekmatnia & Mousavi, 2002). These cases show that, in today's rural management, the desired development and sustainability cannot be achieved without public cooperation and participation (Rabbani et al., 2007); but in this regard, it must be acknowledged that, villagers' participation in rural affairs are influenced by several factors and without considering these factors one cannot expect the participation of the villagers in the rural events. Education, economic level, income status, job satisfaction, social capital and gender are the factors which influence public participation and have been noticed and studied by researchers from a long time ago; but there are other factors which also play an important role in rural participation and enhance people's participatory roles including the existence of trust among villagers and governors, justice in distribution of resources in villages, transparency and accountability of managers about villages' issues, informing villagers about their rights, ongoing plans and the impact of villagers' opinions on the project planning process, rule of law of village governors in relation to their resources and power. Thus, it can be stated that, as villagers' participation plays a vital role in improving the management of the villages in solving villagers' issues, applying the principles of good governance can also be effective in the participation of the villagers.

The historical experience of our country, while emphasizing the application of top-down strategy in development, shows its failure in the process of rural development; therefore, based on this experience and increasing the field of knowledge and science, it is necessary for society to put the headline of its programs and measures to pay attention to rural development with a focus on public participation.

Abarkooh town with a population of 43000 people in 34 rural areas is among the rural parts of the country which over the years, their management has been entrusted to rural district governors and councils. It seems that, after nearly two decades of the new rural management system, in order to evaluate their performance within the framework of a good governance, it is necessary to conduct studies in this field to achieve executive solutions; therefore this

study tries to examine and analyze the extent and how to achieve good governance indicators in rural areas of Abarkooh town, also examine the participation factor and evaluate its impact and seeks to answer these questions:

To what extent the indicators of good governance have been feasible in the rural areas of Abarkooh town?

What has been the effect of establishing good governance indicators in the target areas on the participation of rural people?

#### 2. Research Theoretical Literature

In order to achieve the theoretical foundations of the research, considering the importance of participation and governance in this study, it can be mentioned that, public participation is: a basic process during which people wisely and consciously and willingly accept a part of the responsibility of affairs as a group and try to satisfy the spiritual and psychological needs of individuals and groups and in order to achieve predetermined goals based on real needs and with considering the possibilities and limitations, they try to gain individual and collective identity in the society (Yaghfouri et al., 2014). Oakley states three interpretations to define participation which are: participation as a share, participation as organization and participation as empowerment (Salimi, 2010). Glass believes that, participation is: providing opportunities for people to take part in governmental decisions or planning processes (Glass, 1979). Governance is: exercising political, administrative and economic power in managing the affairs of countries in various levels (macro to local levels) by which individuals and groups can achieve their interests in the form of a process (Weldeabrha, 2017). Halfani et al., identify governance as the relationship between civil society and the government, between the rulers and the ruled, government and governed (Halfani et al., 1995). Indeed, good governance is the efficient management of public affair through establishing a legitimate government and legal rules in line with the advancement of social values of individuals and groups (Plumptre & Graham, 1999). In this definition the normative dimension of governance has been considered, but its political dimension (adherence of the government to the public interest) and technical-administrative dimension (Bureaucratic capability) have been ignored; since not only government includes governmental institutions, but also it includes unofficial and non-governmental mechanisms too; mechanisms through which



individuals and organizations meet their needs and satisfy their demands (Atkinson, 1998). Since 1980 which governance was proposed by urban researchers, it was implicitly considered as a basically urban phenomenon for a while, but similar processes were operating unofficially in rural areas too. However, before the mid-1990s the perspective of good rural governance was also revealed (Norouzi & Ebrahimi, 2018). In fact, good rural governance has been established on sustainability-based development theories and planning with a bottom-up approach. Good rural governance is the effectiveness of all rural pillars involving in rural management, with all mechanisms with which we can move towards the excellence and development of the village and the rural people; in other words, good governance means: implementing decisions and policies of the rural people, in line with their interests and also national, regional and local interests. Meanwhile, the role of governments is mostly limited to a framework for providing hardware and software platforms including harmonization and protection of national laws and treaties, and direct government intervention in decision making, as well as the management of people's lives, is reduced (Roknodin Eftekhari et al., 2012). In 2003, United Nations Development Programme has presented indicators as the main indicators of good governance and considers the realization development to require of their implementation. These indicators transparency (expresses the establishment of mutual trust between the government and the public through the provision of information), rule of law, accountability, justice (providing equal opportunities for all citizens), responsibility (increasing government managers' sensitivity to public demands), efficiency and effectiveness (ensuring the provision of services to the public with the optimal and wise use of resources) and participation (UN-HABITAT, 2009). Moreover, in the same year, Daniel Kaufmann, Art Krary, Pablo Zoid, and Lobaton have presented indicators such as the right to comment and accountability, social trust, political stability, government's effectiveness, the quality of law and rules, rule of law and control of corruption as the main bases of good governance (Kaufmann et al., 2007).

Also, the presented theories related to good rural governance in the form of empowering approaches which emphasize on three main elements of "growth and awareness along with criticism", "developing

capacities for effective transformation based on the facts", "strengthening organizations and organizing people", include participatory development approach, capacity development approach including institutionalization, institutional strengthening and development, development management, developing human resources and new institutionalism. environmental management approach, institutional development approach, and each of which has some kind of specific principles. Rose (2006) has shown in their studies that, the existence of trust is necessary to increase people's participation in managing various affairs. In other words, in the millennium which postmodernist thoughts have emerged, indicators such as institutional trust, social satisfaction, health satisfaction, and other humanistic concepts like social welfare have come together and all depend on citizen participation resulted from trust in management (Giddens, 2006; Bannet, 2004). Heidari Sarban (2019) conducted research with the aim of assessment and evaluation of local management patterns based on the good governance indicators in rural areas of Meshkin Shahr city. The results showed that, the indicators of social trust and responsibility have positive effects on the formation of desired pattern of rural local government in Meshkin Shahr and the rural local government of this city is in a good status in terms of the indicators of good governance. Norouzi and Ebrahimi (2018) have conducted research in which they examined 8 indicators related to good governance in sample villages of Lenian town and concluded that, the realization of good governance in these areas was below the desired level and not all the indicators were favorable. Also, there is a significant difference between the villages in terms of feasibility of good governance. Ahmadi and Cheraghi (2017) have examined the effective factors on the feasibility of good governance in villages of Zanjan city according to the performance of rural district governors and the results show that, people's satisfaction with their performance is not at the desired level. Rahmani Fazli et al., (2017) evaluated the status of rural management based on good governance approach in sustainable rural development in two central parts of Koohdasht and Lavasanat and concluded that, there is a considerable difference between the two study areas in terms of management based on good governance approach and sustainability level of settlements, so that, in both areas, the villages with a good governance status are more sustainable. Haji Alizadeh



et al., (2016) conducted a study on nalysis of correlation between governance patterns and citizen participation in Shiraz and concluded that, there is a significant relationship with 99% confidence between governance indicators and citizens' participation. Rahmani Fazli et al., (2017) in their research examined the theoretical foundations of good governance in the process of modern rural management and found out that, governance with various indicators such as transparency accountability, social justice, trust, awareness, acceptance, and providing grounds for participation, etc. can present a desirable approach to constructing modern rural management and play an impellent role in the process of sustainable rural development through providing participatory grounds for different rural strata including poor villagers, creating jobs, and enhancing economic and social growth. Among the foreign studies. Mdee and Thorley (2016) examined governance in Tanzania according to development program 2025, Young et al., (2011) investigated the application of good local governance implementation of rural development programs. Rudra (2011) studied good governance and human development in states of India and the results showed that, good governance and human development in previous eras determine the present human development in India. As is clear, in most studies, theoretical discussions of governance and good rural governance have been stated. In practical cases also, the impact of this approach (reduction of poverty,

creating welfare, etc.) and or effective factors (individual characteristics, training, participation, etc.) are examined; therefore, the purposes and process of this study is consistent with the studies of Norouzi & Ebrahimi (2018), Ahmadi & Cheraghi (2017). Yet the difference is that, in this study more emphasis was placed on participation and the effects of the feasibility of good governance in rural areas and the theoretical framework of the study was designed in a way that, the improvement of local management based on indicators of good governance have been evaluated and attempt has been made to take this topic that has not been paid attention to in other studies and despite the previous studies in which only the relationship between the two variables of governance and development was investigated.

#### 3. Research Methodology

### 3.1 Geographical Scope of the Research

Abarkooh town with an area of 5641 square kilometers is located in the distance of 52° 50′ to 54° 51′ east longitude and 30° 30′ to 31° 35′ north latitude in the west of Yazd province. This city is limited to Taft city from the north, Isfahan province from the northwest, Mehriz city from the east, and Fars province from the southwest. This region has a hot and dry semi-desert climate. The average annual rainfall of this city is 68 mm. according to 2016 census the population of Abarkooh is 51552 people (National Statistica Portal f Iran, 2016). (fig.1)

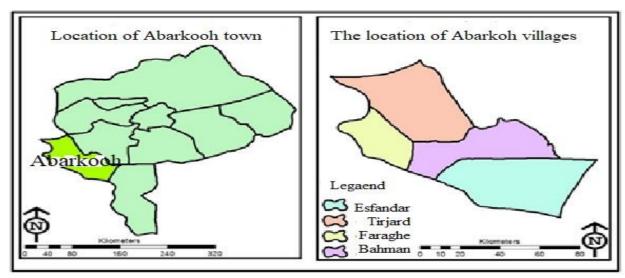


figure 1. Geographical location of the studied area (Abarkooh County)



Table 1. Educational status of the respondents

Level of Education	Manaş	gers	people		
Level of Education	Frequency%	frequency	Frequency%	frequency	
illiterate	0	0	4.33	12	
elementary	0	0	35.38	98	
guidance	31.25	10	29.96	83	
diploma	37.5	12	19.14	53	
Bachelor's degree and higher	25	8	11.19	31	
Total	100	32	100	277	

The present theoretical study is conducted with applied purposes using the descriptive-analytical method and its data were collected through library resources (taking notes, internet) and field method (questionnaire, interview). The statistical population of the research were the residents of all villages of Abarkooh, rural district governors, and members of Islamic rural council of this town. In the 2016 census this city had 34 inhabited villages with 11660 households and a population of 42610 people. Based on modified Cochran's formula (about limited population) 25% of villages considering Abarkooh districts (4 districts) as statistical classes were selected by random class system which included 8 villages of Ahmad Abad, Harouk, Shams Abad, Deh Arab, Harouni, Shahr Abad, Asad Abad Sofla, and Sadegh Abad. These 8 villages had a total population of 3511 people and 993 households. Then Cochran formula was used to achieve the reasonable volume of sample population. Given the statistical population volume (8 selected villages) 277 households were selected randomly with error level 0.05. Since, in addition to rural households, rural district governors and council members are also influential in governance and participation, an attempt has been made to sample this community as well; on this basis, a total of 32 samples were determined (all council members and rural district governors of 8 villages under study). Specific questions were designed in dimensions of transparency and accountability, efficiency and effectiveness, social justice, awareness, social trust, rule of law, acceptance of participation and the questions were designed as a 5-point Likert scale. The validity of the questionnaire was evaluated according to experts' opinions and Cronbach's alpha method was used to determine the reliability of the questionnaire using SPSS and the obtained coefficient was 0.87. descriptive statistics (frequency, frequency %, mean) and inferential statistics (one-sample T-test, Chsquare test, wilcaxon test, Pearson correlation coefficient and regression determination coefficient) were used for data analysis. According to theoretical foundations of the study, in order to achieve the purposes of this research, 7 indicators and 24 items were used in the form of table 1 and in order to evaluate the impact of rural governance on each rural participatory items as a modern rural management approach, 15 items were raised in this regard. (table 2)

Table 2. Indicators and objects used in the research

indicator	object	indicator	object
transparency and accountability  transparency and accountability  transparency and Clarity of procedures and revarious rural materials.	Informing the villagers about various issues in the village	otvoronoss	Informing people about their citizenship rights
	Requesting opinions from residents regarding rural programs and plans	awareness	Informing people about their duties
	Clarity of procedures and responsibilities in various rural matters	social trust	Criticism of officials
	Creating facilities to receive public complaints		Honesty of officials



	Disclosure of income and assets through holding meetings		Trustworthiness of officials
	Estimating villagers' satisfaction with the provision of rural services		Spend the credits within the budget
efficiency and	The level of efficiency in achieving the goals of the projects after implementation	rule of law	Managers' use of authority for the benefit of relatives and friends
effectiveness	The amount of use of available resources to improve the lives of villagers		Action within the framework of the program and tasks
	The program is centered on villagers and members of the Islamic Council		The power of villagers to influence decisions and general issues of the village
	Participation of the deprived classes in the administration of affairs	acceptance of	The share of villagers in the management power of the village
social justice	Fair distribution of resources among villagers	participation	Forming the local elected council
	The use of female consultants in the administration of affairs		The election of the local village manager

#### 4. Research Findings

#### 4. 1. descriptive findings

The results of describing the characteristics of the statistical Population showed that, the most age group of respondents among residents and managers were between 30 to 40 years old. 94.7% of total sample respondent villagers were male and 5.3% were female and 89% of managers were male and 11% of them were female. The average household dimensions for residents and managers were 3.1 and 3 respectively. The literacy status of the respondents are given in table (2).

#### 4. 2. inferential findings

The inferential findings of the research include several steps; determining the participation rate of villagers, determining the feasibility level of governance in Abarkooh city; identifying significance level and impact of governance indicators on the villagers' participation separately for each index;

explaining the impact rate of governance principles on the items related to rural participation; analyzing the relationship between governance and the villagers' participation.

# 4. 2. 1. identifying the rate of the villagers' participation

In order to examine the dimensions of participation among rural community, attempts were made to examine this important matter in various dimensions such as participation in the field of human force (intellectual, cultural, and physical consultation), financial aid (investment, helping in construction), and land donation.

The results of table 3 indicates that, the highest rate of villagers' participation was in the field of human forces and participation in land donation was in second place and financial aid took the last place due to weak financial base of villagers.

Table 3. The level of participation of the rural people of Abarkooh city in different dimensions

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Type of	Vei	Very much		much medium little		much medium little		much		Ve	ry little
participation	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	
human resource	22.74	63	30.23	84	32.5	90	9.02	25	5.4	15	
Financial aid	14.4	40	25.9	72	19.8	55	21.7	60	18.05	50	
Donation of land	13.35	37	28.9	80	27.07	75	18.05	50	12.6	35	

# 4. 2. 2. assessing feasibility of governance indicators

In order to determine the feasibility of rural governance indicators in Abarkooh town, two

cases were taken into consideration. First, the acceptance of governance indicators in the target society was analyzed by t-test and in the next step, Wilcoxon test was used to confirm the feasibility



of governance in the target society in two modes of participation without the influence of governance indicators and participation along with governance.

In the first case, since T-test is a parametric test, it is necessary to check the normality of data distribution before performing it. To investigate this, Kolmogorov Smirnov test was used, and its sig value at the error level of 0.05 equals 0.988 and indicates that, the data have a uniform distribution. T test deals with this issue that, how much the average of a population is less or more than a fixed value. To find out that, the average of the population is higher or less than the tested value, one should refer to the upper limit and lower limit in the test output. If the upper limit and lower limit are both positive, the average of population of that variable is more than the tested value. Also, if the first one is positive and the second one is negative, the average of population is almost equal to tested value. And if both values are negative, the average of the target variable of the population is less than the tested value and these variables are at a low level in the study population (Seydaii et al., 2013).

According to the results of one sample T-test at 0.95% confidence, the scores of items related to rural governance indicators in Abarkooh town are at a desired level. From 24 items related to 7 studied indicators, only 3 items of disclosure of income and assets through holding meetings with a statistical value of 1.613, related to the indicator of transparency and accountability, the item of program-oriented rural district governors and members of Islamic Council with a value of 1.305, related to the indicator of efficiency and effectiveness and the item of informing people about their citizenship rights with a value of 1.351, related to the indicator of awareness were evaluated at a medium level (table 4).

Also, the final scores of governance indicators according to table 5 show that, from all studied indicators, social trust with a value of 7.149 and social justice with a value of 6.017 are at the highest levels and the indicator of rule of law with a value of 4.041 is at the lowest level (table 5).

Table 4. The results of one sample T-test of the governance indicator in Abarkooh town

			probability	Average	95% confidence interval	
indicator	object	T test statistic	value	value	upper limit	lower limit
	Informing the villagers about various issues in the village	6.497	0.000	0.4602	0.5997	0.3207
	Requesting opinions from residents regarding rural programs and plans	6.457	0.000	0.4416	0.5763	0.3070
transparency and accountability	Clarity of procedures and responsibilities in various rural matters	4.963	0.000	0.4490	0.6272	0.2709
	Creating facilities to receive public complaints	2.728	0.007	0.2260	0.3891	0.0629
	Disclosure of income and assets through holding meetings	1.613	0.012	0.1553	0.3451	-0.034
	Estimating villagers' satisfaction with the provision of rural services	3.644	0.000	0.2669	0.4111	0.1227
efficiency and	The level of efficiency in achieving the goals of the projects after implementation	6.363	0.000	0.5791	0.7548	0.4000
effectiveness	The amount of use of available resources to improve the lives of villagers	3.054	0.000	0.2408	0.3962	0.0856
	The program is centered on villagers and members of the Islamic Council	1.305	0.017	0.0996	0.2500	-0.050
social justice	Participation of the deprived classes in the administration of affairs	5.288	0.000	0.3895	0.5346	0.2445



			probability	Average	95% confidence interval	
indicator	object	T test statistic	value	value	upper limit	lower limit
	Fair distribution of resources among villagers	8.467	0.000	0.5605	0.6910	0.4302
	The use of female consultants in the administration of affairs	2.92	0.000	0.2037	0.3411	0.0663
awareness	Informing people about their citizenship rights	1.351	0.017	0.1070	0.2631	-0.049
	Informing people about their duties	3.658	0.000	0.2386	0.4839	0.1934
	Criticism of officials	6.872	0.000	0.4862	0.6256	0.3469
social trust	Honesty of officials	4.06	0.000	0.3078	0.4570	0.1586
	Trustworthiness of officials	8.703	0.000	0.6869	0.8424	0.5316
	Spend the credits within the budget	6.907	0.000	0.5345	0.6870	0.3822
rule of law	Managers' use of authority for the benefit of relatives and friends	6.446	0.000	0.5829	0.7609	0.4049
	Action within the framework of the program and tasks	5.440	0.000	0.4007	0.5458	0.2557
	The power of villagers to influence decisions and general issues of the village	4.887	0.000	0.4379	0.6143	0.2615
acceptance of participation	The share of villagers in the management power of the village	7.275	0.000	0.2855	0.3628	0.2082
	Formation of local elected council	6.114	0.000	0.3412	0.4512	0.2314
	The election of the local village manager	2.808	0.005	0.1442	0.2454	0.0431

Table 5. The final scores of governance indicators based on t-test in Abarkooh town

to Produce	T test statistic	C'anifian as level	A	99% confidence interval		
indicator	1 test statistic	Significance level	Average value	upper limit	lower limit	
transparency and accountability	5.382	0.000	0.2416	0.3300	0.1532	
efficiency and effectiveness	4.458	0.000	0.2713	0.3912	0.1515	
social justice	6.017	0.000	0.3048	0.4046	0.2051	
awareness	4.494	0.000	0.1970	0.2833	0.1107	
social trust	7.419	0.000	0.3866	0.4892	0.2840	
rule of law	4.041	0.000	0.1747	0.2599	0.0896	
acceptance of participation	5.779	0.000	0.2119	0.2841	0.1397	

In order to compare the rate of people's participation in rural affairs of Abarkooh town, Wilcoxon rank test was used before and after applying governance approach (table 6).

To find this out, all indicators were desired and based on this, the sum of the answers given to each indicator was compared before and after applying governance approach. The average rate of participation before identifying governance was



2.35 and it was 2.14 after that. And based on this test, the calculated P at 0.05 alpha level with 95% confidence was greater than 0.05 alpha level and thus there is a significant difference between

people's participation before and after identifying governance approach and it shows that, the impact of feasibility of governance indicators on people's participation is at a high level.

Table 6. Wilcoxon test for the significance of the difference in the participation rate before and after the governance

Components	Wilcoxon test results
Rank average before governance	2.35
Rank average after governance	2.14
Calculated Z	-1.152
level of significance	0.248

# 4. 2. 3. evaluating significance level of the governance indicators' impact on villagers' participation

Chi-square test was used to assess the significance of governance indicators' impact on villagers' participation in Abarkooh town. The results of this test at a 99% confidence level showed a significant impact of rural governance indicators on villagers' participation in rural affairs of Abarkooh town. Since, according to test output, the significance of all indicators was evaluated less than 0.01; according to Chi-square test rules, it showed a significant impact of

indicators on villagers' participation. Based on Chisquare output, two indicators of transparency and accountability had the highest impact on people's participation and the indicator of awareness with a statistical value of 76.391 had the lowest impact. From all studied indicators, the indicator of managers' acceptance of villagers' participation with a value of 138.404 was in the second rank of influence, indicator of rule of law with a value of 109.193 and social trust with a value of 102.956 were in third and fourth places of influence respectively (table 7).

Table 7. The significance of the influence of governance indicators on the participation of villagers

indicator	Chi-square statistics	df	Significance level
transparency and accountability	148.130	4	0.000
efficiency and effectiveness	82.333	3	0.000
social justice	102.956	2	0.000
awareness	76.391	3	0.000
social trust	85.26	3	0.000
rule of law	109.193	4	0.000
acceptance of participation	138.404	4	0.000

In the following, given the significance of rural governance indicators' impact on villagers' participation, single sample T-test was used to assess the impact of rural governance on villagers' participatory items as a modern rural management approach. The results of this test at a 95% confidence level first confirms the results of Chisquare and significance of governance indicators' impact on the dependent variable of the research; since the statistics, upper and lower limits of 13 out of 15 investigated variables were positive and all items were significant at a 0.05 level. Second,

the results showed that, from 15 studied items, the statistical population has evaluated the influence of rural governance on only two variables of participation in financing the cost of carrying out rural projects with a value of -0.717 and participation in the form of free human resources with a value of 0.362 as moderate. In other words, the statistical population has evaluated the impact of rural governance on 13 out of 15 items of rural participation as strong and only two of them as moderate. It is worth mentioning that, among 15 items, the item of villagers' participation in village



construction activities with a value of 9.54 was at the highest level of influence by governance and financing the cost of carrying out rural projects with a value of -0.717 was at the lowest level; therefore, according to T-test output and estimating the statistical values, 12 items were

above the average level and positive (upper and lower limits were positive); thus, it can be concluded that, the feasibility of governance in the study area has led to attracting villagers' participation in rural affairs (table 8).

Table 8. Measuring the effectiveness of villagers' participation in rural governance

					idence interval	
Indicators of villagers' participation	T test statistic	Significance level	Average value	upper limit	lower limit	
Participation in village construction activities	9.540	0.000	0.7434	1.8970	0.5899	
Participating in activities related to revitalizing the environment	4.147	0.000	0.4174	0.2152	0.2500	
Participation in activities related to rural services	4.175	0.000	0.4425	0.7471	0.5322	
Providing suggestions and comments to managers and planners	3.958	0.009	0.1130	0.3455	0.1194	
Participation in local decision-making	8.101	0.000	0.8652	1.0757	0.6548	
Participation in village elections (Islamic Council)	2.663	0.008	0.0782	0.3110	0.1544	
Monitoring the activities of councils and village councils	2.595	0.002	0.1913	0.2450	0.4276	
Criticizing the performance of plans and decisions	8.753	0.000	0.8956	1.0973	0.6940	
Informing the problems of the village	7.968	0.000	0.5478	0.6833	0.4124	
Criticizing the performance of village officials	5.152	0.000	0.5869	0.8115	0.3625	
Membership in non-governmental organizations (NGOs)	2.568	0.004	0.2696	0.3716	0.3107	
Participation in village meetings to solve problems	3.643	0.001	0.3783	0.4616	0.3181	
Financing the cost of carrying out rural projects	-0.717	0.027	-0.0869	0.1519	-0.3259	
Supply Human Resources	-0.362	0.019	-0.0851	0.3884	-0.5288	
Providing the necessary physical tools and equipment	2.990	0.029	0.2127	0.2199	0.6454	

# 4. 2. 4. Measuring the relationship between rural governance and villagers' participation

Pearson correlation coefficient and regression analysis were used to carefully examine the effect of each of the indicators of governance "transparency and accountability, efficiency and effectiveness, social justice, awareness, social trust, rule of law, acceptance of participation" as independent variables on villagers' participation in the dimensions of "human resources, financial aid, and land donation" which are (aggregated) as dependent variable and determine the impact of each of these dimensions. Regression analysis is a method for studying the contribution of one or more independent variables in predicting a dependent variable. The correlation test value of 0.712 shows a significant, positive and direct



relationship between the independent and dependent variables of the research. The coefficient of determination and generalized coefficient of determination indicate that, what percentage of changes was explained through the independent variable and this regression model. Here, using a modified coefficient of determination, it can be said

that, 69.4% of changes in villagers' participation is related to feasibility of governance principles in the study area; in other words, it can be claimed that, the total of seven independent governance variables estimates more than half of the rural participation variable at the sample level (table 9).

Table 9. Correlation coefficient (R) of regression between governance and participation of villagers

correlation coefficient	coefficient of determination	Adjusted coefficient of determination	Estimated error rate	Sig
0.712	0.694	0.710	0.45286	< 0.001

Table 10 shows the results related to the impact rate of each variable in the model and also, the degree of correlation between them based on the B beta coefficient. This coefficient indicates the standardized regression coefficient of each of the independent variables on the dependent variable of the research. Therefore, by using it, it is possible to determine the relative contribution of each independent variable in the model.

Comparing variables reveals that, first, the impact of 5 variables of transparency and accountability, efficiency and effectiveness, awareness, social trust, and acceptance of participation on the dependent variable is significant, while the variables of rule of law and social justice had little or no impact on rural participation due to the fact

that, the error level of their t test was higher than 0.05. Second, the variables of transparency and accountability with a score of 0.271, efficiency and effectiveness with a score of 0.245, awareness with a score of 0.146, social trust with a score of 0.145, and acceptance of participation with a score of 0.109 had the highest impact on the dependent variable.

In general, beta B coefficient shows that for an increase of one standard deviation (for example) in the variable of efficiency and effectiveness, the standard deviation of the rural participation will increase by 0.245, and the rest of the independent variables of governance can also be interpreted in the same way.

Table 10. Examining the significance level of independent variables on the dependent variable

indicator	giomificance level	4	Standard coefficients	Non-standard coefficients	
indicator	significance level	ı	Beta coefficient	standard error	В
transparency and accountability	0.000	4.124	0.271	0.03	0.115
efficiency and effectiveness	0.000	4.304	0.245	0.042	0.185
social justice	0.016	2.418	0.146	0.039	0.093
awareness	0.007	2.705	0.145	0.04	0.109
social trust	0.006	1.632	0.109	0.045	0.075
rule of law	0.547	0.602	0.028	0.047	0.028
acceptance of participation	0.227	1.21	0.075	0.047	0.057
dependent variable	0.000	12.856	=	0.082	1.116

According to the results obtained from multivariate regression, it can be said that, there is a significant relationship between the indicators of rural participation and good governance. This means that, there is no significant correlation only between the indicators of rule of law and social justice, while other indicators have a significant correlation, and this

shows the connection and alignment between rural participation and good governance.

#### 5. Discussion and conclusion

Today, in progressive societies, the approach of policy makers is transforming from planning for people to planning with people. The tendency to such an approach may be due to the negative impact and



negative results of lack of attention to the role of beneficiaries in centralized decisions. As a result, participation is one of the most important success criteria in planning and without considering its importance, we cannot have much hope for the effectiveness of executive activities. This research has examined the role and position of feasibility of governance in attracting people's participation in Abarkooh city. Indicators such as social trust among villagers and rural managers, social justice in applying villagers' opinions without considering economic status and gender, rule of law, transparency and accountability, awareness, acceptance of villagers' participation and providing participatory grounds by and finally efficiency managers, effectiveness of rural management are important factors in attracting villagers' participation and the approach of rural governance as a modern rural management method has more impact on this matter.

This research is in line with the studies of Heidari Sarban (2019), Norouzi & Ebrahimi (2018), Ahmadi & Cheraghi (2017), Rahmani Fazli et al., (2015) interms of good rural governance; however,

in this study the relation between governance and participation has been examined from a different point of view. According to the results of this study, it was determined that, the highest rate of villagers' participation was in the field of human resources participation and land donation was in second place and financial aid was in the last place due to weak financial base of villagers. Based on single sample Ttest, the acceptance level of rural governance indicators in Abarkooh town is at the desired level and it was at a high level for most indicators, especially for indicators of transparency and accountability. According to Wilcoxon test, governance has led to higher participation of rural people in the duties than before. Also, the correlation coefficient above 0.7 and regression coefficient of 0.69 show that, there is a direct and significant relationship between two variables of rural governance and villagers' participation at 99% level. Also, according to Cisquare test it was revealed that, the governance indicators had significant impact on villagers' participation in Abarkooh town. The regression determination coefficient shows that, 69.4% of changes in the total level of rural participation is dependent to the

feasibility of governance in Abarkooh town. On this basis, although rural people of Abarkooh Town do not have a strong economic base for financial affairs and investment, they can play an important role in the field of human resources participation such as intellectual consultation, physical assistance and also creation of local institutions, and they can also be helpful in solving the problems of their living environment and physical and cultural reforms by interacting with rural district governors and council members. Without a doubt, creating a cooperative socio-cultural platform among villagers' through conducting meetings and informing them about the advantages and benefits of participation in rural affairs; providing grounds for acceptance of rural participation in plans and decisions by institutions and authorities and applying people's opinions and suggestions in decision making and planning can play a crucial role in the feasibility of governance in the villages and increasing villagers' participation. Transparency and accountability in executive performance of rural district governors and informing people could be among other solutions in this field.

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#### چکیده مبسوط

#### ۱. مقدمه

توسعه روستایی، فرایندی چندبعدی و متضمن بهبود مستمر زندگی و کیفیت آن در جامعه روستایی است؛ بهبیان دیگر توسعه روستایی، راهبردی است که برای بهبود زندگی اقتصادی و اجتماعی روستاییان فقیر تدوینشده است. امروزه بیشتر صاحبنظران توسعه روستایی معتقدند که دستیابی به توسعه پایدار بدون مشارکت آحاد مردم ممکن نیست و بدون تردید با مشارکت مردم دوره گذار توسعه، تسهیل، تسریع و کم هزینه تر می شود. حکمروایی با مردمسالاری و توسعهٔ اجتماعی اقتصادی، ارتباط مستقیم و تنگاتنگی دارد و امروزه بحث اصلی در گفتمان توسعه بهحساب می آید یا به عبارت دیگر، حکمروایی روستایی را امری جوهری در فرآیند توسعهٔ پایدار روستایی به حساب آوردهاند تا آنجا که سازمان ملل، آن را تنها عامل مهم در کاهش و محو فقر و پیشبرد توسعه به شمار آورده است.

این پژوهش سعی دارد که ضمن بررسی و تحلیل میزان و چگونگی تحقق شاخصهای حکمروایی خوب در نواحی روستایی شهرستان ابرکوه، عامل مشارکت را نیز موردبررسی قرار داده و تأثیر و تأثرات آن را مورد ارزیابی قرار دهد و به دنبال پاسخگویی به این سؤالات خواهد بود:

تا چه حد شاخصهای حکمروایی خوب در نواحی روستایی شهرستان ابر کوه تحققیافته است؟

تأثیر استقرار شاخصهای حکمروایی خوب در نواحی مورد نظر بر مشارکت مردم روستایی چه اندازه بوده است؟

#### ۲. مبانی نظری تحقیق

برای تعریف مشارکت، به بیان سه تفسیر در خصوص مشارکت می پردازد که عبارتاند از: مشارکت به عنوان سهم داشتن، مشارکت به عنوان سازمان دهی و مشارکت به عنوان توانمندسازی. حکمروایی، اعمال قدرت سیاسی، اداری و اقتصادی در مدیریت امور کشورها و در سطوح مختلف (کلان تا محلی) است که در قالب یک فرآیند، افراد و گروهها می توانند به منافع خود دست یابند. درواقع حکمرانی خوب، مدیریت کارآمد امور عمومی از راه برپا کردن یک حکومت و قواعد مشروع و قانونی در راستای پیشبرد ارزشهای اجتماعی افراد و گروهها است. حکمروایی خوب روستایی عبارت است از تأثیر گذاری همهٔ ارکان دخیل روستایی بر مدیریت روستایی، با تمام سازوکارهایی که با آنها بتوان به سوی تعالی و پیشرفت روستا و مردم روستایی حرکت کرد؛ به عبارت دیگر، به اجرا درآوردن تصمیمات و سیاستهای مردم روستایی، هم سو با منافعشان و سیاستان به مادی، منطقهای و محلی است.

در این میان نقش دولتها بیشتر در چارچوب فراهم کننده بسترهای سختافزاری و نرمافزاری، ازجمله هماهنگسازی و پاسداری از قوانین و میثاقهای ملی محدود میشود و از دخالت مستقیم در تصمیم گیری و همچنین اداره و اجرای امور مربوط به زندگی مردم کاسته میشود.

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#### ٣. روش تحقيق

پژوهش حاضر ازنظر ماهیت کاربردی میباشد. روش تحقیق آن توصیفی- تحلیلی و دادههای آن از طریق منابع کتابخانهای شامل (فیش برداری، اینترنت) و میدانی (پرسشنامه، مصاحبه) فراهم گردیده است. جامعه آماری تحقیق شامل ساکنین کلیه روستاهای شهرستان ابر کوه، دهیاران و اعضای شورای اسلامی روستایی این شهرستان میباشند. پرسشـنامهها از دو بخـش سـؤالات عمـومی و اختصاصی تشکیل شده است. سؤالات اختصاصی در ابعاد شفافیت و پاسخگویی، کارایی و اثربخشی، عدالت اجتماعی، آگاهی، اعتماد اجتماعی، قانونمداری، پذیرش مشارکت و به صورت طیف پنج گزینهای لیکرت طراحی شده است. روایی پرسشنامه بر اساس نظر کارشناسان بررسی و از روش آلفای کرونباخ برای تعیین پایایی پرسشنامه با استفاده از نرمافزار SPSS استفاده شده که ضریب بهدستآمده ۰/۸۷ بوده است. برای تجزیهوتحلیل دادهها نیز از آمار توصیفی (فراوانی، درصد فراوانی، میانگین) و آمار استنباطی (آزمون T تک نمونهای، آزمون خی دو، ویلکاکسون، ضریب همبستگی پیرسون و ضریب تعیین رگرسیون) استفادهشده است.

#### ۴. یافته های تحقیق

براساس نتایج به دست آمده از رگرسیون چندمتغیّره می توان گفت، بین شاخصهای مشارکت روستایی و حکمروایی خوب، رابطهٔ معناداری وجود دارد. بدین معنا که فقط در شاخصهای قانون مداری و عدالت اجتماعی همبستگی معناداری دیده نمی شود، در حالی که سایر شاخصها از همبستگی معناداری برخوردارند و این امر نشان دهندهٔ ارتباط و همسویی بین مشارکت روستایی و حکمروایی خوب است.

#### ۵. بحث و نتیجه گیری

در این پژوهش به بررسی نقش و جایگاه تحقق حکمروایی بر جذب مشارکت مردم شهرستان ابرکوه پرداخته شده است. شاخصهایی همچون اعتماد اجتماعی مابین روستاییان و مدیران روستایی، عدالت اجتماعی در کاربست نظرات روستاییان بدون در نظر گرفتن

جایگاه اقتصادی و جنسیت، قانون مداری، شفافیت و پاسخگویی، آگاهی، پذیرش مشارکت روستاییان و فراهم نمودن زمینه مشارکتی روستاییان از طریق مدیران روستایی و درنهایت کارا و اثربخش بودن مدیریت روستاییان بوده و رویکرد حکمروایی روستایی به عنوان روش نوین مدیریت روستایی بر این امر تاثیر بیشتری دارد.

بر اساس آزمون T تک نمونهای، سطح پذیرش شاخصهای حکمروایی روستایی در شهرستان ابر کوه در سطح مطلوبی قرار دارد و در عمده شاخصها بخصوص شاخص شفافیت و پاسخگویی در حد بالایی بوده و بر اساس آزمون ویلکاکسون، حکمروایی توانسته باعث مشار کت بیشتر مردم روستایی در امور محوله نسبت به قبل گردد. همچنین ضریب همبستگی بالای  $V/\cdot$  و ضریب رگرسیون  $V/\cdot$  نشان می دهد که مابین دو متغیر حکمروایی روستایی و سطح مشار کتی روستاییان در سطح  $V/\cdot$  و مشار کتی روستایی و معناداری وجود دارد. همچنین بر اساس آزمون خی دو مشخص گردید که شاخصهای حکمروایی تأثیر معناداری بر مشار کت روستاییان در شهرستان ابر کوه داشتهاند. ضریب تعیین رگرسیون نیز نشان می دهد که  $V/\cdot$  و میستون و بستاییان به مسلطح تحقق حکمروایی در شهرستان ابر کوه وابسته است.

بر این مبنا اگرچه مردم روستایی شهرستان ابر کوه، بنیه اقتصادی زیادی برای مشارکت در امور مالی و سرمایه گذاری ندارند، ولی در زمینه مشارکت نیروی انسانی اعم از مشورت فکری، کمک فیزیکی و همچنین ایجاد نهادهای محلی می توانند در تعامل با دهیاران و اعضای شوراها در رفع مشکلات محیط زندگی خود و اصلاحات کالبدی و فرهنگی نقش داشته باشند.

**کلید واژه ها:** مشارکت، حکمروایی خوب، معیارهای حکمروایی، شهرستان ابرکوه.

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# **Analysis of Agricultural Student's Rural Entrepreneurial Intentions Based on the Extended Theory of Planned Behavior**

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#### **Abstract**

**Purpose-** Since the development of entrepreneurial activities in rural areas reduces many initial costs, and because the agricultural production is centered in rural areas, agricultural graduates can make closer and easier relationships with beneficiaries. Therefore, the current research was conducted aimed at analyzing the rural entrepreneurial intentions of agricultural students of Hamadan University based on the extended theory of planned behavior.

**Design/methodology/implications-** The population of the study were all senior agricultural students of Bu Ali Sina University, Hamadan (N = 420). The simple random sampling method and Krejcie and Morgan table were used respectively to sample the research population and to determine the sample size (n = 200). A researcher-made questionnaire was used to collect data. The face and content validity of the questionnaire was confirmed by a panel of experts. To verify the reliability of the research tool, a pilot study and the calculation of the ordinal theta coefficient were also conducted.

**Findings-** The results of the confirmatory factor analysis showed that the indicators used to measure the latent attributes studied in this research are consistent with the factor structure and the theoretical basis of the research. The results showed that three main components of TPB (attitude, perceived behavioral control and social norms) had a positive and significant effect on rural entrepreneurial intentions of students, which predicts 51% of the variance of rural entrepreneurial intentions. In addition, adding six entrepreneurial skills to the model, the predictive power of TPB increased by 19%.

**Research limitations/implications-** One of the most important limitations was the accurate assessment of the entrepreneurial skills.

Practical implications- Considering the interaction of motivational and skill components, it can be inferred that students' confidence in their entrepreneurial abilities and skills in order to launch and manage a new business gives them the power to have creative intentions and decisions to start a new activity.

**Originality/value-** This study contributed to integrate skills and behavioral components for improving the rural entrepreneurial intentions of agricultural students. The results contribute to enriching the literature on rural entrepreneurial intention. This study documents the entrepreneurial intention and skills as important precursors to students' decision to create new agricultural business.

**Keywords**- Rural entrepreneurial intentions, Theory of planned behavior, Agricultural students, Entrepreneurship education.

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#### 1. Introduction

urrently, one of the most important challenges in Iran is the issue of the employment of university graduates and the creation of job opportunities for this group. This challenge is more evident among graduates of agricultural fields. This is while the lack of job opportunities and as a consequence the unemployment is one of the concerns of agricultural graduates (Zarifian et al., 2014; Aliabadi et al., 2017; Khazaei Kohper et al., 2021). Also, the estimates show that the agricultural labor market's need is at a maximum of 110,000 graduates educated in agricultural fields. While every year about 230,000 students are graduated from agricultural discipline in the country's universities, but according to this, every year, about 25 to 52% of the graduates of this sector remain unemployed (Vatankhah and Rezaei Moghadam, 2014). Meanwhile, various researches have confirmed that entrepreneurship can improve innovation. create job opportunities, increase productivity and generally cause comprehensive development in any country. This has caused countries to use entrepreneurship as a tool to deal with unemployment (Aliabadi et al., 2016; Mousivand et al., 2016) and considered it as a national priority by governments around the world (Fairlie and Holleran, 2012; Amofah & Saladrigues, 2022). Village is one of the areas where agricultural graduates can create and develop their innovative business activities. As the development of entrepreneurial activities in rural areas reduces many initial costs, and because the center of agricultural production is located in rural areas, agricultural graduates can establish closer and easier relationships with beneficiaries. On the other hand, 96% of water and soil resources are located in rural areas, and the existence of this potential can lead agricultural graduates to these areas to create entrepreneurial businesses. transition entrepreneurial The of businesses by agricultural graduates to rural areas can be considered as a very important step in rural development. From an alternative perspective, to overcome the economic-social issues facing rural communities, the entrepreneurial approach has been considered as one of the important strategies of rural development. Therefore, it can be argued that promoting entrepreneurship by university graduates in rural areas is a new approach in development theories for empowering graduates and building capacity in rural areas in order to turn the current life

pattern into a desirable and decent human pattern, reduce the urban-rural gap, create economic, social, environmental and institutional equality and at the same time it is regarded as an important tool to achieve sustainable development.

The entrepreneurial process begins when a person decides to launch a new business. Therefore, in order to promote and develop entrepreneurship better, it is necessary to know why and how a group of people decide to launch a business and some don't. Universities are social institutions which can be the predisposing factor to develop entrepreneurs. Through entrepreneurship promotion and entrepreneurship education, universities can encourage students to develop entrepreneurial behavior (Cui & Bell, 2022; Ahmadi et al., 2013; Arasti and Saeed Benadaki, 2012; Mardanshahi et al., 2013; Mousivand et al., 2017; Mohammadi et al., 2019). This is while, from the students' point of view, universities do not encourage new ideas, they do not acquire entrepreneurial skills in the university, and the socio-economic conditions are not favorable to launch a business (Jaafari Moghadam et al., 2016; Karimi & Ataei, 2022a). From another point of view, researchers found that one of the most important challenges of entrepreneurship development is the lack of entrepreneurial skills and lack of information (Naseri et al., 2021; Parvin et al., 2012; Ataei et al., 2020a). This is while the mismatch of the educational content with the requirements of the labor market, the lack of attention to entrepreneurship education and the weak entrepreneurial skills of students and graduates have been the main reasons for the growth of unemployment among graduates (Kheiri et al., 2011; Ataei et al., 2020b). If there is no match between the educational content received and students' skills, a conflict will be created between students' attitudes and intentions step into to entrepreneurship process. If graduates possess sufficient and varied entrepreneurial skills, their intentions to start entrepreneurial businesses will increase. In other words, entrepreneurial skills are one of the main infrastructures of entrepreneurial behavior. Because if graduates are not equipped with entrepreneurial skills, their ability to create an entrepreneurial business will decrease. On the other hand, based on cognitive models, one of the most important predictors of people's entrepreneurial behavior is their entrepreneurial intention. Thus, Kruger et al. (2000) have stated that entrepreneurship is a deliberate process in which people, with their cognition and perception, plan to perform the behavior



of identifying opportunities, creating a business, or developing it. Entrepreneurial intention refers to a state of mind that directs and guides one's activities towards business development and execution (Bird, 1998; Fauchald et al., 2022). In other words, entrepreneurial intention is a conscious state of mind that occurs before the action and guides the intention to start a business as an objective (Ajzen, 1991). Many researches have pointed that entrepreneurial intention is one of the main infrastructures of entrepreneurial behavior (Kautonen et al., 2015; Mat et al., 2015; Espíritu-Olmos and Sastre-Castillo, 2015; Ismail et al., 2015; Do and 2017; Dadvari, Barba-Sanchez and Atienza-Sahoquillo. 2018). Therefore. identifying psychological characteristics and necessary skills that promote the entrepreneurial intention of people, can create a suitable background for the emergence of entrepreneurial behaviors.

Accordingly, the present research was conducted aiming to explore the rural entrepreneurial intention of agricultural students of Hamadan University based on the psychological and skilling characteristics of the students. This research can create a deeper insight into the entrepreneurial characteristics of students and the relationships between cognitive-social, skill elements and rural entrepreneurial intention. Also, planners and educators can use its findings to formulate effective educational strategies for the development and promotion of entrepreneurship in the agricultural higher education system, and finally, it will greatly help the employment of graduates in rural areas.

#### 2. Research Theoretical Literature

One of the most common and comprehensive behavioral models used in behavioral research is the theory of planned behavior (TPB). This theory was presented by Ajzen (1991). The TPB has been used to explain and predict intention and behavior in various research areas such as medical sciences, psychology, agriculture, and marketing (Bergevoet et al., 2004; Schnusenberg et al., 2012; Jiang et al., 2013; Peyman et al., 2015; Muradhaseli et al., 2017; Zeweld et al., 2017; Ataei et al., 2021; Yaghoubi Farani et al., 2021; Karimi & Ataei, 2022b; Safi Sis et al., (2022). The effectiveness and capability of this model in predicting entrepreneurial intention and behavior has also been proven in various studies (Obschonka et al., 2010; Iakulova et al., 2011, Karimi et al., 2014, Schlaegel & Koening, 2014; Malebana, 2014; Lortie & Castogiovanni, 2015). According to TPB, the most important determinant of entrepreneurial behavior is the entrepreneurial intention. Entrepreneurial intention is also influenced by three components: 1) subjective norm, that is the social pressure perceived by the person whether to perform the behavior or not, 2) attitude towards the behavior, that is a person's positive or negative evaluation of the behavior, 3) Perceived behavioral control, that is a person's perception of the degree of difficulty or ease of behavior and the extent of success in performing or not performing that behavior (Linan & Chen, 2009).

A review of literature shows that the entrepreneurial intention of students in different universities varies significantly. So, in some cases students have a weak or medium entrepreneurial intention (Maheshwari & Kha, 2022; Karimi et al., 2014; Ghiasi, 2015; Karimi, 2015; Rezaei et al., 2015; Shakiba et al., 2015; Hosseini and Khosravi Lagab, 2016). The results of the research by Ghanati et al., (2016) and Martins et al., (2022) have specified that the perceived behavioral control had a greater effect on the entrepreneurial intention of students. In his research, Karimi (2015 & 2016) concluded that the attitude entrepreneurship and the towards behavioral control have a significant relationship with the entrepreneurial intention of students. Seif et al. (2013) considered two variables of subjective & social norms and entrepreneurial experience as factors influencing the entrepreneurial intention of medical students. Karimi et al. (2014) also believe that subjective norms and dynamic personality have an effect indirect and positive on students' entrepreneurial intention through behavioral control and entrepreneurial attitude. Ghiasi (2015) supported the mediating role of entrepreneurial attitude in the relationship between belief in self-efficacy and entrepreneurial intention. Rezaei et al. (2016) also considered two variables of perceived behavioral control and subjective norms to be influential on entrepreneurial intention. Other studies have also pointed out the strong predictive feature of entrepreneurial intention by the elements of the TPB (Nwankwo et al., 2012; Ruizalba Robledo et al.,

In their research, used TPB to predict entrepreneurial intention among students from developing and developed countries. Their findings indicated that students from developing countries had a stronger entrepreneurial intention compared to students from developing countries. Also, students from developing countries scored higher in factors affecting entrepreneurial intention (attitudes, subjective norms



and perceived behavioral control) compared to students from developed countries. Moriano et al (2012) conducted a cross-cultural research using TPB in six different countries, including Iran, the result of which showed a direct relationship between attitude and entrepreneurial intention. Fini et al. (2012) have confirmed in their research that the variable of entrepreneurial attitude can create a significant relationship with entrepreneurial intention along with other variables related to entrepreneurship such as personal skills and entrepreneurial skills. The results of the research by Tshikovhi and Shambare (2015) on the entrepreneurial intention of students in South African universities and the factors affecting it showed that there was a positive and significant relationship between personal attitudes and the level of learning and entrepreneurial knowledge with the intention of students to become entrepreneurs. Liana et al. (2011) have also stated that the variables of attitude towards entrepreneurial behaviors, tendency to learn, education and perception towards controlling entrepreneurial behavior are also among the variables affecting entrepreneurial intention. Ambad and Damit (2016) in their study on students concluded that individual attitude, perceived behavioral control and perceived relative support are predictors of students' entrepreneurial intention.

Based on two types of entrepreneurial approaches (psychological approach and behavioral approach), the phenomenon of entrepreneurship is influenced by individual attributes and activities of the entrepreneur. In the psychological approach, the inherent characteristics of people determine the process of creating an entrepreneurial business. But in the behavioral the phenomenon approach, entrepreneurship is considered as a process that is created in an innovative and entrepreneurial business. Nevertheless, the point of similarity of both approaches is the entrepreneurial skills of people. In other words, in both psychological and behavioral approaches, entrepreneurial skills are the basics of business creation (Wortman, 1990). It can be argued that for a person to become an entrepreneur, in addition to developing psychological characteristics, acquiring entrepreneurial skills is also necessary and is considered as an important factor in the emergence and success of a business (Ladzani and Van Vuuren, 2002; Paliwal et al., 2022). Some of these skills include knowledge of business plan, communication, acquaintance with legal and commercial rules and regulations, planning, team building and marketing (Sadeghi and Malkinia, 2013; Hosseininia et al., 2017; Shahiwala, 2017; Din et al., 2016). The knowledge of writing a good business plan reveals the professionalism of the entrepreneur and his acquaintance with the market. Therefore, having enough knowledge to develop a business plan is an important skill. Team building is one of the skills that entrepreneurs must master. A dynamic synergistic team is built based on the existence of a common ideal and an atmosphere of trust (Feizbakhsh and Abdullahi, 2009). One factor which always slows down the process of creating a business is the strict and restrictive laws and regulations. As a result, skills such as entrepreneurs acquaintance with the legal issues of initiation and managing businesses, tax laws, obtaining facilities, export laws, etc. are essential. Marketing is considered as an important part of entrepreneurial skills. Entrepreneurs should have the ability to evaluate the competitive environment and to find the increasing needs of the target market (Hiserich and Peters, 2019). The ability to create a network and use calls and communications is another communicative skill of entrepreneurs. Therefore. the ability to communicate with customers, social interactions, and using different sources and information channels are among the subsets of entrepreneurs' communicative skills. Entrepreneurs always have great ideas which require careful planning to achieve success. Effective planning is the basis of running a business. Effective programs are prepared based on available resources and goals. The planning process includes choosing a special strategy among the options (Kahan, 2013).

Most of the research conducted using TPB focused on the effects of personality and psychological factors on entrepreneurial behavior and intention, while the important role of entrepreneurial skills has often been neglected. This is despite the fact that entrepreneurial skills can underline the emergence of intention and as a result, the entrepreneurial behavior among university graduates. Accordingly, six knowledge skills of business plan, communication, acquaintance with legal and commercial rules and regulations, planning, team building and marketing were considered. An appropriate way to combine both perspectives is to study two groups of psychological and skill variables in a comprehensive model. Therefore, the main goal of the current research is to examine the relationship between these factors with the entrepreneurial intention of students incorporating entrepreneurial skills within the theory



of planned behavior in two parts of the original model and the extended model in order to gain a deeper understanding of the process of creating a new business and the rate of predictability of the students' entrepreneurship intentions in two stages. Based on this, the theoretical framework of the research was developed in Figure (1).

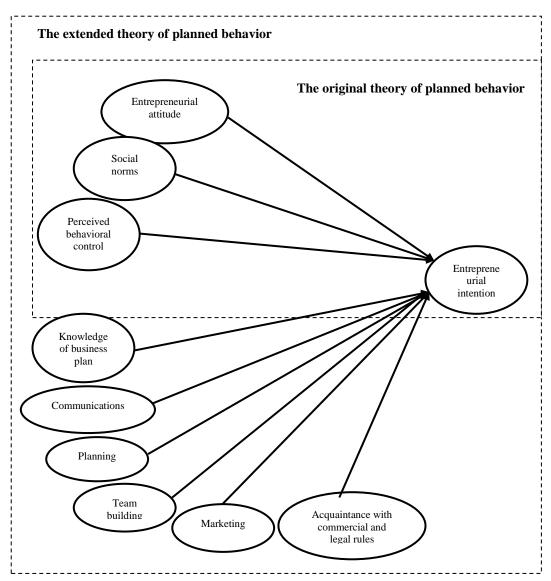


Figure 1. theoretical model of the research

#### 3. Research Methodology

This is an applied research. Because its results are useful for planners and officials of higher education and policy makers of rural society. In such a way that it makes officials aware of the level of entrepreneurial skills of students and their intentions for innovative and entrepreneurial activities in rural areas, as well as the factors affecting it. Also, rural policy makers, knowing the entrepreneurial skill-psychological condition

of the graduates, can provide them with the necessary background for the development of entrepreneurial activities. This research is retrospective temporally; because the data collected is related to the events that occurred in the past. It has been quantitative paradigmatically. Also, the intended research is non-experimental in terms of controlling variables, "causal-relational" and "descriptive-correlational" in terms of statistical operations. So, to collect information, a survey technique was used.



The understudied population in this survey was all senior students of the faculty of Agriculture from Bu Ali Sina University in Hamedan. According to the statistics obtained from Bu Ali Sina University, the total number of senior students in agriculture was 420, which constituted the statistical population of the research. A simple random sampling method was used to sample the research population. To determine the sample size, Krejcie and Morgan's table (1970) was used. According to this table and the statistical population, the sample size of 200 students was estimated.

A researcher-made questionnaire was used to collect data related to the research sample. The questionnaire designed in this research included elements of the theory of planned behavior, entrepreneurial skills and demographic characteristics of students. In the first part of the questionnaire, to measure the entrepreneurial skills of students (knowledge of business plan, communication, team building, acquaintance with

legal and commercial laws and regulations, marketing and planning) a five-point Likert scale (very low = 1 to very high = 5) and to measure the elements of TPB (entrepreneurial attitude, social norms, perceived behavioral control and rural entrepreneurial intention) a five-point Likert scale (completely disagree = 1 to completely agree = 5) was used.

The face and content validity of the questionnaire was confirmed by a panel of entrepreneurship experts. To verify the reliability of the research tool, a pilot study was conducted and 30 questionnaires were completed by students outside the statistical population and the ordinal theta coefficient was calculated. Table (1) shows the ordinal theta coefficient values of the research variables. After data was collected. information obtained by completing questionnaires was analyzed using SPSS23 and AMOS23 statistical software. Also, structural equation modeling was used to analyze students' rural entrepreneurial intention.

Table 1. Ordinal theta values of research variables

No.	Variables	Number of items	Ordinal theta
1	knowledge of business plan	5	0.81
2	Communication	5	0.79
3	Acquaintance with legal and commercial laws and regulations	3	0.86
4	Planning	4	0.73
5	Team building	5	0.85
6	Marketing	5	0.84
7	Entrepreneurial attitude	5	0.66
8	Social norms	3	0.72
9	Perceived behavioral control	5	0.62
10	Rural entrepreneurial intention	10	0.85

#### 4. Research findings

#### 4.1. Demographic characteristics

The analysis of demographic characteristics of the students showed that 50.5% of them were women and 49.5% were men. In terms of age, the majority of students were between 19 to 23 (53.5%) and 24 to 29 (36%), and 81% of agricultural students were studying at the bachelor's level. The GPA of most students was between 19-20 (32%) and 14-15 (29.5%). In terms of the employment variable, 22.5% of the students were employed, and 82% of their jobs were not related to their field of study. Also, only 23% of students had participated in entrepreneurship courses.

# 4.2. Examining the relationship between elements of TPB and entrepreneurial skills

To examine the relationship between the elements of TPB and students' entrepreneurial skills, the Spearman's correlation was used. The results of this test showed that the components of entrepreneurial attitude, perceived behavioral control, social norms and entrepreneurial skills of agricultural students had a significant relationship (at 0.01 level) with the entrepreneurial intention of rural students of the faculty of Agriculture (Table 2). This finding is consistent with the results of the research by Seif et al. (2013), Karimi (2015 and 2016), Ghanati et al. (2016), Liana et al. (2011), Ambad and Dumit (2016). In their studies, they have confirmed the significant



relationship between the components of TPB and rural entrepreneurial intention.

X1= knowledge of business plan

x2= communication

x3= acquaintance with legal and commercial laws and regulations

X4= planning

x5= team building x6= marketing

x7= entrepreneurial attitude

X8=social norms

x9=perceived behavioral control x10=rural entrepreneurial intention

Research variables	<b>X</b> 1	<b>X</b> 2	<b>X</b> 3	X4	<b>X</b> 5	<b>X</b> <sub>6</sub>	X <sub>7</sub>	X8	<b>X</b> 9	X <sub>10</sub>
X1	1									
X2	0.66**	1								
X3	0.65**	0.64**	1							
X4	0.45**	0.44*	0.43**	1						
X5	0.34**	0.38**	0.31**	0.33**	1					
X6	0.56**	0.63**	0.62**	0.40**	0.45**	1				
X7	0.20**	0.23**	0.18*	0.32**	0.22**	0.22**	1			
X8	0.14*	0.17*	0.19**	0.26**	0.23**	0.22**	0.40**	1		
X9	0.40**	0.38**	0.37**	0.32**	0.42**	0.43**	0.35**	0.37**	1	
X10	0.40**	0.49**	0.44**	0.46**	0.37**	0.50**	0.42**	0.33**	0.50**	1

Table 2. Correlation between the elements of TPB and entrepreneurial skills

# 4.3. Structural equation modeling of students' rural entrepreneurial intention

Estimation of the measurement model- In this research, the reliability and validity of the questionnaire was measured by the composite reliability method (CR) and the diagnostic validity was measured by determining the coefficient of the average variance extracted (AVE). The constructs with CR higher than 0.6 have acceptable reliability, and the closer this value is to one, the higher the reliability (Raykov, 1998). Also, constructs with AVE higher than 0.5 have acceptable validity (Iglesias, 2004). The findings showed that the CR value of all constructs was higher than 0.6 and the AVE value of most constructs was higher than 0.5. In other words, the research tool had acceptable reliability and validity.

To check the validity or reliability of the model, it was necessary to examine the extent and level of significance of the paths between each of the latent variables with its corresponding indicators, for this purpose confirmatory factor analysis has been used to test this hypothesis that whether the indicators considered to introduce the construct or latent variables really represent them or not, and how accurately the selected indicators represent or fit the underlying variable. Since parameters with values higher than two are statistically significant (Bentler and Yuan, 1999), the obtained results indicate that the indicators used to measure the latent attributes studied in this research have an acceptable match with the factor structure and the theoretical basis of the research. Only the values of two indicators of the latent variables of attitude and perceived behavioral control were less than two, which were removed from the model. The trust or reliability of indicators can also be through the checked square of multiple correlations  $(R^2)$ .  $R^2$ values express contribution of variance of each index determined by the corresponding latent variable (Table 3).



Table 3. Measurement coefficients, significance level of confirmatory factor analysis and validity and reliability of latent attributes

of latent attributes							
Latent variables	Observed	Standardized	AVE	CR	t- value	$\mathbb{R}^2$	
	variables	values				0.605	
	b.p1	0.778			-	0.605	
Y 1 1 C1 ' 1	b.p2	0.782	0.554	0.554 0.860	11.35	0.612	
Knowledge of business plan	b.p3	0.782	0.554		11.35	0.612	
	b.p4	0.702			10.03	0.493	
	b.p5	0.670			9.51	0.449	
	C1	0.727			-	0.529	
	C2	0.716	0.517	0.839	9.36	0.513	
Communications	C3	0.519			6.82	0.270	
	C4	0.701			9.17	0.491	
	C5	0.886			6.37	0.749	
Acquaintance with	R1	0.776	0.510	0.040	-	0.602	
commercial and legal rules	R2	0.808	0.640	0.842	11.47	0.653	
	R3	0.816			11.58	0.666	
	P1	0.627			-	0.393	
Planning	P2	0.886	0.521	0.809	7.37	0.749	
1	P3	0.619	0.021		6.63	0.383	
	P4	0.724			6.51	0.364	
	T1	0.664			6.93	0.441	
	T2	0.731			7.33	0.535	
Team building	T3	0.701	0.522	0.843	7.16	0.491	
	T4	0.598			6.46	0.358	
	T5	0.888			-	0.346	
	M1	0.703			-	0.495	
	M2	0.789	0.490	0.827	10.01	0.623	
Marketing	M3	0.691		0.827	8.88	0.478	
	M4	0.631			8.14	0.398	
	M5	0.679			8.73	0.461	
	Att1	0.771			3.26	0.594	
	Att2	0.751			3.26	0.565	
Entrepreneurial attitude	Att3	0.589	0.520	0.811	3.15	0.347	
	Att4	Deleted			-	-	
	Att5	0.760			-	0.577	
	Norm1	0.674			7.83	0.454	
Social norms	Norm2	0.578	0.500	0.745	7.02	0.334	
	Norm3	0.845			-	0.714	
	Pbc1	0.694			-	0.482	
	Pbc2	0.645		0.797	7.32	0.417	
Perceived behavioral control	Pbc3	0.866	0.501		6.08	0.749	
	Pbc4	Deleted			-	-	
	Pbc5	0.598			6.90	0.358	
	int1	0.870			-	0.756	
	int2	0.894			8.27	0.799	
	int3	0.631		0.904	4.68	0.398	
	int4	0.681			4.79	0.463	
D will automore the state of	int5	0.670	0.402		4.77	0.449	
Rural entrepreneurial intention	int6	0.723	0.493		5.34	0.522	
	int7	0.666			4.76	0.443	
	int8	0.650			4.72	0.423	
	int9	0.595			4.59	0.354	
	int10	0.560			4.49	0.313	
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**Structural model estimation**- After estimating the measurement model, the second step is estimating the structural model of the research. To estimate the structural model, the significance of the path coefficients assumed in the research model is examined. Before calculating the coefficients of the path, first the fit indices of both the original and the extended model of the planned behavior were checked. In order to find out to what extent the models are compatible with

the used data, the fit of the entire model was evaluated and for this purpose, related fit indices were used. These indicators are presented in table 4. Accordingly, most of the indicators reported for the original model and the extended model have acceptable values for the overall fit of the models. Therefore, it can be stated that in general, the original model and the extended model of the planned behavior are compatible with the data.

Table 4. structural model fit indices

Test	Recommended value	Original model	Extended model	
Likelihood ratio Chi-square (x2)	Insignificant x2 (p>0.05)	0.000	0.000	
Normed chi-square (x2/df)	x2/df < 5	1.69	1.68	
Root Mean Square Residual	RMR<0.05	0.073	0.055	
Root Mean Squared Error	RMSEA<0.08	0.059	0.059	
Goodness-of-Fit Index	GFI>0.90	0.896	0.901	
Incremental Fit Index	IFI=Values close to 1	0.925	0.851	
Comparative Fit Index	CFI>0.90	0.922	0.846	

Based on the structural model of TPB, three variables of entrepreneurial attitude, social norms and perceived behavioral control had a direct effect on rural entrepreneurial intention. The findings showed that the entrepreneurial attitude in both the original and extended planned behavior models had a positive and significant effect on the entrepreneurial intention of rural students ( $\beta = 0.36$ , P<0.01 and  $\beta = 0.33$ , P < 0.05 respectively). Other researches (Karimi, 2014 and 2016; Ghiasi, 2015; Roizalba Robledo et al., 2015) also confirm this finding. In their research, they came to the conclusion that people's attitude is the determining factor in their intentions to perform a certain behavior. So that Shaw et al. (2015) introduced attitude as a necessary prerequisite for behavior change.

Social norms, as another variable, only in the original planned behavior theory had a positive and significant effect on rural entrepreneurial intention of students ( $\beta = 0.25$ , P<0.05). This finding is in line with the research results of Seif et al. (2013), Karimi et al. (2014), Dang et al. (2014). In their research, they stated that the existing social norms in the society affect people's intention to initiate a new business. Zhou et al. (2016) also believe that social pressure enhances people's awareness and therefore strengthens their

intentions to fructify an activity. Also, Burton (2004) acknowledges that people do not initiate an activity independently of cultural and social influences.

The analysis of the structural part of the model revealed that the perceived behavioral control had a positive and significant effect on the entrepreneurial intention of rural students in both the original and developed behavioral models ( $\beta$  = 0.34, P < 0.01 and  $\beta$  = 0.43, P < 0.05 respectively). These results were consistent with the experimental findings of many studies such as Rezaei et al. (2016), Liana et al. (2011), Ambad and Demit (2016). They also came to the conclusion that perceived behavioral control can influence the entrepreneurial intention of people.

Also, the findings showed that the coefficient of determination (R<sup>2</sup>) for the original model of TPB was 0.51. This means that 51% of the changes in the variable of rural entrepreneurial intention of agricultural college students are related to the three variables of entrepreneurial attitude, social norms and perceived behavioral control. In other words, it can be claimed that the elements of the original model of TPB can describe 51% of the variance of rural entrepreneurial intention. Other findings are presented in figure (2).



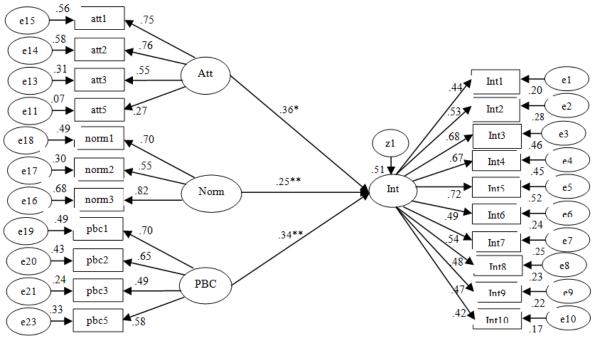


Figure 2. Structural model of the original TPB

According to figure (3), six entrepreneurial skills were included in the original TPB. The findings indicate that four skills of knowledge skills of business plan (β= 0.59, P< 0.05), communication ( $\beta$ = 0.58, P< 0.05), team building ( $\beta$ = 0.26, P< 0.05) and planning ( $\beta$ = 0.49, P < 0.01) had a positive and significant effect on rural entrepreneurial intention of students. Also, two skills of acquaintance with legal and commercial laws and regulations and marketing had no significant relationship with rural entrepreneurial intention. However, the variable of social norms in the extended TPB did not have a significant effect on the entrepreneurial intention of students, and the effect of two variables of attitude and perceived behavioral control has decreased. It can also be due to the interactions of new variables and components of TPB (other findings are presented in table (5)). Therefore, students with sufficient knowledge to develop a business plan, the ability to establish social relationships with people in the community and the market, the ability to form a strong work team, and finally, the ability to plan to create an innovative business, will have strong entrepreneurial intentions. This finding is in line with the results of Sadeghi and Malekinia (2013), Hosseininia et al. (2017), Ladzani and Van Vooren (2002), Din et al. (2016), Shahiwala (2017). They also emphasized the importance of entrepreneurial skills for the emergence

entrepreneurial intention and behavior. Considering the lack of significant effect of two skills of acquaintance with legal and commercial laws and regulations and marketing on the entrepreneurial intention of the students, it can be argued that these two skills have less effect on the activation of the entrepreneurial intention and behavior of students and more attention should be paid to four skills of the knowledge of business plan, communication, team building and planning.

Also, the findings showed that the coefficient of determination (R2) for the extended TPB was 0.70. This means that 71% of the changes in the variable of rural entrepreneurial intention of agricultural college students is dependent on nine variables norms, perceived entrepreneurial attitude, social behavioral control. business plan knowledge, communication, acquaintance with rules regulations, planning, team building and marketing. In other words, it can be argued that the elements of the original model of TPB can explain 70% of the variance of rural entrepreneurial intention. comparing the value of the coefficient determination in two original and extended models, it can be concluded that after adding six entrepreneurial skills to the original model of planned behavior, the predictive power of the model has increased by 19% (Figure 3).



Table 5. Estimation of the paths of structural models

Model	Path	Standardized coefficients	t-Value	Sig
Original model	Entrepreneurial attitude Social norms	0.360 0.256	2.53 2.72	0.000 0.011
Extended model	Perceived behavioural control  Entrepreneurial attitude	-0.037	3.46 2.001	0.007
	Social norms Perceived behavioural control Knowledge of business plan Communications Acquaintance with commercial and legal rules Planning Team building	0.438 0.590 0.580 -0.105 0.492 0.265	-0.334 2.513 2.406	0.738 0.012 0.016
			2.427 -0.676	0.015 0.499
			2.582 2.081	0.010 0.037
	Marketing	0.124	0.850	0.395

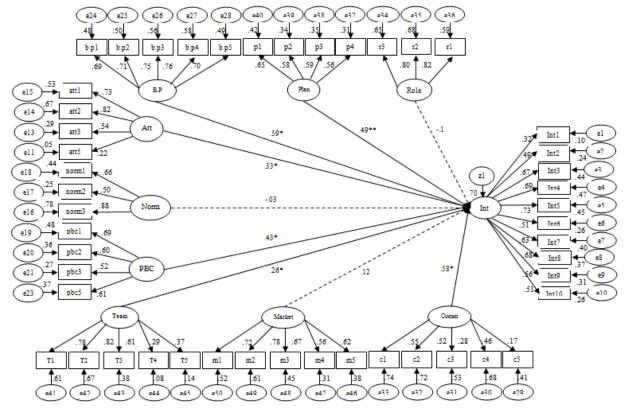


Figure3. structural model of extended TPB

#### 5. Discussion and Conclusion

Considering the unemployment status of the young and educated workforce in the country, entrepreneurship can be a practical strategy to solve this problem. But, in order for people to turn to create and launch new businesses, they must first have the intention to do so. Accordingly, entrepreneurial intention can be a vital factor in the emergence of entrepreneurial behaviors. Therefore, this research was conducted with the aim of analyzing the rural

entrepreneurial intention of agricultural students of Bu Ali Sina University, Hamedan, based on TPB. The obtained results indicated that by adding six entrepreneurial skills to the original TPB, the predictive power of the entrepreneurial intention of rural students will increase significantly. In other words, in addition to components such as attitude, perceived behavior control and norms, entrepreneurial skills also play a very important role in predicting the entrepreneurial intention of students. In general, it can be concluded that the ability of students in



entrepreneurial skills (such as knowledge of business plan, communication, acquaintance with legal and commercial laws and regulations, planning, team building and marketing) will create a strong sense of self-confidence in them to take risks and of course, their intentions to initiate a new business in rural areas will improved. On the other hand, subjective evaluations (in positive and negative views) that students have about initiating a new business can also affect their entrepreneurial intentions. In other words, if their subjective attitude towards doing an activity is positive, the intention of entrepreneurial behavior will strengthened; but the existence of a negative attitude will be a big obstacle for the formation of rural entrepreneurial intention. Also. students' understanding of the level of difficulty or ease of starting a new business and predicting their success in doing that activity or not can change their entrepreneurial intentions. Given the interaction of motivational and skill components, it can be concluded that students' confidence in their entrepreneurial abilities and skills to start and manage a new business (perceived behavioral control) gives them the power to have creative intentions and decisions to start a new activity. Finally, it can be concluded that TPB has the ability to be developed in the field of investigating the emergence of entrepreneurial behaviors. Because, by developing it, the predictive power of intention and behavior will increase and it will provide a proper understanding of the process of entrepreneurial behavior. Based on this, it can be suggested that the officials and planners of the agricultural faculties in the curriculum and

educational planning department, should pay more attention to the educational content and formulate educational activities in order to strengthen and develop creativity and innovative ideas. This will improve motivational factors (attitude, perceived behavioral control, and subjective & social norms). Regarding the executive and practical measures, it can also be suggested that universities try to establish continuous and stable communication with the industry sector and various industries. Connecting students with the industry sector during their studies will lead to the recognition of the potential in the market and knowledge of the required entrepreneurial skills. Therefore, this recognition will significantly help to strengthen and promote rural entrepreneurial intention of students and as a result, the emergence of entrepreneurial behaviors. This is while Ataei et al. (2015) also considered the effective and stable relationship between universities and the industry as an important factor in students' entrepreneurial intentions. Finally, it is suggested that the future researches, by using cognitive factors and applying it in TPB, will provide more insights into the rural entrepreneurial intention and the development of TPB.

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# تحلیل مقاصد کار آفرینانه روستایی دانشجویان کشاورزی براساس نظریه توسعهیافته رفتار برنامه برنامه ریزی شده

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چکیده مبسوط

#### ۱. مقدمه

روستاها یکی از مناطقی است که دانش آموختگان رشتههای کشاورزی می توانند در آنجا فعالیتهای کسبوکارهای نوآورانه خود را ایجاد و توسعه دهند. زیرا توسعه فعالیتهای کارآفرینانه در مناطق روستایی بسیاری از هزینههای اولیه را کاهش می دهد و به دلیل قرار گرفتن مرکز تولیدات کشاورزی در مناطق روستایی، دانش آموختگان کشاورزی می توانند ارتباط نزدیکتر و آسان تری را با بهره بر داران ایجاد کنند. از طرف دیگر، ۹۶ درصد منابع آب و خاک در مناطق روستایی قرار دارد و وجود این پتانسیل می تواند دانش آموختگان کشاورزی را برای ایجاد کسبوکارهای کارآفرینانه به این مناطق هدایت کند. در صورت گذار ایجاد کسبوکارهای کارآفرینانه توسط دانش آموختگان کشاورزی به مناطق روستایی، قدم بسیار مهمی در توسعه روستایی برداشته می شود. بنابراین، قدم بسیار مهمی در توسعه روستایی برداشته می شود. بنابراین، دانشجویان کشاورزی دانشگاه همدان براساس نظریه توسعه یافته دانشر منامه ریزی شده انجام گردید.

#### ۲. مبانی نظری تحقیق

یکی از رایجترین و جامعترین مدلهای رفتاری مورد استفاده در تحقیقات رفتاری، نظریه رفتار برنامهریزیشده میباشد. نظریه رفتار برنامهریزیشده برای تبیین و پیشبینی قصد و رفتار در زمینههای مختلف پژوهشی نظیر علوم پزشکی، روانشناسی، کشاورزی و بازاریابی به کار رفته است. بسیاری از تحقیقات انجام شده با بهره-گیری از نظریه رفتار برنامهریزیشده بر اثرات عوامل شخصیتی و

روان شناختی بر روی رفتار و قصد کارآفرینانه تمرکز داشتند، در حالی که اغلب نقش مهم مهارتهای کارآفرینانه نادیده گرفته شده است. این در حالی است که مهارتهای کارآفرینانه می تواند پایه گذار بروز قصد و بالطبع رفتار کارآفرینانه در دانشآموختگان دانشگاهی باشد. قصد کارآفرینانه دانشجویان در دانشگاههای مختلف وضعیت متفاوتی دارد. به طوری که، در برخی موارد دانشجویان از قصد کارآفرینانه ضعیف و یا متوسطی برخوردار می باشند. قصد کارآفرینانه اشاره به یک حالت ذهنی دارد که فعالیتهای فرد را به سمت توسعه و اجرای کسبوکار هدایت و راهنمایی می کند. به عبارتی، قصد کارآفرینانه حالت آگاهانه ذهنی است که پیش از عمل واقع شده و نیت نسبت به راهاندازی کسبوکار را به عنوان یک هدف هدایت می کند.

#### ٣. روش تحقيق

تحقیق حاضر از لحاظ نوع پژوهش، کاربردی، از لحاظ زمانی، گذشته نگر، از جهت پارادایمی نیز، کمی بوده است. همچنین، پژوهش مورد نظر از لحاظ کنترل متغیرها، غیرآزمایشی و جامعه شناختی، از جنبه عملیات آماری، "علّی برابطهای" و "توصیفی-همبستگی" میباشید. جامعه مورد بررسی، کلیه دانشجویان کشاورزی سال آخر دانشگاه بوعلی سینا، همدان بودنید (N=4). کشاورزی سال آخر دانشگاه بوعلی سینا، همدان بودنید (N=4). و برای نمونه گیری تصادفی ساده و برای تعیین حجم نمونه نیز از جدول رجسی و مورگان استفاده و برای جمع آوری دادهها، از پرسشینامه محقق گردید (N=4). برای جمع آوری دادهها، از پرسشینامه محقی ساخته، استفاده گردید. پرسشنامه طراحی شده شامل عناصر تئوری رفتار برنامه ریزی شده، مهارتهای کار آفرینانه و ویژگیهای جمعیت شناختی دانشجویان بود.

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برای سنجش مهارتهای کارآفرینانه دانشجویان از طیف لیکرت پنج قسمتی (خیلی کم= ۱ تا خیلی زیاد= ۵) و برای سنجش عناصر تئوری رفتار برنامه ریزی شده از طیف پنج قسمتی (کاملاً مخالف= ۱ تا کاملاً موافق= ۵) استفاده شد. روایی صوری و محتوایی پرسشنامه توسط پانلی از متخصصان حوزه رفتار کارآفرینانه تأیید گردید. برای تأیید پایایی ابزار پژوهش نیز یک مطالعه راهنما و محاسبه ضریب تتای ترتیبی صورت پذیرفت.

#### ۴. يافتههاي تحقيق

نتایج تحلیل عاملی تأییدی نشان داد که نشانگرهای مورد استفاده برای اندازه گیری صفتهای مکنون مورد مطالعه این پژوهش با ساختار عاملی و زیربنای نظری پژوهش تطابق قابل قبولی دارند. نتایج مشخص کرد که سه مؤلفه تئوری رفتار برنامه ریزی شده اصلی (نگرش، کنترل رفتاری درکشده و هنجارهای اجتماعی) تأثیر مثبت و معنی داری بر مقاصد کارآفرینانه روستایی دانشجویان داشتند که کند. به علاوه، پس از اضافه کردن شش مهارت کارآفرینی به مدل، قدرت پیش بینی کنندگی نظریه رفتار برنامه ریزی شده تا ۱۹ درصد افزایش یافت. به طوری که، چهار مهارت دانش طرح کسب و کار، ارتباطات، تیمسازی و برنامه ریزی تأثیر مثبت و معنی داری بر قصد کارآفرینانه روستایی دانشجویان داشتند.

#### ۵. بحث و نتیجه گیری

نتایج به دست آمده حاکی از آن بود که با اضافه کردن مهارتهای ششگانه کارآفرینی به نظریه اصلی رفتار برنامه ریزی شده، قدرت پیش بینی کنندگی قصد کارآفرینانه روستایی دانشجویان افزایش

چشم گیری خواهد داشت. به بیان دیگر، علاوهبر مؤلفههایی نظیر نگرش، کنترل رفتار درکشده و هنجارها، مهارتهای کارآفرینانه نیز نقش بسیار مهمی در پیشبینی قصد کارآفرینانه دانشجویان دارد. مى توان نتيجه گرفت كه توانمند بودن دانشجويان از لحاظ مهارت-های کارآفرینی باعث ایجاد حس اعتمادبهنفس قوی در آنان برای ریسک پذیری خواهد شد و بالطبع، قصد آنها برای راهاندازی کسب-وكار جديد در مناطق روستايي ارتقا مي يابد. از طرف ديگر، ارزشیابیهای ذهنی که دانشجویان از راهاندازی کسبوکار جدید دارند نیز می تواند قصد کار آفرینانه آنها را تحت تأثیر قرار دهد. به بیان دیگر، اگر نگرش ذهنی آنها نسبت به انجام یک فعالیت مثبت باشد، قصد بروز رفتار كارآفرينانه تقويت مىشود؛ اما وجود نگرش منفی مانعی بزرگ برای شکل گیری قصد کارآفرینانه روستایی خواهد شد. از تعامل مؤلفههای انگیزشی و مهارتی نیز می توان استنباط نمود که اطمینان دانشجویان نسبت به تواناییها و مهارتهای کارآفرینی خود جهت راهاندازی و مدیریت کسبوکار جدید، این قدرت را به آنها می دهد که نسبت به شروع فعالیت جدید، قصد و تصمیم گیری خلاقانهای داشته باشند.

**کلیدواژهها:** مقاصد کارآفرینانه روستایی، نظریه رفتار برنامهریزی – شده، دانشجویان رشته کشاورزی، آموزش کارآفرینی.

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# Analysis of Illegal Leisure Effects on the Social Conditions of Rural Households (Case Study: Varza Jang Betting and Gambling in Guilan Province-Belesbeneh Rural District)

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#### **Abstract**

**Purpose-** Leisure is influential in shaping social identity and helpful for social growth, which occurs in legal and illegal ways. The illegal form is a behavior that is out of control and causes irreversible damage to individuals and their families. Therefore, investigating the role of illegal leisure time (gambling and betting games) is necessary to improve the quality of social life, especially for rural households. To this end, this study aims to investigate the role of illegal leisure time, particularly gambling, on the social conditions of rural households.

**Design/methodology/approach** - This research is descriptive-analytical in terms of its aim and method. The data collection tools are questionnaires and interviews from a sample of 362 households. The statistical population is rural households, both involved and uninvolved, in Varza Jang (an animal fight tournament) located in Kuchesfahan District, Belesbeneh Rural District (N = 5819). A sample group was selected using Cochran's Formula and Quota sampling. In addition, a one-sample t-test, Friedman rank test and path analysis were used to analyze the data.

**Findings-** The results of the t-test showed that in the component of social anomalies, the indicator of violence and tension in the family with an average of 3.86 had the highest, and the indicator of suicide with an average of 1.39 had the lowest social effects on the studied rural households. Also, in the component of family and individual abnormalities and problems, the stress indicator in children with an average of 3.91 had the highest, and the indicator of family separation and divorce with an average of 2.89 had the lowest average affecting the social effects of the respondents. Also, the results of the path analysis showed that betting and gambling were effective on all indicators of the two components of social anomalies and individual anomalies.

Originality/value- For this reason, gambling significantly impacts children's stress, violence, tension and divorce in families.

Keywords- Leisure time, gambling, betting game, Varza Jang, Guilan province, Belesbeneh Rural District.

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#### 1. Introduction

eisure is influential in shaping social identity and helpful for individual growth and influencing the creation of a social environment, and to a large extent. the driver of social growth (Ospisil et al., 2022). Today, leisure is known as a new indicator of social well-being. Its existence and importance may be the result of the growth of the industry and consumerism. The purpose of these activities is to feel refreshed and satisfied, to gain peace and pleasure. In addition, leisure is a source for improving the quality of life of people who do not do anything compulsorily, but their time is spent for themselves and their desires. Spending leisure time usually occurs in two forms, legal and illegal, which take place in different forms and can, directly and indirectly, affect the economy, income, well-being, and other social and economic components pertaining to households, especially rural families. This study focuses on spending illegal leisure time, namely, betting games and gambling.

Currently, betting and gambling are widely accepted and regulated in different countries (Njonge & Ronoh, 2022). Bets have different types, such as poker, dice, cards, animals, and football betting games, which are legalized and available in many countries, including Australia, America, New Zealand, and Colombia; nevertheless. In Islamic countries such as Iran. Afghanistan, and Iraq, these activities are forbidden and penalized according to the laws. Betting when it goes out of control is a behavior that causes irreversible damage to individuals and their families in some countries. In fact, harmful entertainments, associated with economic and social damages, have permanent effects such as depression, family problems, addiction, unemployment, poverty, divorce, bankruptcy, crime, and suicide, as well as increasing tension between the gambler and the family members (Williams, 2011).

Other ensuing predicaments of gambling can be financial problems, legal issues, personal problems, violence, mental health, creating stress in children, psychological problems, and physical problems. Nonetheless, some effects can be individual refreshments and helping improve the quality of life and household income (Salonen, 2016).

Today, refreshment is eventually a development goal, and the society which is trying to get it will achieve future social stability (Sadeghi et al., 2022); However, the damages caused by gambling take away the quality of life and the level of satisfaction. The quality of life and the level of satisfaction are also related to other factors such as income, the level of poverty, the quality of leisure time, the level of social rights, the level of mental health of people, the level of security, cultural and recreational facilities.

In rural societies such as villagers in Guilan Province of Iran, there are both legal and illegal leisure activities. In some periods, one type exceeds the other. Social, economic, geographical and environmental conditions are influential factors as well.

The active legal forms of leisure activities are festivals and local ceremonies in Guilan. Illegal activities, on the other hand, are associated with betting on animals such as cows, pigeons, dogs, and roosters, in addition to sports betting games like tutu (betting on football). One of the most famous types of leisure time in the villages of Guilan, particularly Kuchesfahan District, is Varza Jang (fighting between indigenous-breed bulls). Although these animal fight competitions are illegal, fans secretly participate in betting out of the sight of the police. Each year, more than a dozen fights are held in the region. While this is a recreational activity and a part of the everyday life of the villagers, it can be detrimental to households. These people continuously participate in betting and ignore the fact that this activity will jeopardize their family, career, financial and psychological life. Financial resources especially are mainly engaged. Since these resources are not usually stable, losing them is expected, which has many consequences for insecure rural households, like financial obligations and property auctions. Eventually, it will result in household members' dissatisfaction due to income instability.

These types of activities, whether occasionally positive (due to the temporary refreshment) or negative (due to the loss of financial resources of rural households), are the cause of severe tensions and the instability of the quality of life, as well as the economic predicaments of the rural households involved in Varza Jang competitions.



For this purpose, this study aims to investigate the social consequences of Varza Jang, a type of illegal leisure time carried out in Kuchesfahan District. The main question of the research is: what are the effects of Varza Jang and the social impact on the rural households involved in this activity?

#### 2. Research Theoretical Literature

Leisure time as a part of human life is a complex phenomenon that is studied and discussed in philosophy, cultural anthropology, psychology and especially in sociology (Ospíšil et al., 2022). Free time activity is essentially a product of 20th-century capitalism and as a concept, many thinkers try to interpret and define it (Njonge & Ronoh, 2022). Leisure is defined as the free time that one can use after doing necessary things in life (Leitner & Michael, 2004).

In this view, free time is separated from other aspects of life. Therefore, this time is frivolous and idle, which states a liberating factor of human nature. Thus, free time can become a goal, which causes internal satisfaction and requires patience. skill and effort. In this regard, we can refer to Dumazedier's and David Riesman's theories. According to Dumazedier, leisure time includes a set of activities a person does willingly. The purpose of this activity can be resting, variety, expanding knowledge (non-material goals), or participating in social activities other than a family, job, and other social requirements (Ardalan, 1975). Dumazedier divided leisure into five categories, including physical, artistic, intellectual, practical and social leisure (Arfai Ainuddin, 2009).

Riesman, in the book "The Lonely Crowd", explains that leisure is an opportunity for adapting human beings to the consumer and industrialized societies. But unfortunately, these societies degrade humans, and leisure responds to this degradation (Pour Soltani, and Ghaibizadeh, 2010: 80).

From another point of view, leisure is an activity. Advocates of this standpoint describe leisure as recreation time instead of free time. In other words, how to fill their free time is more important than having it (Beloševi & Feri'c, 2022). These can include many activities people use to entertain themselves or add to their knowledge and skills. Indeed, leisure as an activity is a relatively traditional perception of free time, which describes voluntary and satisfying as well as educational activities.

Similarly, some believe that leisure is an opportunity to engage in some serious or rather lively activities apart from the necessities of life (Torkildsen, 2012). leisure is not a mental state, but it refers to a state of being. This is a psychological approach which considers the mental dimension of the phenomenon (Baranowski & Mroczkowska, 2021). Kross believes that leisure is a state of mind or a very desirable state of being resulting from activities participating with intrinsic motivations. The followers of this point of view believe that freedom from compulsions and work should be highlighted more in the definition.

In this regard, the American sociologist Max Kaplan, in his book "Leisure in America", considers leisure as opposed to work. According to him, leisure is pleasant memories, freedom from social duties, psychological perception of freedom and cultural activity, and essentially a game. The content was not Kaplan's focus; instead, he underscores humans' relationships with these activities (Jalali Farahani, 2010). In economic studies, a new field of research called happiness combines economics with other fields such as psychology and sociology, quantitatively and theoretically studying happiness, positive and negative emotions, well-being, quality of life, and life satisfaction (Graham, 2001). Happiness theories have discussed the objective factors and improvement of material conditions on people's satisfaction. However, most of these studies concluded that objective conditions alone do not determine people's happiness levels. Proponents of this view believe that money has led to dismissing the personal and intimate aspects, intensifying anxieties and reducing satisfaction (Sadeghi et al., 2020).

In Klinger's view, leisure can only mean having free work and life requirements and may not be realized as recreational activities. However, from a holistic point of view, Eddington asserts that work and leisure are closely related and inseparable (Leitner & Michael, 2004).

The view of leisure as a way of life: In this view, free time seems to be a very idealistic way of life and can be possible to have only for a few people. This view is more similar to Aristotle's theory, which views leisure as a state of being free from the necessity of working (Jenkins & Pigram, 2004). Regardless of the different viewpoints regarding the nature of leisure, which stems from their



philosophy of life, they all agree on the benefits of spending leisure time on personal and social health. Thorstein Veblen is one of the pioneers in this field who has studied and explained leisure as an independent subject and theorized about the changing role and function of leisure in a new society. In his opinion, conspicuous and dramatic consumption and leisure are a way to represent dignity and social status so that people appear superior in the eyes of others. The lifestyle of the superior class is combined with leisure and consumption. According to Veblen, the entire filled with significant social structure is consumption and a lifestyle based on prosperity and leisure in modern societies (Raf'at Jah et al., 2010: 9). Adorno also says that in the past, leisure was for the elites. Hence, a person achieves a kind of independence and maturity.

In contrast, the means of mass communication, in the present time, remove maturity and have turned leisure into consuming cultural products. For instance, gambling is a modern leisure activity known as illegal entertainment and leisure in most countries (Njonge & Ronoh, 2022). Therefore, leisure and how to spend it is one of the basic signs of lifestyle. In other words, people's lifestyle usually shows itself in spending free time.

In the modern era, Max Weber initiated the study of lifestyle and leisure and connected it with the concept of prestige (Khaja Nouri & Moghadasi, 2008). Finally, leisure time as a part of human life is a complex phenomenon studied and discussed in philosophy, cultural anthropology, psychology and especially sociology.

As societies pass from traditional to modern (post-industrial), people devote much time to work to have more money for their free time. The growth of wealth and the increase in purchasing power has a direct and significant relationship with one's free time. For this reason, new forms of leisure have been created since the end of the 20th century. In the following, Table 1 shows the summaries of the latest studies regarding the consequences and role of illegal leisure time, emphasizing gambling.

Table 1. Summaries of background studies

Author	Methodology	Purpose	Results
Maarifand et al. (2016)	Content analysis	Types of legal and illegal betting in Iran and gambling complications	Gambling is their occupation, and its consequences include family problems, addiction, suicide, debt stress, financial problems, legal issues, and tension in the family.
Parvin et al. (2015).	Thematic analysis method and Wolcott's method	The social disorganization and latent urban pathologies in the Harandi neighborhood	Gamblers are primarily men, and gambling space is organized at intersections, neighborhood alleys, and in houses. Gambling is related to all kinds of social damage such as Homelessness, addiction, debt, family disputes, etc.  Therefore, the social disorganization of the neighborhood is the reason for this hidden urban problem.
Njonge & Ronoh (2022)	Quantitative- qualitative	Examining gambling activities, reasons for gambling, their attitude towards gambling, and consequences of financial and psychological well-being of young gamblers in Kenya	The increase in the suicide rate, the breakdown of relationships between friends and within families, and financial pressure
Zofcak & Sima (2022)	Quantitative- qualitative	Calculating the social costs of gambling: an economic approach	Reducing social costs and, at the same time, proving the effects of gambling addiction and its spread and the consequences of gambling that affect family and friends. The social costs of gambling should be analyzed with a multidisciplinary analysis according to different locations and related laws.
Badji et al (2021)	Qualitative	Examining the consequences of accessibility to gambling	People who live near gambling places are more likely to gamble, so less well-being, more financial problems, and more mental health problems are reported from these places.
Latvala et al. (2019)	Structural model	A conceptual model of the consequences of gambling and creating a conceptual model	In addition to economic effects, gambling has many social effects that are usually overlooked.



Author	Methodology	Purpose	Results
Ahaibwe et al. (2016)	Quantitative and qualitative	An overview of gambling and understanding the effects of gambling in Uganda	There is a significant relationship between age/gender and participation in gambling and between gambling and employment. Gambling causes loss of family welfare, violence, financial problems, crime, divorce, and poverty. The level of youth unemployment is associated mainly with the popularity of gambling, and the demand for gambling also declines with age and income factors.
Wu & Shyan Chen (2015)	Independent T-test	Reviewing the effects of casinos and gambling on residents, experiences from Macao and Singapore	Establishing casinos and gambling is one of the fastest ways to stimulate tourism in many countries (Japan and Vietnam); governments have made tourism development a political goal, and establishing gambling and casinos is crucial in their policy.
Tolchard (2015)	Qualitative	A broad understanding of gambling in rural communities	. Gambling in rural society creates negative social and economic issues, which include illegal activities, personal problems, family problems, crime, prostitution, debt, and mental health.
Downs & Wooierch (2010)	Qualitative	The relationship between gambling and debt, the attitude of gamblers towards money, the role of money as dependence on gambling, the effects of gambling debt on family and employment, and coping strategies of gambling individuals and families.	Gambling and its debts and failure to manage debt repayment include the possibility of returning to gambling, depression, family problems, debt, poverty, pathological disorders, divorce, unemployment, crime and stress in children.

Source: Authors, 2022

The research background review showed that international studies on gambling and betting suggest that they are illegal leisure activities. However, in Iran, detailed and comprehensive studies were conducted on the social effects of illegal leisure time, especially gambling, while rural areas were not the research focus. Therefore, this study aims to scrutinize the social effects of illegal leisure activity in rural households with an emphasis on Varza Jang gambling.

Each of these fields of study is focused on some specific aspects of leisure. Also, a group of people conventionally perceive leisure, and this leisure time has positive consequences expressed in the form of different views. Another group distinguishes it as informal relationships and mentions the consequences as social, individual and family abnormality.

Based on the theories and the perception of leisure time, a conceptual model illustrates the components and indicators affecting the quality of social life (Figure 1).



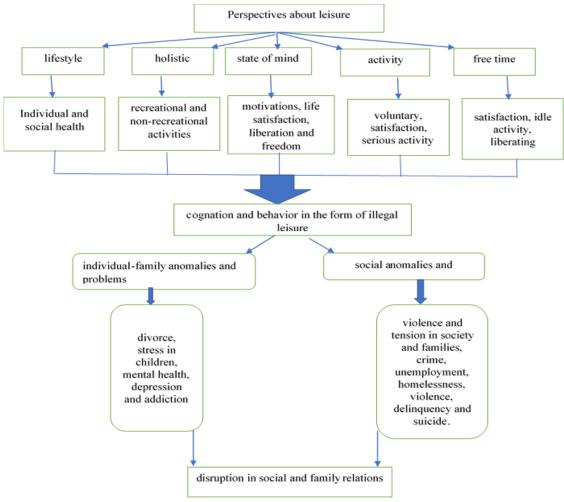


Figure 1. Conceptual model of the study

#### 3. Research Methodology

#### 3.1 Geographical Scope of the Research

The studied area is the villages of Belesbeneh Rural District, Kuchesfahan District of Rasht County, located in Gilan Province. 15 km far from Rasht city, Kuchesfahan District is adjacent to Lasht-e Nesha District from the north, which is connected to the Caspian Sea. From the south, it is limited to Sangar and the Central District of Lahijan. The Central District of Astana Ashrafieh

and the Central District of Rasht are next to Kuchesfahan from East and West. Khomam District is also connected to Kuchesfahan through some roads. Thus, Kuchesfahan is located at an intersection.

This district has three rural districts: Kenarsar, Belesbeneh and Lulaman. According to the 2015 census, it has a population of 45,823 people, and 17,019 of them live in 24 villages of Belesbeneh Rural District.



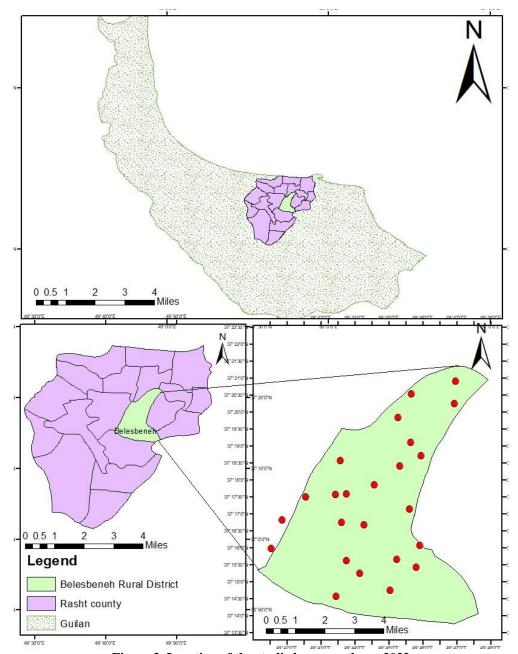


Figure 2. Location of the studied area, authors, 2022

#### 3.2.Methodology

The current study is descriptive-analytical and applied in terms of aim. A theoretical framework was designed by the library research method. The questionnaire with a Likert scale, observation, and interviews with rural households were used for the field study. Observation and interview methods were complementary to quantitative data. The

study's statistical population was the rural households of Belesbeneh Rural District (N=5819). 362 rural households were selected using Cochran's formula. 180 people were involved in illegal leisure activities, and 182 were not involved. Table 2 shows the villages, household numbers and the number of samples according to the distribution ratio.



Table 2.The names of the villages and the number of involved and non-involved households

Village	Households (2016)	Households involved in illegal activities	Households not involved in illegal activities	Number of samples of involved households	The number of samples of non- involved household
Ahmad Sara	17	5	12	1	1
Imanabad	176	75	101	5	6
Bala Mahalleh Barka Deh	106	50	56	3	3
Barka Deh-e Paeen	455	300	155	20	9
Belesbeneh	492	200	292	13	17
Pashkeh	207	75	132	5	8
Jafarabad	369	50	319	3	19
Jir Sara	254	60	194	4	11
Hasanabad	91	45	46	3	3
Hashkova	315	200	115	13	7
Khesht Masjed	292	80	212	5	12
Sadeh	654	600	54	40	3
Siah Sufian	156	90	66	6	4
Shekar Sara	169	80	89	5	5
Ali Sara	53	35	18	2	1
Ali Nowdeh	130	80	50	5	3
Fashkecheh	159	95	64	6	4
Kalmarz	93	40	53	3	3
Gurab Sar	252	95	157	6	9
Laleh Dasht	220	90	130	6	8
Mozhdah	520	150	370	10	22
Molla Sara	308	100	208	7	12
Now Estalakh	93	30	63	2	4
Navideh	238	100	138	7	8
Total	5819	2725	3094	180	182

Source: Field data collection of researchers 2022

Statistical methods were used to answer the research question and analyze the data. First, we used descriptive statistics to understand the respondents' demographic characteristics, revealing some points about the population. Meanwhile, we analyze the data by inferential statistics and one-sample t-tests to investigate the effects of gambling on social, individual and family anomalies in rural households of Belesbeneh Rural District.

Afterwards, each indicator was ranked using the Friedman rank test, and finally, path analysis was

used to investigate the direct, indirect and overall effects of the component.

The validity of the questionnaire was measured and approved by ten professors in the fields of social sciences, psychology and geography. A preliminary sample of 40 questionnaires was taken to measure reliability, and the reliability coefficient was calculated using Cronbach's alpha method. The obtained total alpha is 0.88, higher than 0.70, so the scale had acceptable reliability (Table 3).

Table 3. The amount of alpha calculated for each of the indicators

Components	Indicator	Metrics	Number of items	Mean	Cronbach's alpha
Social anomalies and	Crime	Conflicts - violent crimes - mugging	4	3.27	0.636
problems	Unemployment	Low income - lack of job opportunities - unemployment	3	3.75	0.589



Components	Indicator	Metrics	Number of items	Mean	Cronbach's alpha
	Homelessness	Debt - evacuation - loss of property	3	2.87	0.567
	Violence and tension in the family	Bad temper and anger - beating for the debt - being blamed	4	3.86	0.804
	Crime	Gambling and committing theft - Environment prone to gambling - Money circulation in gambling	4	3.08	0.206
	Suicide	Due to bankruptcies	2	1.39	0.938
Social anomali	es and problems		20	3.04	0.823
	Separation and divorce	Feeling of shame - Ignoring the family - Conflict between married children - Divorce -	5	2.89	0.788
Individual and	Stress in children	Stress and anxiety - fear in children - parental indifference	3	91/3	647/0
family anomalies and	Mental health	Having peace - getting used to gambling - fear and anxiety	4	3.39	0.489
problems	Depression	Pressure - Gambling depression	2	3.48	0.351
	Addiction	Tendency to drugs and alcohol - alcohol use of gambling - Using drugs and alcohol because of being away from home	3	3.47	0.841
	family anomalies oblems		17	3.43	0.801
Te	otal		37	3.23	0.880

(Source: findings of the study, 2022)

#### 4. Research Findings

The most frequent age group of respondents in the non-involved households belongs to the 41-50-year group (36.9%), and the involved households belong to the 40-31 age group (37.4%). 87.4% of the non-involved respondents were male, while 100% of the respondent were male in the involved group. Regarding education, 40.1% of non-

involved households and 56.1% of involved households had elementary to middle school education. In addition, 33% of non-involved respondents and 43.3% of involved respondents were engaged in agricultural activities. Regarding marriage, 98.4% of non-involved respondents and 99.4% of involved respondents were married, and the rest were single (Table 4).

Table 4. characteristics of the respondents

Characteristics	Maximums	Non-involved h	nouseholds	Involved households	
Characteristics	Maximums	Frequency	Per cent	Frequency	Per cent
Age	Non-involved households 41-50 Involved households 31-40	66	36.9	67	37.4
Gender	Male	159	87.4	180	100
Marital status	Married	179	98.4	179	99.4
Education	Elementary to middle school	73	40.1	101	56.1
Job	Agriculture	60	33	78	43.3
Number of the family members	Four members	63	34.6	63	35

Source: Research findings, 2022



## 4.1. Determining the effects of betting on the social indicators of rural households

The effects of gambling on the indicators of the two components of social and individual anomalies among rural households were analyzed with a one-sample T-test. The spectrum range is between 1 and 5 based on the Likert scale. This rate was evaluated to be higher than the cardinal utility (3) for all indicators of the two components of social and individual-family anomalies except for suicide, homelessness and divorce. This difference is significant for all indicators at the alpha level of 0.000.

The findings show that the children's stress indicator, with a score of 3.914, in the component of individual and family abnormalities, is at a higher level than other indicators of this component. This score shows the effects of gambling on children in the family. After the loss of property by the head of the household and serious problems due to losing bets, children usually feel fear, stress and anxiety.

Children can be in two categories. First, children facing this issue directly have fear, stress and anxiety due to the fear of losing and their animal getting injured in war. There are many of these cases in villages. The other group of children are indirectly involved with gambling and feel fear and anger of their parents after every loss when their fathers start complaining and bad tempering and make the children stressed before and after every bet.

These issues impose severe damage on both groups of children. Moreover, the violence indicator with a score of 3.863, in the component of social anomalies, is at a higher level than other indicators. This score implies that people involved in betting face the loss of property and cannot hide it from their families. They will be interrogated and held accountable by the family because hiding such losses is difficult for the people involved. Because spouses share all the properties and assets with their partners, losing property can inevitably lead to quarrels and conflicts. This situation will continuously increase grudges in the family.

Table 5. Examining the effects of betting on the indicators of two components of social anomalies and family anomalies using a t-test

	Cardinal utility= 3							
Indicator	Mean	T-statistic	Degrees of freedom	Significance	Mean difference	95% confide	ence interval	
mulcator	Mean	1-stausuc	Degrees of freedom	Significance	Mean difference	Low	High	
Crime	3.268	6.389	359	0.000	0.268	0.18	0.35	
Unemployment	3.275	18.622	359	0.000	0.753	0.68	0.83	
Homelessness	2.875	-2.754	359	0.006	-0.124	-0.21	-0.03	
Violence	3.863	21.091	359	0.000	0.863	0.78	0.94	
Crime	3.086	3.351	359	0.001	0.086	0.03	0.13	
Suicide	1.391	-39.499	359	0.000	-1.608	-1.68	-1.52	
Divorce	2.894	-2.386	359	0.018	-0.105	-0.19	-0.01	
Stress in children	3.914	20.715	359	0.000	0.914	0.82	-1.00	
Mental health	3.397	10.705	359	0.000	0.397	0.32	0.47	
Depression	3.480	10.121	359	0.000	0.480	0.38	0.57	
Addiction	3.479	8.955	359	0.000	0.479	0.37	0.58	

Source: findings of the study, 2022

## 4.2. The rank of the gambling social effects among rural households

We used Friedman Test to explain the rank of the indicators. This test is a suitable tool for analyzing the difference in the mean of the indicators compared with each other.

As shown in table (6) show, the analysis of the mean difference of the indicators is completely significant because of the alpha level of 0.01. Among these, the highest mean ranks are (3.941)

and (3.863) for stress in children and violence and tension, respectively. Therefore, it can be confirmed that betting and gambling in forms of abnormalities in individuals, families and society cause stress in children and violence and social tensions. On the other hand, the lowest average rank among indicators of both components is for suicide, with a mean rank of 1.391.

There is no report of suicide among the groups involved and not involved in the gambling.



Table 6. The significance of the mean difference in the effects of gambling in the studied villages

Indicator	Number	Arithmetic mean	Mean rank	Rank	
Crime	360	3.268	5.84	7	
Unemployment	360	3.275	7.86	3	
Homelessness	360	2.875	4.44	9	
Violence	360	3.863	8.30	2	
Crime	360	3.086	5.14	8	
Suicide	360	1.391	1.60	11	
Divorce	360	2.894	4.29	10	
Stress in children	360	3.914	41/8	1	
Mental health	360	3.397	6.30	6	
Depression	360	3.480	6.86	5	
Addiction	360	3.479	97/6	4	
Chi-square	1418.400				
Degree of freedom	10				
Significance level		0.000		·	

Source: findings of the study, 2022

## 4.3. Determining the most influential indicators of social and individual, and family anomalies

Path analysis was used to determine the most important indicators affecting the component of social anomalies. As table (7) shows, one unit of change in the standard deviation will change the indicators of crime, unemployment, homelessness,

violence, delinquency and suicide, respectively by (0.366), (0.100) 0), (0.070), 0.114), (0.138) and (0.216). Among the indicators of the social anomalies component, the highest effect was related to crime and the lowest effect was related to homelessness.

Table 7. Coefficients of the intensity of relationships between the indicators of social anomalies

Variables	Standard coefficient	Unstandardized coefficient		Т	C::f	
variables	Beta	Standard error	В	1	Significance level	
Intercept	-	0.159	2.585	16.286	0.000	
Crime	0.366	0.033	0.211	6.305	0.000	
Unemployment	0.100	0.034	0.060	1.788	0.075	
Homelessness	0.070	0.030	0.038	1.270	0.205	
Violence	0.114	0.034	0.06	1.981	0.048	
Crime	0.138	0.051	-0.130	2.565	0.011	
Suicide	0.216	0.029	0.129	-4.477	0.000	

Source: findings of the study, 2022

For the component of individual and family, the highest overall effect is related to the crime indicator with a score of 0.366, while the homelessness indicator with a score of 0.070 has

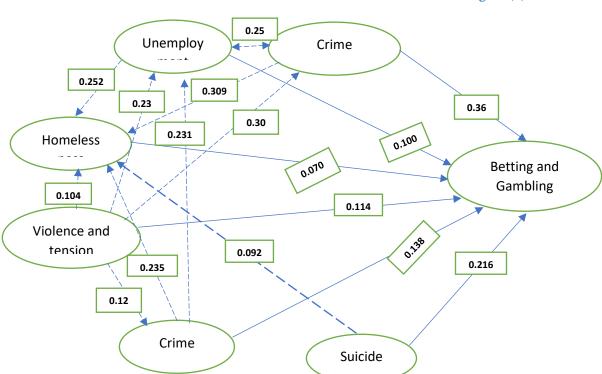
the lowest overall effect. The overall effects indicate that betting and gambling were effective in all indicators of social anomalies, and the amount of crime indicator was higher than other indicators.

Table 8. Measuring the amount of direct, indirect and overall effects of gambling on the indicators of the social anomaly component

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Variables	Direct effect	Indirect effect	Overall effect	Priority			
Crime	0.366	0.132	0.498	1			
Unemployment	0.100	-	0.100	5			
Homelessness	0.070	-	0.070	6			
Violence	0.114	-	0.114	4			
Crime	0.138	0.023	0.161	3			
Suicide	0.216	0.068	0.284	2			

Source: findings of the study, 2022





The direct and indirect effects of indicators of social anomalies are shown in Figure (3).

Figure 3. Path analysis model of factors and variables of gambling effects on social anomalies

As table (9) shows, one unit of change in the standard deviation will increase individual and family abnormalities, including divorce, the stress in children, mental health, depression and addiction to (0.122), 0.053), (0.240), (0.079) and

(0.087), respectively. Among the indicators of individual and family abnormalities, the highest effect was related to mental health, and the lowest was related to stress in children.

Table 9. Coefficients of the intensity of relationships between the indicators of social anomalies

Variables	Standard coefficient	Unstandardized coefficient		Т	Cionificana land	
variables	Beta	Standard error	В	1	Significance level	
Intercept	-	0.153	2.237	14.620	0.000	
Divorce	0.122	0.031	0.067	2.141	0.033	
Stress in children	0.053	0.030	0.029	0.927	0.332	
Mental health	0.240	0.036	0.156	4.356	0.000	
Depression	0.079	0.028	0.040	1.446	0.149	
Addiction	0.087	0.025	0.039	0.087	0.120	

Source: findings of the study, 2022

For the component of individual and family anomalies, the highest overall effect is related to the mental health indicator, with a score of 0.265. The stress in children indicator with a score of 0.053 has the lowest overall effect in the studied

area. The overall effects indicate that betting and gambling were effective in all indicators of social anomalies, and the number of mental health indicators was higher than other indicators.



Table 10. Measuring the amount of direct, indirect and overall effects of gambling on the indicators of the social anomaly component

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Variables	Direct impact	Indirect effect	Overall effect	Priority
Divorce	0.122	0.014	0.136	2
Stress in children	0.053	-	0.053	5
Mental health	0.240	0.025	0.265	1
Depression	0.079	-	-	4
Addiction	0.087	0.012	0.099	3

Source: findings of the study, 2022

The direct and indirect effects of indicators of family anomalies are shown in Figure (4).

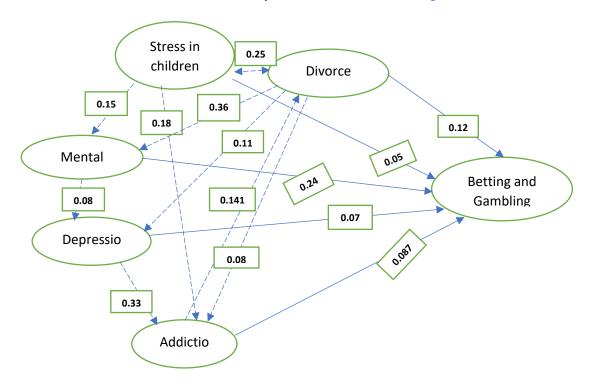


Figure 4. Path analysis model of factors and variables of gambling effects on individual and family abnormalities

#### 5. Discussion and Conclusion

This study investigated Varza Jan as a gambling practice, and its effects on social anomalies are evident in tables 4 and 5. Rural households in Belesbeneh are facing important social problems such as stress in children, violence and tension, crime, mental health, unemployment, addiction and depression. The stress indicator in the children ranked first in the studied villages, which indicates the adverse effects of the parents' gambling on youngsters. The children whose parents gamble experience the fear and anxiety of losing money and property and the anger of parents after losing in Varza Jang or any other type of gambling. However, some children, like their father and other

family members, are involved in illegal leisure activities like Varza Jang. They even train Varzas (bulls), and their goal and interest are to win in the battles. One of the causes of stress in children can be the battle stress children have when their favorite bull has a battle.

Family violence and tension are also related to losing money or assets, even after each loss. Consequently, anger and conflicts among family members can make life difficult for other family members. Another reason for the social effects at the village level is unemployment. Unemployment can play a role in this rural district in two ways.

On the one hand, some people involved in gambling activities spend the first six months of the



year (spring and summer) farming in the fields, and after this period, they usually spend their time in stores and coffee shops in the village. Some of these farmers are interested in betting and gambling and might lose their six-month profits from farming. Some of the farmers do not even possess any land, and they work on other people's land. Therefore, they lose the income which should have been spent on their family. Those who indulge in bets will not get jobs on land, and this causes people to become unemployed and lose their income, which can bring other adverse social effects to families. On the other hand, other groups of people have other sources of income besides agriculture.

They also spend their free time betting and enjoying. They are usually less engaged with family life and try to spend their pastimes. The lack of job opportunities in the village makes people interested in betting and gambling.

Some successful gamblers started with a small amount of money and made it overnight. As a result, they have a social status in society. This situation will inspire others to gamble, even though they will not always be winners. After each loss, the new gamblers should compensate for the losses, and after a few losses, they will bury themselves in debts and family problems. What can help them ignore their piled-up problem is psychedelic drugs and alcohol. It is evident that the social anomalies and individual and family

problems because of spending on illegal leisure are interconnected.

The findings of this research on the stress in children indicator are aligned with Downs & Wooierch (2010) and on violence and tension in the family with Wu & Shyan Chen (2015), Ahaibwe et al. (2016) and Maarifand et al. (2016). Also, the unemployment indicator is aligned with Ahaibwe et al. (2016) and Downs and Woolrych (2010). The addiction indicator is consistent with the studies of Williams (2011), Maarifand et al. (2016) and Parvin et al. (2016).

The Depression indicator confirms the findings of Drabach (2003), Parvin et al. (2016); the mental health indicator is consistent with Zhan's study (2009); the crime indicator is aligned with Drabach (2003) and Tolchard (2015). Other finding consistency is in the homelessness indicator with Parvin et al. (2016), Downs and Woolrych (2010), Williams (2011) and Ahaibwe et al. (2016), and finally, the suicide indicator with Maarifand et al. (2016).

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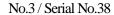
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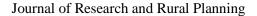
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#### چکیده مبسوط

#### ۱.مقدمه

اوقات فراغت یکی از عوامل مهم تاثیر گذار بر رشد فردی، شکل دادن به هویت اجتماعی و تاثیر گذار بر ایجاد جهانهای اجتماعی است که به دو شــکل قانونی و غیر قانونی رخ میدهد؛ و میتواند به طور ــتقیم و غیر مستقیم بر روی رفاه، آرامش و پارهای دیگر از شاخصهای اجتماعی و اقتصادی خانوارهای روستایی تاثیر بسزایی داشته باشد. گذران اوقات فراغت غیر قانونی که در این پژوهش مورد نظر است با شرطبندی و قمار همراه است. اینگونه تفریحات ناسالم که با آسیبهای اقتصادی و اجتماعی همراه است، دارای اثرات جبران ناپذیری مانند افسردگی، مشکلات خانوادگی، اعتیاد، بیکاری، فقر، طلاق، ورشكستگى، جنايت، خودكشى و غيره مىباشد كه تنش را در میان فرد قمارباز و اء ضای خانوادهاش ایجاد می کند. در جامعه روستایی استان گیلان نیز اوقات فراغت به هر دو شکل قانونی و غیرقانونی وجود دارد. از مشهورترین انواع گذران اوقات فراغت شایع روستایی در منطقه گیلان ورزا جنگ است و یکی از مناطق پر طرفدار برای این نوع از الگوی گذران اوقات فراغت بخش کوچصفهان از توابع شهر ستان ر شت میبا شد. از آنجایی که انجام فعالیتهای گذران او قات فراغت غیر رسمی بر کیفیت زندگی خانوار های رو ستایی دارد لذا توجه و برر سی این مو ضوع ضرورت دارد ؛ برای همین منظور هدف این مطالعه بررسیی اثرات اجتماعی، یکی از فعالیت های این دســ ته از گذران او قات فراغت که در بخش كوچصفهان تحت عنوان ورزا جنگ انجام مي گيرد است.

#### ۲. مبانی نظری تحقیق

اوقات فراغت به عنوان بخشے از زندگی انسان، پدیدهای پیچیده است که به طور گسترده در فلسفه، انسان شناسی فرهنگی، روانشنا سی و به ویژه در جامعه شنا سی مورد برر سی و بحث قرار گرفته است که تا اندازه زیادی محصول سرمایهداری سده بیستم و مفهومی است که از سوی اندیشمندان دارای تعابیر گوناگونی است و در ابتدا به معنای داشتن وقت آزاد به کار گرفته شده است. منظور از وقت آزاد در این دیدگاه، زمان تحت اختیاری است که پس از پرداختن به ضروریات زندگی، در اختیار فرد باقی میماند. همه این رشتهها بر جنبههای خاصی از اوقات فراغت متمرکز شدهاند و بسیاری از ویژگیهای خاص آن در درون آنها شناسایی شده است. گروهی از مردم او قات فراغت را در قالب رویکرد های متعارف و شـناخته شـده و هنجار میشـناسـند و این اوقات فراغت دارای پیامدهای مثبتی که در قالب دیدگاههای مختلف بیان شده است. اما یک گروه اوقات فراغت را در قالب مناسـبات غیررسـمی ادراک می کنند و متناسب با ادراکی که دارند گذران اوقات فراغت را ترسیم می کنند که پیامدهای آن شامل ناهنجاری اجتماعی و فردی و خانوادگی میشود.

#### ۳. روششناسی تحقیق

پژوهش حاضر از نظر هدف، کاربردی و روش انجام آن توصیفی-تحلیلی است. مطالعات نظریهای با استفاده از روش کتابخانهای، دادههای میدانی نیز از طریق پرسشنامه با طیف لیکرت و مشاهده و مصاحبه با خانوارهای روستایی جمع آوری گردید.

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جامعه آماری، خانوار های روستایی دهستان بلسبنه است (N=5819)، ۳۶۲ خانوار روستایی با استفاده از فرمول کوکران انتخاب شد. ابتدا با استفاده از آمار توصیفی، شناختی از ویژگیهای جمعیت شناختی پاسخدهندگان حاصل شد. در ادامه آمار استنباطی تحقیق مورد برر سی قرار گرفته ا ست و به برای تجزیه و تحلیل این اطلاعات ابندا از آزمو نهای t تکنمونهای به بررسی میانگین و اثرات ناهنجاری های اجتماعی و ناهنجاری های فردی و خانوادگی شرطبندی و قمار بر خانوارهای روستایی دهستان بلسبنه پرداخته شد. در مرحله بعد با استفاده از آزمون رتبهای فریدمن به رتبهبندی هریک از شاخصها پرداخته شد و در نهایت با استفاده از تحلیل مسیر به بررسی اثرات مستقیم، غیرمستقیم و کلی هریک از شاخصهای دو مولفه بر این دو متغیر پرداخته شد.

#### ۴. يافتههاي تحقيق

جهت بررسی اثرت قمار بر شاخصهای دو مولفه ناهنجاریهای اجتماعی و فردی از آزمون اتکنمونهای استفاده شد. یافتههای این آزمون نشان می دهد، شاخص استرس فرزندان با میانگین (۳/۹۱۴)، از مولفه ناهنجاریهای فردی و خانوادگی نسبت به سایر شاخصهای این مولفه در سطح بالاتری قرار دارد؛ که این نشان دهنده تاثیرات شرطبندی بر فرزندان در خانواده است. برای بیان نقش و جایگاه هر یک از شاخصهای مورد نظر از آزمون رتبهای فریدمن بهره گرفته شد. نتایج این آزمون نشان داد بیشترین میانگین رتبهای به ترتیب (۳/۹۴۱) و (۳/۸۶۳) به شاخصهای استرس فرزندان و خشونت و تنش اختصاص يافته است. براى تعيين مهمترين شاخصهاى تاثیر گذار بر مولفه ناهنجاریهای اجتماعی از تحلیل مسیر استفاده شده است. نتایج این آزمون با توجه به ضریب Beta نشان می دهد که یک واحد تغییر در انحراف معیار در شاخصهای جرم و جنایت، بیکاری، بی خانمانی، خشونت، بزهکاری و خودکشی به ترتیب (۰/۲۱۶)، (۰/۱۰۰)، (۰/۱۲۰)، (۱۲۲۸)، (۱۳۶۸) و (۲۲۱۶)، موجب تاثیرات ناهنجاریهای اجتماعی در منطقه مورد مطالعه شده است. در میان شاخصهای مولفه ناهنجاریهای اجتماعی بیشترین اثر

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مربوط به جرم و جنایت و کمترین اثر مربوط به شاخص بی خانمانی بوده است. همچنین بررسی شاخصهای تاثیر گذار بر مولفه ناهنجاریهای فردی و خانوادگی نشان میدهد شاخصهای طلاق، اســترس فرزندان، ســلامت رواني، افســردگي و اعتياد به ترتيب (٠/١٢٢)، ٥/٠٥٣)، (٠/٠٨٣)، (٠/٠٢٢) و (٠/٠٨٧)، موجب تاثيرات ناهنجاریهای فردی و خانوادگی در منطقه مورد مطالعه شده است. در میان شاخص های مولفه ناهنجاری های فردی و خانوادگی بیشترین اثر مربوط به سلامت روانی و کمترین اثر مربوط به شاخص استرس فرزندان بوده است.

#### ۵. بحث و نتیجه گیری

شرطبندی و قمار در ورزا جنگ اثرات زیادی بر ناهنجاری های اجتماعی داشته است. خانوارهای روستایی در سطح دهستان بلسبنه با شرط بندی و مسائل اجتماعی مهمی چون ا سترس در فرزندان، خشونت و تنش، جرم جنایت، سلامت روانی ، بیکاری، اعتیاد و افسردگی در خانواده ها که از شاخصهای تاثیرگذار از نتایج بدست آمده در پر سشنامه ها حاصل شده است مواجه هستند. شاخص استرس در فرزندان با با رتبه یک در نتایج آماری در روستاهای مورد مطالعه نشان دهنده تاثيرات منفى عمل شرطبندى سريرست خانوار بر اء ضای خانواده بوده ا ست. خ شونت و تنش در خانواده ها نیز در سطح رو ستاهای مورد مطالعه با از د ست دادن مال و اموال نقدی و غیر نقدی در ارتباط بوده و حتی بعد از هر باختی عصـ بانیت سرپر ست و اعضای خانواده می تواند زندگی را به کام دیگر اعضای خانواده تلخ نماید. از دیگر دلایل اثرات اجتماعی در سطح ده ستان بیکاری بوده است.

كليدواژهها: اوقات فراغت، قمار ، شرطبندی، ورزاجنگ، دهستان

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### Analyzing the Key Drivers of the Effect of Smart Growth Approach on Sustainable Development of Iranian Rural Settlements

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#### **Abstract**

**Purpose-** Nowadays, the smart growth approach plays a significant role in sustainable rural development. This approach seeks to improve the quality of human life and respond to socio-economic, environmental and physical problems and issues and can pave the way for rural management in order to make optimal use of facilities and solve rural problems. The purpose of this study is to identify and analyze the drivers of the effect of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements in Jiroft County .

**Design/methodology/approach-** This study is applied research and it is descriptive-analytical in terms of nature. Data has been collected through documentary and field study. To extract the key drivers of the effect of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements in Jiroft county, a questionnaire has been prepared in the form of a Micmac questionnaire and distributed and completed among the sample community. 36 questionnaires were considered for rural experts, relevant organizations. The data analysis and structural analysis of the effect of smart growth approach indicators on the sustainable development of rural settlements were conducted using Micmac software .

**Finding-** The results showed that among the 57 studied factors, 14 key effective drivers were identified that according to the high score of direct and indirect effect, factors such as utilizing existing infrastructure to increase villagers' employment and income, (direct (+10) indirect (+7205), improving land and housing prices in rural areas, direct (+9) indirect (+6959), villagers' satisfaction of increasing rural relations with outside (city and other villages), direct (+8) indirect (+8356) have the most effect compared to other drivers.

**Keywords-** Drivers, Smart growth, Sustainable development, Rural settlements, Jiroft County.

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#### 1. Introduction

he concept of smart growth and how it works policy includes knowledge, innovation, education and research policies; in which smart growth is less related to planning and more concerned with innovation, education and research policies, while in the United States it is more about planning policies to counter urban sprawl development. And this discussion is rather about urban planning and construction policy, particularly the prevention of urban sprawl (Naldi et al., 2015). The terms smart growth and smart development offer options in the fields of housing, transportation, occupations and amenities (including social, cultural, recreational, educational services) and use comprehensive planning for guidance, design, development, management, rehabilitation and building community (Barca et al., 2012; and Combes & Overman, 2004). In general, this approach considers the relationship between development and quality of life; the features and ideas of smart growth in a community vary from place to place. In a general scenario, smart growth invests time and resources and provides new life for the city center and old dilapidated textures. Smart growth takes the redevelopment of developed areas into consideration; in fact, smart growth proponents would like to optimize existing facilities rather than attempting to build new ones (Tsimpo & Wodon, 2018) which is based on three basic principles: 1- Density and compaction (limiting urban horizontal expansion); 2- Mixed uses (combined uses) with a variety of housing types and 3-Implementation of different modes of transportation with a tendency towards public transportation, pedestrian oriented and bicycle-friendly city (Chen et al., 2020). In other words, smart growth is one of the regional planning strategies that aims to create regional balance and prevent disruption in line with sustainable development goals; to put it another way, "smart growth is the planning, design and development of cities, towns, suburbs and rural areas in which seeks to create and promote social equality, a sense of spatial and social belonging and preserve of natural resources alongside cultural resources." smart growth strategies can provide significant benefits to rural communities by preserving their history and identity, making rural settlements more pleasant and livable, sustainable economic development, creating diverse and more affordable housing options and maintaining ecological sustainability (Michaud, 2013: 4; Tregear & Cooper, 2016) and it is worth noting that the challenges facing

a rural area in other places, even if they are sometimes similar, can never be the same from country to country. Rural areas or villages also deserve significant growth that creates development to promotes people's lives since rural development is essential to accelerate the overall development of any country. Therefore, there is a need for studies, in terms of conceptual aspects and potential indicators and criteria of smart growth and its determining factors, in which analyze each of the effective factors on the growth potential in a diverse set of rural areas (Galli et al., 2020). Indeed, smart growth emphasizes the ability of rural communities to create and develop new opportunities from their own resources (ENRD, 2018; Zavratnik et al., 2018; Naldi et al., 2015). Accordingly, achieving the goals of sustainable development requires comprehensive planning, considering the spatial elements of the regions and its capabilities in order to guide society on the right path toward smart growth and sustainable development (Ghorbani & Noshad, 2008: 164). In fact, the concept of sustainable development has dramatically changed over the last three decades. The concept of sustainable development, nonetheless, is inherently associated with the future (Tibbs, 2011: 13-32). Indeed, smart growth and how to achieve it is not a new concept (Anabestani & Javanshiri, 2017: 188) and varies from region to region (Randhawa and Kumar, 2017). It is possible through the use of advanced technologies (Caragliu & Del Bo, 2018), information and Communication Technology (Fan Nell et al., 2018,) making all life affairs, including activity, transportation, etc. smart. It provides diverse economic, social (Randhawa & Kumar, 2017) and environmental benefits (Litman, 2005) due to its various dimensions (social, economic, physical and biological). Accordingly, one of the strategies proposed in the field of rural sustainability is the smart growth strategy, which is in the form of sustainable development theory. The smart growth approach, therefore, can provide a way out of instability and achieve sustainable development in rural areas. According to the mentioned issues in the study area, the use of futures studies approaches can provide the basis for improving smart growth in order to achieve sustainable development, especially in rural areas. Hence, the purpose of this study is to analyze the key drivers of the effect of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements with a future study approach. Therefore, the present study seeks to reply the following question: what are the key drivers of the effect of the smart growth approach on



the sustainable development of rural settlements in Jiroft County? To answer this question, using MicMac software, the key drivers of the effect of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements are identified and the results can help achieve sustainable development of rural settlements with a smart growth approach. Furthermore, reviewing studies show that no research has been carried out to identify the key drivers of the effect of the smart growth approach on the sustainable development of rural settlements in Jiroft County.

#### 2. Research Theoretical Literature

The term smart growth was coined by Maryland Mayor, Paris Englanderning, from 1994 to 2002. It can be stated that the foundations of this theory in Canada and the United States are a reaction to the developments initiated in the early 1960s (Aaboud et al., 2019). In the mid-1990s, the term smart growth emerged in planning science and quickly became the key word. Whether the term is inherently different from growth management or is essentially just growth management under its attractive name is controversial: In fact, smart growth mentions to principles of development and operations planning in which creates land use pattern and transportation (Tregear & Cooper, 2016). Smart growth considers the redevelopment of developed areas. Indeed, proponents of smart growth would like to optimize existing facilities rather than creating new ones (ICMA, 2007; Brown et al., 2014; Ye et al. 2005). Accordingly, the term "smart growth" is widely applied to describe intensive development patterns that do not reflect the negative features of sporadic growth (Batisani, 2006). Based on this, smart growth approaches contribute to growth and development in rural areas and create a model for development in which supports multiple social goals, including public health goals.

In this regard, with the intensification of these unstable trends since the 1970s, widespread criticism and reactions were provoked against it, which resulted in the emergence and development of more sustainable approaches to physical-spatial development, including the smart growth approach. In fact, the smart growth approach has been proposed as a response to the undesirable features of sprawl (Chen et al., 2020). Accordingly, one of the most comprehensive definitions of the features of this approach is attributed to Anthony Downs, Head of the Brookings Institution Department of Economics, in which smart growth is defined with a quantitative approach including features such as: 1. Controlling peripheral and suburban

development; 2. Reducing travelling by personal vehicles; 3. Endogenous development with emphasis on using abandoned spaces and recreating historical textures; 4. Planning mixed uses and activities in a various way; 5. Encouraging condensation and compact city; 6. Controlling green and open urban space (Naldi et al., 2015: 93). This institute emphasizes that the focus of development, relying on existing infrastructure reduces not only the need to use cars and, consequently, the consumption of fossil fuels, but also the cost of public services such as street construction, disposal system, sewage, water, electricity, gas and telephone supply. The consequences will be the revitalization of urban centers, higher productivity of employees and businesses, diversity of housing types, reduction of poverty, increased social security and improved sense of place (Cosciug et al., 2017). Thus, it should be noted that one of the important preconditions for achieving smart development is to taking the principles of regional planning and the features of the study place into consideration; which means that all regions (developed as well as underdeveloped), can move towards achieving smart development according to their potential and diverse capabilities (in terms of economic conditions, knowledge and innovation capacity) (McCann & Ortega - Argilés, 2015: 1291).

In this regard, the smart growth model introduces the with which components the corresponding developments can be identified. Most of these components are adapted from previous theories and solutions in this field. Indeed, the smart growth model is a package that consists of the following: intensive settlement (city and village) (sustainable development), tendency to public transportation (transportation planning), suitable design for walking and cycling (new urbanism and ruralism), protection of valuable natural and agricultural lands (environment), historical monuments, etc. (SGN, 2012: 9). In this framework, the smart growth model provides the basis for balancing the needs of individuals and sustainable development (Peiser, 2001: 277-278). It should, therefore, be noted that the use of smart growth policies and strategies for rural areas is important and consequently smart development seems vital in order to consider the principles of sustainable development in rural areas. The terms of smart growth and smart development are central to Europe's new 2020 growth strategy, which contains concepts such as "acting based on local capacities and capabilities in future policies" "emphasizing regional benefits,



knowledge and innovation, infrastructure (European Commission, 2010; Barca et al., 2012; and Combes & Overman, 2004). Also, the smart village approach associated with smart growth and smart development includes a change in the villagers' main life style and subsequently leads to the sustainability of these areas (Somwanshi et al. 2016: 395) which flexibly suggests various ways to improve it (Holmes & Thomas, 2015: 151). Consequently, the development of smart villages leads to sustainable development in rural areas in the long run (Beg, 2018: 1) and can improve the quality of life and socio-economic well-being (Beg, 2018: 2; Singh & Patel, 2018).

After an overview of the concept of smart growth as the basis for formulating the concept of sustainable rural development, several related studies in this field are in the following:

Norouzi (2021) believes that the most important indicators of a smart village are in terms of agriculture, industry, services, education, health, etc. and the best conditions in the studied village (Avargan) for the development of a smart village is in the economic dimension while the worst conditions is in the institutional dimension. Babaei et al. (2021) suggest that there are no appropriate conditions for smart growth in the villages of Nazloo-Urmia county and most of the villages are far worse in terms of ecological indicators rather than other indicators. Roknoddin Eftekhari et al. (2020) believe that although the suburban villages of Tehran are greatly affected by the growth and expansion of cities and relations with them, this effect is more manifested in the form of population growth and physical expansion of rural settlements around cities and possess less signs of economic, social and ecological development in the context of sustainable rural development. In addition, none of the villages are in a state of smart growth. Anabestani and Kalateh Mimari (2020) and Anabestani and Javanshiri (2017) have studied the effective indicators in the formation of smart rural development and have determined that economic and physical indicators have the greatest role in this regard. Nazmfar et al. (2019) think that smart growth is one of the main solutions to solve problems for future development; in such a way that smart growth as a long-term strategy has an effective role in organizing by considering all its various dimensions. McGuire et al. (2022) in Rural Northern Ireland (2012-2014) concluded that topdown rural poverty reduction policies should be conducted by local knowledge and the most successful intervention was to improve access to local services

which was strongly dependent on a strong rural transportation support network. Souvik Roy, Dennis Joseph (2021) assume that the Indian smartphone application market is really booming and India ranks first in terms of downloads via Android. However, the functional influence of smartphones is still low in rural India compared to its urban part. Anabestani and Kalateh Mimari (2020) believe that people with higher education and their tendency to stay in rural areas and the establishment of cross-industrial activities such as tourism, food and cultural production are key effective drivers in the formation of rural smart development. Kalinka et al. (2020) assume that the level of local planning (village or neighborhood) is a development challenge for spatial planners. To examine and determine a spatial planning approach based on local

needs, we must identify indicators that can be applied for short-term and long-term analysis of special regions in coastal areas. Cowie et al. (2020) argue that the Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR4) is a term includes a wide range of technological advances that fundamentally changes society in the same way as digital technology did during previous industrial revolutions. It is stated that the debate over the Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR4) is concentrated on the urban core and rural areas are marginalized. It examines these technologies from a rural perspective and considers what effect, either positive or negative can have on rural areas. They showed that the effects of technology (IR4) in rural areas can be as significant as urban areas and seek to understand the aspects of technology (IR4) in rural areas and support the transition to a smart rural future.

Zavratnik et al. (2020), Aziiza & Susanto (2020), and Visvizi & Lytras (2019) proposed a new developmentoriented approach to emphasize that sustainable life is not achieved through technological solutions alone, and one of the major problems in rural areas is limited access to technology and they assumed information and communication technology (ICT) as the main issue in any smart city and rural development plan. Atkočiūnienė & Vaznonienė (2019) revealed that emerging traditional and interested networks are supported by the advancement of digital and telecommunication technologies, the increasing use of bioenergy, and the ability to employ useful knowledge for local people and business development. They promote the strategic development of rural communities; Anabestani & Javanshiri (2018) show that the Creative Rural Economy Index has the greatest effect on the formation of rural smart development.



Reviewing previous sources and researches associated with smart villages and its effect on sustainable rural development, it is inferred that due to the nature of the problem and perceptions, most of these studies examine and analyze smart growth indicators and factors affecting it through various indicators (Socioeconomic, physical and land use, environmental and access and communications, etc) and the most important factors affecting smart rural from the perspective of these researchers are the factors of access, infrastructure, transportation, communications, innovation, knowledge, etc. In this regard, the present study identifies the key drivers of the effect of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements in Jiroft County, by which addressing this issue in rural areas can be an effective step towards achieving sustainable rural development.

#### 3. Research Methodology

#### 3.1. Geographical Scope of the Research

Jiroft County with an area of 9513 square kilometers is located in the Sothern part of Kerman Province with

the longitude of 57°44', the latitude of 28°41' and the average altitude of 690 meter. It is limited to Kerman County from the north, AnbarAbad and Faryab Counties from the south, Bam County from the east and Rabor and Orzuiyeh Counties from the west. The statistical population of this study in quantitative phase is all rural areas of Jiroft County. According to the statistics provided by the Statistics Center of Iran in 2016, Jiroft County has a population of 308,858 people and 92937 households in which 153,153 people with 46543 are urban households and 155698 people with 46392 households are settled in rural areas of the county. In this study, to select sample villages according to the number of villages in the county and with the assumption that smart growth infrastructure is possible in large villages, the experimental group 18 villages in Jiroft county of those over 1000 people was selected using cluster sampling (multi-stage) and the sample size of Cochran.

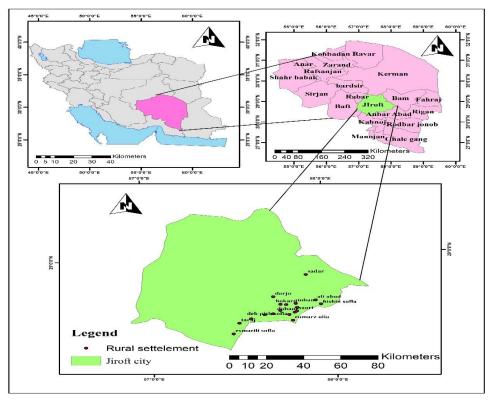


Figure 1. Location of the study area



Table 1. The features of the studied villages

District name	Names of Dehestan	Names of villages	Number of households	Number of populations
	Rezvan	Heshin Sofla	391	1860
Jabalbarez	Saghder	Saghder	463	1564
	Maskon	-	-	-
	Esfandagheh	Dolatabad	1387	4930
		Doboneh	833	3217
	Islam Abad	Deh-pish Sofla	398	1719
		Romorz Olia	406	1471
	Khatunabad	Hukerd	608	2016
Central	d Knatunabad	Golab Sofian Sofla	604	2316
		Aliabad	2174	6170
	Dolat abad	Saghari	681	2265
		Tohan	464	1606
	Halil	Narjo	405	1552
	Halli	Pushtler	450	1552
	Esmaeili	Ismaili Sofla	735	2355
		Dehno Shahsavarkhan	381	1395
Esmaeili	Hossein-Abad	Hossein Abad Dehdar	925	2886
		Konar Sandal	355	1536
	Ganj Abad	Terj	471	1874
Total	11	18	12131	42284

Source: Statistics Center of Iran, 2016 and research findings, 1400

#### 3.2. Methodology

The present research is applied in terms of purpose and descriptive-analytical in terms of nature. Documentary and field methods have been applied to collect data. In expert-oriented methods, there is no precise formula or relationship for estimating sample size. In this type of method, the knowledge and expertise of experts are preferred rather than their quantity. Nevertheless, in futures studies and scenario building, the number of experts should generally not be less than 35 (Godet et al., 2008). The sample population of this study consists of 36 experts, specialists, university professors and executive authorities identified in rural areas. The validity and reliability of the data collection tool

(questionnaire) were confirmed by professors and experts. In addition, benefiting from the theoretical foundations of the research and the opinion of experts guarantees the validity of the questionnaire. The data analysis as well as structural analysis of the effect of smart growth approach indicators on the sustainable development of rural settlements were conducted using MicMac software. First, the effect of indicators was ranged from 0 to four. Second, they were evaluated by experts and specialists using MicMac software. Then, the direct and indirect effects as well as indicators with direct and indirect potential effects and finally the most effective key indicators were identified.

Table 2. Effective components and indicators of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements

Components	Indicators
	(1) reducing the economic costs of rural households, (2) utilizing existing infrastructure to increase
	villagers' employment and income, (3) supporting of economic development programs by the local
	community, (4) increasing innovation in economic activities (new marketing, etc.), (5) reducing the
Economic	dependency ratio in rural households, (6) improving job opportunities and increasing job skills in rural
	areas, (7) moving rural communities towards self-reliance in production, (8) increasing investment in
	the process of innovative businesses (9) using local resources to strengthen the rural economy, (10)
	increasing the entrepreneurial spirit, starting and encouraging new local businesses, (11) reducing



Components	Indicators				
	poverty among rural households, (12) improving savings capacity and increasing investment opportunities in rural areas, (13) improving land and housing prices in rural areas, (14) increasing the share of rural residents in the production of agricultural and non-agricultural products, (15) improving the income sources of villagers				
Socio-cultural	(1) increasing the tendency of educated people to stay in the village, (2) improving the situation of civic associations and non-governmental organizations (Basij, wheat farmers, etc.), (3) villagers' satisfaction of well-being and happiness in the village (4) villagers' satisfaction of the social security in the village, (5) villagers' satisfaction of improving the quality of life in rural areas, (6) villagers' participation in decision-making for projects by local managers, (7) villagers' participation in the implementation process of projects by local managers, (8) villagers' participation in the process of operation and maintenance of projects by local managers, (9) villagers' trust to local managers and rural planners, (10) villagers' satisfaction of improved road communications, sidewalks and important path transportation of rural settlements, (11) improving the quality of access to services and amenities and infrastructural possibilities in the village, (12) villagers' satisfaction of access to public transport and its costs (taxi, bus, minibus, etc.) in the village, (13) villagers' satisfaction of increasing rural relations with outside (city and other villages), (14) villagers' satisfaction of expansion and development of information and communication technology (ICT) and increasing rural participation, (15) villagers' satisfaction of access to technology, initiative and innovation in rural areas, (16) villagers' satisfaction of smart payment systems for local taxes and expenses, (17) benefiting from technological solutions in order to achieve sustainable living.				
Environmental	(1) improving the protection of agricultural lands and gardens of the village by the people and local managers, (2) preserving of historical and cultural monuments in the village, (3) protecting landscapes and natural ecosystems in the village, (4) encouraging redevelopment of natural and historical areas of the village and its surroundings, (5) managing optimal fuel and energy consumption in the village, (6) using clean and renewable energy in the village, (7) villagers' satisfaction of reducing environmental pollution in the village, (8) reducing and improving of waste production in rural settlements (9) creating livable areas in rural settlements, (10) developing abandoned lands of rural settlements, (11) improving forest and rangeland cover in the study area, (12) improving the protection of water and soil quality in the region.				
Physical- spatial	(1) constructing and designing intensively in physical context integrating high density land uses in rural settlements, (2) developing dwelling units outside the approved area of the rural guide plan, (3) intensive activity (agricultural and non-agricultural) in rural settlements, (4) villagers' satisfaction of population density in the village, (5) supervising on constructions by rural manager to guide the physical development of the village, (6) villagers' satisfaction of housing construction for different tastes and special needs and the multiplicity of housing patterns, (7) providing appropriate design of buildings to prevent energy waste in them, (8) attempting to reduce the distance between housing, work, education and meeting daily needs, (9) reconstructing and renovating textures in old areas (recreating) of rural settlements, (10) paying attention to hybrid (mixed) uses and developing access to services at the settlement level, (11) paying attention to the endogenous (infill) development process and choosing the appropriate development position in the rural settlement, (12) improving the quality of accesses (on foot and by vehicle) at the settlement level, (13) villagers' satisfaction of the visual quality of public spaces (exterior construction, network of passages and their elements) in the village				

#### 4. Research findings

The descriptive findings of the study show that out of the total number of respondents to the questionnaires, 11 (35.5) are male and 20 (64.5) are female, and, 5 (16.1) are bachelor. 6 (19.4) have a master's degree and 20 (64.5) have a doctorate. Using field and library studies, the most important

factors affecting the smart growth approach on the sustainable development of rural settlements were identified. Then, employing the structural equation model (MicMac), the degree of affected or affecting of the identified factors was determined (Table 3). According to the dimensions of economic, socio-cultural, environmental and



physical-spatial matrix, their filling degree is between 91 to 94%, which indicates that the selected factors have a relatively large effect on each other. Out of the 769 relationships that can be evaluated in these matrices, 58 have zero number, which means that the factors did not affect or were not affected by one another. 197 relationships were number one, meaning they had little effect on each other, 386 relationships were number two, indicating they had a relatively strong effective relationship, and 186 were number three, illustrating key factor relationships were very high

and they have had high affected and affecting levels. Finally, there was no relationship with the value of p, which indicates the potential and indirect relationships of the factors (Table 3).

## 4.1. Economic drivers of the effect of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements

As can be seen, the direct effects and indirect effects of in the output scatter plot in Figure (2), the most distributed and scattered indicators are the effective variables.

Table 3. Analysis of matrix data and cross-effects

Matrix information	Amount (economic)	Amount (socio- cultural)	Amount (environmental)	Amount (physical- spatial)
Matrix dimensions	15	17	12	13
The number of repetitions	2	2	2	2
Number zero	16	17	12	13
Number one	50	56	21	70
Number two	108	142	71	65
Number three	51	74	40	21
Number P	0	0	0	0
Total	209	272	132	156
Degree of filling	92.88889%	94.11765%	91.66666%	92.30769%

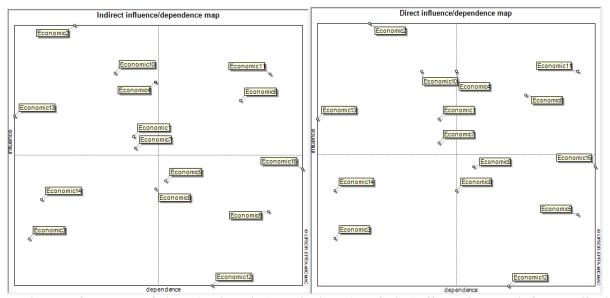


Figure 2. Map of the status of direct (a: right side) and indirect (b: left side) effects of economic factors affecting the smart growth approach on sustainable development



Table 4. Status analysis of the effect of economic factors of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements

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Variable type	Relevant indicators				
Effective variables	Reducing the economic costs of rural households (1), increasing the entrepreneurial spirit, starting and encouraging new local businesses (10), utilizing existing infrastructure to increase villagers' employment and income (2), improving land and housing prices in rural areas (13)				
Impressive variables	Improving the income sources of villagers (15), improving savings capacity and increasing investment opportunities in rural areas (12), reducing the dependency ratio in rural households (5)				
Independent variables (discrete)	Supporting of economic development programs by the local community (3)				
Independent variables (secondary leverage)	Increasing the share of rural residents in the production of agricultural and non-agricultural products (14)				
Independent variables (regulatory)	Moving rural communities towards self-reliance in production (7), increasing investment in the process of innovative businesses (8), using local resources to strengthen the rural economy (9)				
Bidirectional variables (risk)	Increasing innovation in economic activities (new marketing, etc.) (4)				
Bidirectional variables (objective)	Improving job opportunities and increasing job skills in rural areas (6), reducing poverty among rural households (11)				

In this regard, according to Figure 3 (a) on the right side among the 15 variables investigated as indicators of economic factors, utilizing existing infrastructure to increase villagers' employment and income (33), increasing innovation in economic activities (new marketing, etc.) (31),

increasing the entrepreneurial spirit, starting and encouraging new local businesses (31), reducing poverty among rural households (31) respectively calculated the highest column value and had the highest effect rather than other variables.

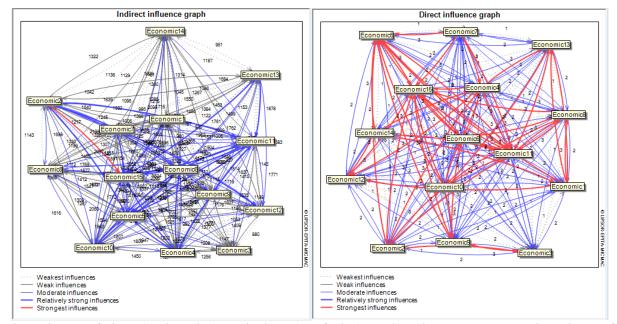


Figure 3. Map of direct (a: right side) and indirect (b: left side) relationships between economic variables of smart rural growth

In other words, the most important feature of these variables is low affected and high affecting level. In indirect effect of variables on each other, the software computed the variables' exponent of 2, 3, 4, 5 and consequently the relevant effects are

calculated, among which the variables of improving the income sources of villagers (28054), reducing poverty among rural households (26672), reducing the dependency ratio in rural households (26605), improving job opportunities and



increasing job skills in rural areas (25406), improving savings capacity and increasing investment opportunities in rural areas (24195), using local resources to strengthen the rural economy (22219), increasing investment in the process of innovative businesses (21797), increasing innovation in economic activities (new marketing, etc.) (21787), had the highest column value and were most affected by the other variables (Figure 3b left side).

According to the direct and indirect effect matrix in Figure (4), it can be noted that indicators of utilizing existing infrastructure to increase

villagers' employment and income, increasing innovation in economic activities (new marketing, etc.), increasing the entrepreneurial spirit, starting and encouraging new local businesses ranked first to third in terms of direct effect, respectively, had the largest share associated with the issue of rural smart growth. In the right side of Figure (4), the variables of utilizing existing infrastructure to increase villagers' employment and income, increasing the entrepreneurial spirit, starting and encouraging new local businesses, reducing poverty among rural households are ranked first to third, respectively, in terms of indirect effect.

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Figure 4. Classification of economic variables based on the degree of direct (left side) and indirect (right side) effect

According to direct and indirect dependency matrix in Figure (5), it can be noted that improving the income sources of villagers, reducing the dependency ratio in rural households, reducing poverty among rural households are ranked first to third in direct dependency, respectively, and had the largest share related to the issue of rural smart growth. In the right side of Figure (5), the variables of improving the income sources of villagers, reducing poverty among rural households,

Figure 5. Classification of economic variables based on the degree of direct (left side) and indirect (right side) dependency

reducing the dependency ratio in rural households are ranked first to third in indirect dependency, respectively.

2.4. Socio-cultural drivers of the effect of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements

As illustrated, the direct effects and indirect effects in the output scatter plot in Figure (6), the most distributed and scattered indicators are the dichotomous and independent variables.



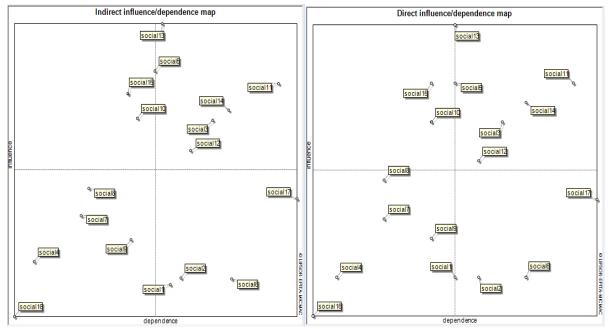


Figure 6. Map of the status of direct (a: right side) and indirect (b: left side) effects of Socio-cultural factors affecting the smart growth approach on sustainable development

Table 5. Status analysis of the effect of Socio-cultural factors of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements

Variable type	Relevant indicators
Effective variables	Villagers' satisfaction of access to technology, initiative and innovation in rural areas (15), villagers' satisfaction of improved road communications, sidewalks and important path transportation of rural settlements (10)
Impressive variables	Increasing the tendency of educated people to stay in the village (1), improving the situation of civic associations and non-governmental organizations (Basij, wheat farmers, etc.) (2), villagers' participation in decision-making for projects by local managers (6), benefiting from technological solutions in order to achieve sustainable living (17)
Independent variables (discrete)	Villagers' satisfaction of the social security in the village (4), villagers' satisfaction of smart payment systems for local taxes and expenses (16)
Independent variables (secondary leverage)	Villagers' participation in the implementation process of projects by local managers (7), villagers' participation in the process of operation and maintenance of projects by local managers (8), villagers' trust to local managers and rural planners (9)
Independent variables (regulatory)	Villagers' satisfaction of access to public transport and its costs (taxi, bus, minibus, etc.) in the village (12)
Bidirectional variables (risk)	Villagers' satisfaction of increasing rural relations with outside (city and other villages) (13), villagers' satisfaction of improving the quality of life in rural areas (5)
Bidirectional variables (objective)	Villagers' satisfaction of expansion and development of information and communication technology (ICT) and increasing rural participation (14), villagers' satisfaction of well-being and happiness in the village (3), improving the quality of access to services and amenities and infrastructural possibilities in the village (11)

In this regard, according to Figure 7 (a) on the right side among the 17 variables of socio-cultural factors, villagers' satisfaction of increasing rural relations with outside (city and other villages) (41), villagers' satisfaction of improving the quality of

life in rural areas (38), improving the quality of access to services and amenities and infrastructural possibilities in the village (38), villagers' satisfaction of access to technology, initiative and innovation in rural areas (38), villagers' satisfaction



of expansion and development of information and communication technology (ICT) and increasing rural participation (37), villagers' satisfaction of improved road communications, sidewalks and important path transportation of rural settlements (36), villagers' satisfaction of access to public transport and its costs (taxi, bus, minibus, etc.) in the village (34), villagers' participation in the process of operation and maintenance of projects by local managers (33) respectively calculated the highest column value and had the highest effect rather than other variables. In other words, the most significant feature of these variables is low affected and high affecting level. In indirect effect of variables on each other, the software computed the

variables' exponent of 2, 3, 4, 5 and consequently the relevant effects are calculated. The variables of benefiting from technological solutions in order to achieve sustainable living (42257), improving the quality of access to services and amenities and infrastructural possibilities in the village (41475), villagers' participation in decision-making for projects by local managers (39484), villagers' satisfaction of expansion and development of information and communication technology (ICT) and increasing rural participation (39362) had the highest calculated column value, respectively, and had the highest effect on other variables (Figure 7b left side).

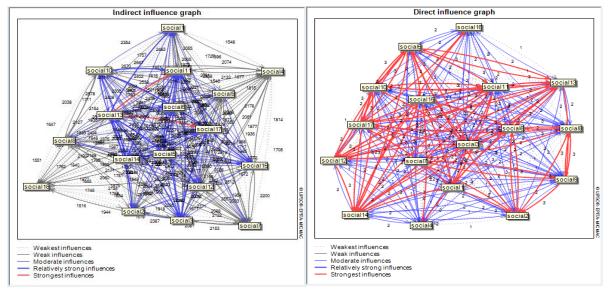


Figure 7. Map of direct (a right) and indirect (b left) relationships between Socio-cultural variables of smart rural growth

According to the direct and indirect effect matrix in Figure (8), it can be noted that indicators of villagers' satisfaction of increasing rural relations with outside (city and other villages), villagers' satisfaction of improving the quality of life in rural areas, improving the quality of access to services and amenities and infrastructural possibilities in the village ranked first to third in terms of direct effect, respectively, which had the largest share related to the issue of rural smart growth. In the right side of Figure (8), the variables of villagers' satisfaction of increasing rural relations with outside (city and other villages), villagers' satisfaction of improving the quality of life in rural areas, improving the quality of access to services and amenities and infrastructural possibilities in the village

are ranked first to third, respectively, in terms of indirect effect. According to direct and indirect dependency matrix in Figure (9), it can be concluded that benefiting from technological solutions in order to achieve sustainable living, improving the quality of access to services and amenities and infrastructural possibilities in the village, villagers' participation in decision-making for projects by local managers are ranked first to third in direct dependency, respectively, and had the largest share associated with the issue of rural smart growth. In the right side of Figure (9), the variables of benefiting from technological solutions in order to achieve sustainable living, improving the quality of access to services and amenities and infrastructural possibilities in the village, villagers'



participation in decision-making for projects by local managers are ranked first to third in indirect dependency, respectively.

4.3. Environmental drivers of the effect of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements

The direct effects and indirect effects of in the output scatter plot in Figure (10) depicted that the most distributed and scattered indicators are the effective variables.

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Figure 8. Classification of socio-cultural variables based on the degree of direct (left side) and indirect (right side) effect

Figure 9. Classification of socio-cultural variables based on the degree of direct (left side) and indirect (right side) dependency

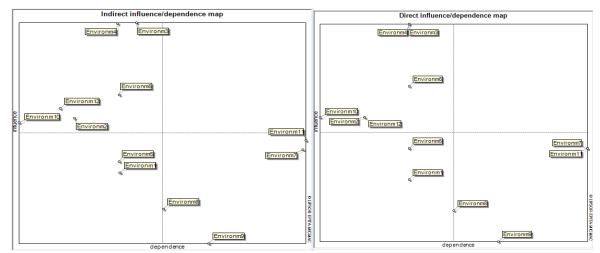


Figure 10. Map of the status of direct (a: right side) and indirect (b: left side) effects of environmental factors affecting the smart growth approach on sustainable development



Table 6. Status analysis of the effect of environmental factors of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements

	development of rural settlements
Variable type	Relevant indicators
Effective variables	Encouraging redevelopment of natural and historical areas of the village and its surroundings (4), protecting landscapes and natural ecosystems in the village (3), developing abandoned lands of rural settlements (10), preserving of historical and cultural monuments in the village (2), using clean and renewable energy in the village (6), improving the protection of water and soil quality in the region (12)
Impressive variables	Reducing and improving of waste production in rural settlements (8), villagers' satisfaction of reducing environmental pollution in the village (7), improving forest and rangeland cover in the study area (11), creating livable areas in rural settlement s(9)
Independent variables (discrete)	-
Independent variables (secondary leverage)	Improving the protection of agricultural lands and gardens of the village by the people and local managers (1)
Independent variables (regulatory)	Managing optimal fuel and energy consumption in the village (5)
Bidirectional variables (risk)	-
Bidirectional variables (objective)	-

Based on Figure 11 (a) on the right side among the 12 variables studied as indicators of environmental factors, encouraging redevelopment of natural and historical areas of the village and its surroundings (27), protecting landscapes and natural ecosystems in the village (27), using clean and renewable energy in the village (25), preserving of historical and cultural monuments in the village (24),

developing abandoned lands of rural settlements (24), improving the protection of water and soil quality in the region (24) respectively calculated the highest column value and had the highest effect rather than other variables. In other words, the most noticeable feature of these variables is low affected and high affecting level.

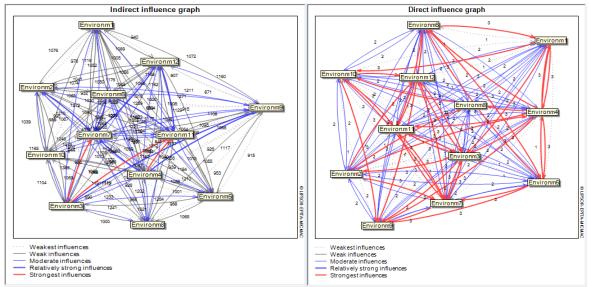


Figure 11. Map of direct (a: right side) and indirect (b: left side) relationships between environmental variables of smart rural growth



In indirect effect of variables on each other, the software computed the variables' exponent of 2, 3, 4, 5 and consequently the relevant effects are calculated. The variables of improving forest and rangeland cover in the study area (14811), villagers' satisfaction of reducing environmental pollution in the village (14777), creating livable areas in rural settlements (13748), reducing and improving of waste production in rural settlements (13254) had the highest column value and were most affected by the other variables (Figure 11b left side).

According to the direct and indirect effect matrix in Figure (12), it can be noted that indicators of protecting landscapes and natural ecosystems in the village, encouraging redevelopment of natural and historical areas of the village and its surroundings, using clean and renewable energy in the village ranked first to third in terms of direct effect, respectively, and had the largest share related to the issue of rural smart growth. In the right side of Figure (12), the variables of protecting landscapes and natural ecosystems in the village, encouraging redevelopment of natural and historical areas of the village and its surroundings,

using clean and renewable energy in the village are ranked first to third, respectively, in terms of indirect effect. Based on direct and indirect dependency matrix in Figure (13), villagers' satisfaction of reducing environmental pollution in the village, improving forest and rangeland cover in the study area, creating livable areas in rural settlements are ranked first to third in direct dependency, respectively, and had the largest share in terms of the issue of rural smart growth. In the right side of Figure (13), the variables of improving forest and rangeland cover in the study area, villagers' satisfaction of reducing environmental pollution in the village, creating livable areas in rural settlements are ranked first to third in indirect dependency, respectively.

# 4.4. Physical-spatial drivers of the effect of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements

The direct effects and indirect effects in the output scatter plot in Figure (14) illustrated that the most distributed and scattered indicators are the effective variables.

#### Classify variables according to their influences

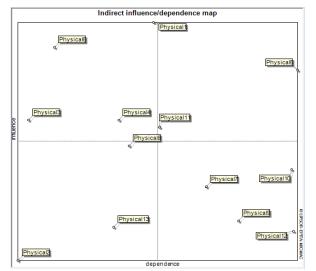
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Figure 12. Classification of environmental variables based on the degree of direct (left side) and indirect (right side) effect

Figure 13. Classification of environmental variables based on the degree of direct (left side) and indirect (right side) dependency





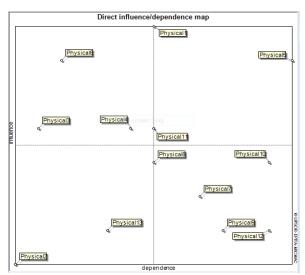


Figure 14. Map of the status of direct (a: right side) and indirect (b: left side) effects of physical-spatial factors affecting the smart growth approach on sustainable development

Table 7. Status analysis of the effect of physical-spatial factors of smart growth approach on sustainable development of rural settlements

	development of rural settlements
Variable type	Relevant indicators
Effective variables	Villagers' satisfaction of housing construction for different tastes and special needs and the multiplicity of housing patterns (6), intensive activity (agricultural and non-agricultural) in rural settlements (3)
Impressive variables	Providing appropriate design of buildings to prevent energy waste in them (7), reconstructing and renovating textures in old areas (recreating) of rural settlements (9), paying attention to hybrid (mixed) uses and developing access to services at the settlement level (10), improving the quality of accesses (on foot and by vehicle) at the settlement level (12)
Independent variables (discrete)	Developing dwelling units outside the approved area of the rural guide plan (2)
Independent variables (secondary leverage)	Villagers' satisfaction of the visual quality of public spaces (exterior construction, network of passages and their elements) in the village (13)
Independent variables (regulatory)	Villagers' satisfaction of population density in the village (4), attempting to reduce the distance between housing, work, education and meeting daily needs (8), paying attention to the endogenous (infill) development process and choosing the appropriate development position in the rural settlement (11)
Bidirectional variables (risk)	Constructing and designing intensively in physical context integrating high density land uses in rural settlements (1)
Bidirectional variables (objective)	Supervising on constructions by rural manager to guide the physical development of the village (5)

According to Figure 15 (a) on the right side among the 13 variables investigated as indicators of physical-spatial factors, the variables of constructing and designing intensively in physical context integrating high density land uses in rural settlements (24), supervising on constructions by rural manager to guide the physical development of the village (23), villagers' satisfaction of housing construction for different tastes and special needs and the multiplicity of housing patterns (23) respectively calculated the highest column value

and had the highest effect rather than other variables. In fact, the most notable feature of these variables is low affected and high affecting level. In indirect effect of variables on each other, the software computed the variables' exponent of 2, 3, 4, 5 and consequently the relevant effects are calculated. The variables of supervising on constructions by rural manager to guide the physical development of the village (10391), improving the quality of accesses (on foot and by vehicle) at the settlement level (10327), paying



attention to hybrid (mixed) uses and developing access to services at the settlement level (10298) had the highest column value and were most

affected by the other variables (Figure 15b left side).

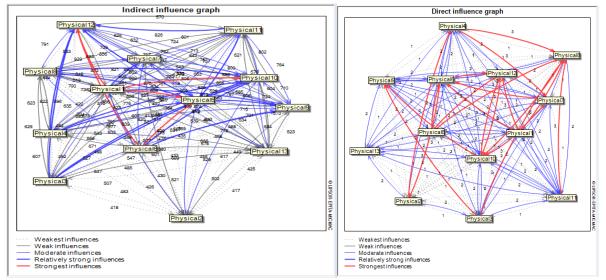


Figure 15. Map of direct (a: right side) and indirect (b: left side) relationships between physical-spatial variables of smart rural growth

According to the direct and indirect effect matrix in Figure (16), it can be noted that indicators of constructing and designing intensively in physical context integrating high density land uses in rural settlements, supervising on constructions by rural manager to guide the physical development of the

village, villagers' satisfaction of housing construction for different tastes and special needs and the multiplicity of housing patterns ranked first to third in terms of direct effect, respectively, and had the largest share related to the issue of rural smart growth.

#### Classify variables according to their influences

#### Classement par dépendance

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Rank	Variable	Variable		Rank	Variable	Variable	
1	1 - Physical1	1 - Physical1		1	5 - Physical5	5 - Physical5	]
2	5 - Physical5	 6 - Physical6		2	10 - Physical10	 12 - Physical12	]
3	6 - Physical6	 5 - Physical5		3	12 - Physical12	 10 - Physical10	]
4	3 - Physical3	3 - Physical3		4	9 - Physical9	9 - Physical9	]
5	4 - Physical4	4 - Physical4		5	7 - Physical7	7 - Physical7	]
6	11 - Physical11	11 - Physical11		6	1 - Physical1	 11 - Physical11	1
7	8 - Physical8	8 - Physical8		7	8 - Physical8	1 - Physical1	]
8	10 - Physical10	10 - Physical10	0	8	11 - Physical11	8 - Physical8	0
9	7 - Physical7	7 - Physical7	E S	9	4 - Physical4	4 - Physical4	1₩
10	9 - Physical9	9 - Physical9	OR-E	10	13 - Physical13	13 - Physical13	OR-E
11	12 - Physical12	 13 - Physical13	PITA	11	6 - Physical6	6 - Physical6	PITA
12	13 - Physical13	 12 - Physical12	Š	12	3 - Physical3	3 - Physical3	Š
13	2 - Physical2	2 - Physical2	MAC	13	2 - Physical2	2 - Physical2	ě

Figure 16. Classification of physical-spatial variables based on the degree of direct (left side) and indirect (right side) effect

Figure 17. Classification of physical-spatial variables based on the degree of direct (left side) and indirect (right side) dependency



Based on direct and indirect dependency matrix in Figure (17), supervising on constructions by rural manager to guide the physical development of the village, paying attention to hybrid (mixed) uses and developing access to services at the settlement level, paying attention to the endogenous (infill) development process and choosing the appropriate development position in the rural settlement, respectively, and had the largest share in terms of the issue of rural smart growth.

#### 5. Discussion and Conclusion

Identifying and analyzing the key drivers of the effect of the smart growth approach as a tool for sustainable rural development has been studied. If the key drivers of smart growth are considered as an infrastructure for sustainable rural development, it can reduce the negative effects associated with this issue. In addition, the necessary and executive planning to increase and improve the key drivers of smart growth can contribute to the process of sustainable rural development. In fact, this study has been conducted with the aim of identifying the key drivers of the smart growth approach on the sustainable development of rural settlements in Jiroft County. To achieve it, first 36 experts, specialists, university professors and executive authorities were selected as a sample to participate in this research, and in the next stage, using the Delphi method and a questionnaire the most important key drivers of the effect of smart growth

approach on sustainable development of rural settlements in Jiroft County were identified and scored. a Total of 57 indicators in 4 categories of economic, socio-cultural, environmental and physical-spatial factors formed cross-matrix and in the next stage using MicMac software, the obtained weights were applied and the intensity of direct and indirect effect of variables and finally 14 key drivers were recognized as the most important future drivers of smart growth on the sustainable development of rural settlements in Jiroft County. Ultimately, the key drivers affecting the formation of smart rural growth are extracted and presented in Table (8). The drivers included utilizing existing infrastructure to increase villagers' employment and income with a net effect of (+10), improving land and housing prices in rural areas with a net effect of (+9), villagers' satisfaction of increasing rural relations with outside (city and other villages) (+8), villagers' satisfaction of access to technology, initiative and innovation in rural areas with a net effect of (+6), encouraging redevelopment of natural and historical areas of the village and its surroundings with a net effect of (+4), villagers' satisfaction of housing construction for different tastes and special needs and the multiplicity of housing patterns with a net effect of (+7), intensive activity (agricultural and Non-agricultural) in rural settlements with a net effect of (+6).

Table 8. Final Key drivers for forming smart rural growth based on structural analysis model

Row	Predators	Net direct impact	Net indirect effect
1	Utilizing existing infrastructure to increase villagers' employment and income	+10	+7205
2	improving land and housing prices in rural areas	+9	+6959
3	increasing the entrepreneurial spirit, starting and encouraging new local businesses	+5	+4004
4	increasing innovation in economic activities (new marketing, etc.)	+3	+2005
5	villagers' satisfaction of increasing rural relations with outside (city and other villages)	+8	+8356
6	villagers' satisfaction of access to technology, initiative and innovation in rural areas	+6	+5990
7	villagers' satisfaction of improving the quality of life in rural areas	+5	+6084
8	villagers' satisfaction of improved road communications, sidewalks and important path transportation of rural settlements	+4	+4248
9	encouraging redevelopment of natural and historical areas of the village and its surroundings	+4	+2002
10	protecting landscapes and natural ecosystems in the village	+4	+1809
11	developing abandoned lands of rural settlements	+3	+1510
12	villagers' satisfaction of housing construction for different tastes and special needs and the multiplicity of housing patterns	+7	+2793
13	intensive activity (agricultural and non-agricultural) in rural settlements	+6	+2398
14	constructing and designing intensively in physical context integrating high density land uses in rural settlements	+4	+1531



In this section, the findings of the study were compared with the results of other researchers. The findings of this study is consistent with the results of the study by Anabestani & Kalateh Mimari (2020) in which identified indicators of increasing people with higher education and their tendency toward staying in rural areas and establishing cross-industrial activities such as tourism, food and cultural production as key effective drivers on the formation of smart rural development in this regard. The results of the study by Zavratnik et al. (2020), Aziiza & Susanto (2020) and Visvizi & D. Lytras (2019) emphasize that sustainable life is not achieved only through technological solutions and the main problems of rural areas are limited access to technology. Consequently, they considered information and communication technology (ICT) as the main issue in any smart urban and rural development plan which is in line with the results of this study. It is also in agreement with the research by Elgar, Stefaniak, & Wohl, (2020) according to which smart growth indicators are effective process of in the sustainable development. Furthermore, it is consistent with Tregear & Cooper (2016) believing that smart growth can contribute to maintaining ecological, social, economic and physical sustainability by making rural settlements more livable, sustainable economic development, creating diverse and affordable housing options and therefore has significant benefits for rural communities. It is also in line with research by Tsimpo & Wodon (2018) that the combined use of smart growth indicators

can lead to the benefits of financial and economic sustainability and thus help to receive more local taxes, recognizing the occupations and local benefits which may attract more people. The more people shop in an area, the more economic activity will be. Accordingly, smart growth offers options in the field of housing, transportation, occupations and welfare facilities (including social, cultural, recreational, educational services) and uses comprehensive planning to guide, design, develop, manage, revitalize and build communities. In general, this approach considers the relationship between development and quality of life. The features and ideas of smart growth in a community vary from place to place. In a general scenario, smart growth invests time and resources and provides new life for rural centers and worn-out old structures. Smart growth takes into account the redevelopment of developed areas. In fact, proponents of smart growth would like to optimize existing facilities rather than building new ones.

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# تحلیل پیشرانهای کلیدی اثرگذاری رهیافت رشد هوشمند بر توسعه پایدار سکونتگاههای روستایی ایران

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#### چکیده مبسوط

#### ۱.مقدمه

امروزه رهیافت رشد هوشمند نقش بسیار مهمی در توسعه پایدار روستایی دارد. این رویکرد تلاش می کند کیفیت زندگی انسانها را ارتقاء دهد و درصدد پاسخگویی به مسائل و مشکلات اجتماعی-اقتصادی، زیستمحیطی و کالبدی است و میتواند راهگشای مدیریت روستایی برای استفاده بهینه از امکانات و حل معضلات روستایی باشد. درواقع رهیافت رشد هوشمند می تواند مسیری را برای برون رفت از ناپایداری و رسیدن به توسعه پایدار را در نواحی روستایی فراهم نماید. بر این اساس، با توجه به مباحث یاد شده در منطقه مورد مطالعه بهره گیری از رویکردهای آینده پژوهی می تولند زمینه را جهت بهبود رشد هوشمند در راستای دستیابی به توسعه پایدار بویژه در نواحی روستایی فراهم کند. بر این اساس هدف مطالعه حاضر تحلیل پیشرانهای کلیدی اثرگذاری رهیافت رشد هوشمند بر توسعه پایدار سکونتگاههای روستایی با رهیافت آیندهپژوهی می باشد. لذا پژوهش حاضر در پی پاسخ گویی به این سوال است که پیشرانهای کلیدی اثر گذاری رهیافت رشد هوشمند بر توسعه پایدار سکونتگاههای روستایی شهرستان جیرفت کدام اند؟

#### ۲. مبانی نظری تحقیق

رشد هوشمند به اصولی از توسعه و عملیات برنامه ریزی اشاره دارد که الگوی کاربری زمین و حمل و نقل موثر را ایجاد کرده است. به گونه

در واقع طرفداران رشد هوشمند پیش از آنکه درصدد ساختن تأسيسات جديد باشند خواهان بهينه كردن تاسيسات موجود هستند. بر این اساس اصطلاح "رشد هوشمند" به طور گسترده ای برای توصیف الگوهای فشرده توسعه که ویژگی های منفی رشد پراکنده را به تصویر نمی کشد، به کار گرفته می شود. بر این بنیان رویکردهای رشد هوشمند به رشد و توسعه در مناطق روستایی و ایجاد الگویی برای توسعه کمک می کند که اهداف اجتماعی چندگانه، از جمله اهداف سلامت عمومی را پشتیبانی می کند. با مرور منابع و تحقیقات پیشین مرتبط با هوشمندسازی روستاها و تاثیر گذاری آن برتوسعه پایدار روســتایی این گونه اســتنباط می شــود که با توجه به ماهیت مسئله و برداشتها، بیشتر این تحقیقات به بررسی و تحلیل شاخص های رشد هوشمند و عوامل موثر بر آن از طریق شاخص مختلف (اجتماعی- اقتصادی، کالبدی و کاربری اراضی، زیستمحیطی و دسترسی و ارتباطات و...پرداخته اند. و مهمترین عوامل موثر در زمینه هوشمندسازی روستاها از دیدگاه این پژوهشگران عوامل دسترسی، زیرساخت ها، حمل و نقل، ارتباطات، نوآوری و دانش و.... میباشد.

#### ٣. روششناسي تحقيق

تحقیق حاضر بر اساس هدف از نوع کاربردی و بر اساس ماهیت، توصیفی- تحلیلی است. که برای جمع آوری اطلاعات از روش اسنادی و میدانی استفاده شده است. در روشهای خبرهمحور، فرمول یا رابطهٔ دقیقی برای برآورد حجم نمونه وجود ندارد. در این نوع روشها دانش

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آینده پژوهی و سناریونگاری عموماً تعداد خبرگان نباید کمتر از ۳۵ نفر باشد. جامعه نمونه این پژوهش را ۳۶ نفر از کارشناسان، متخصصان و استادان دانشگاهی و مسئولان اجرایی شناسایی شده در حوزه روستایی تشکیل می دهند. اعتبار و روایی ابزار گردآوری اطلاعات (پرسش نامه) را استادان و خبرگان تایید کردند. برای تجزیه و تحلیل داده ها و تحلیل ساختاری تاثیر گذاری شاخص های رهیافت رشد هوشمند بر توسعه پایدار سکونتگاه های روستایی از نرم افزار Micmac استفاده شد، که در ابتدا تاثیر متغیرها نسبت به یکدیگر از صفر تا چهار بر اساس طیف تعریف شد، در این نرم افزار و زیر نظر کارشناسان و متخصصان ارزش گذاری شد، سپس تاثیرات مستقیم و غیر مستقیم و همچنین شاخصهای دارای پتانسیل اثر گذار و اثرپذیر مستقیم و غیرمستقیم و در نهایت تاثیرگذارترین شاخص های کلیدی شناسایی شده است.

#### ۴. يافتههاي تحقيق

شناسایی و تحلیل پیشران های کلیدی اثرگذاری رهیافت رشد هوشمند به عنوان ابزاری برای توسعه پایدار روستایی مورد مطالعه قرار گرفته است. لذا در صورتی که پیشران های کلیدی رشد هوشمند به عنوان زیر ساختی برای توسعه پایدار روستایی در نظر گرفته شود، می تواند تأثیرات منفی مرتبط با این مقوله را کاهش دهد. همچنین با برنامهریزی های لازم و اجرایی برای افزایش و بهبود پیشران های کلیدی رشد هوشمند می توان به فرآیند توسعه پایدار روستایی کمک کرد. در واقع این پژوهش با هدف شناسایی پیشران های کلیدی اثر گذار رهیافت رشد هوشمند بر توسعه پایدار سکونتگاه های روستایی شهرستان جیرفت تدوین شده است. برای رسیدن به هدف مورد نظر، نخست تعداد ۳۶ نفر از کارشناسان، متخصصان و استادان دانشگاهی و مسئولان اجرایی به عنوان نمونه برای مشارکت در این پژوهش انتخاب شد و در مرحله بعد با روش دلفی و از طریق پرسـشـنامه به شـناسـایی و امتیاز دهی مهم ترین پیشران های پیشران های کلیدی اثر گذار رهیافت رشد هوشمند بر توسعه پایدار سکونتگاه های روستایی شهرستان جیرفت اقدام شد که در مجموع ۵۷ شـاخص در ۴ دسـته عوامل اقتصـادی، اجتماعی-فرهنگی، محیطی و کالبدی- فضایی ماتریس های متقاطع را تشکیل

دادند و در مرحله ی بعد با استفاده از نرم افزار میک مک وزن های بدست آمده اعمال و شدت تاثیرگذاری و تاثیرپذیری مستقیم و غیرمستقیم متغیرها و در نهایت ۱۴ پیشران کلیدی به عنوان مهم ترین پیشــران های آتی تاثیرگذار رشــد هوشــمند بر توسـعه پایدار سکونتگاه های روستایی شهرستان جیرفت شناخته شدند.

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#### ۵. بحث و نتیجهگیری

۱۴ پیشـرانهای کلیدی تاثیرگذار بر شـکلگیری رشـد هوشـمند روستایی عبارتند از بهرهوری از زیرساختهای موجود در راستای افزایش اشتغال و درآمد روستاییان با مقدار اثر گذاری خالص(۱۰+)، بهبود قیمت اراضی و مسکن در سطح روستا با مقدار اثر گذاری خالص(۹+)، میزان رضایت مندی از افزایش روابط روستا با بیرون از آن (شهر و روستاهای دیگر) (۸+)، میزان رضایت از دسترسی به فناوری، ابتکار و نوآوری در محیط روستا با مقدار اثر گذاری خالص(۴+)، میزان تشویق به توسعه مجدد نواحی طبیعی و تاریخی روستا و پیرامون با مقدار اثر گذاری خالص(۴+)، رضایت مندی از ساخت مسکن برای سلایق مختلف و نیازهای خاص و تعدد الگوهای مسکن با مقدار اثر گذاری خالص(۷+)، میزان فعالیت فشرده (کشاورزی و غیر کشاورزی) سکونتگاه های روستایی با مقدار اثرگذاری خالص(۴+). به طورکلی، این رویکرد ارتباط میان توسعه و کیفیت زندگی را مدنظر دارد. بنابراین، ویژگیها و ایدههای رشد هوشمند در یک جامعه از یک مکان به مکان دیگر متفاوت است. در یک سناریوی کلی رشد هوشمند زمان و منابع را سرمایه گذاری کرده و زندگی جدیدی برای مراکز روستایی و بافت های فرسوده و قدیمی فراهم می کند. رشد هوشـمند توسـعه مجدد نواحی توسـعه یافته را مدنظر دارد، در واقع طرفداران رشد هوشمند پیش از آنکه درصدد ساختن تأسیسات جدید باشند خواهان بهینه کردن تاسیسات موجود هستند.

كليدواژهها: پيشرانها، رشد هوشمند، توسعه پايدار، سكونتگاههاى روستایی، شهرستان جیرفت.

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- ۹. ۳. انواع نقل قولها (مستقیم و غیر مستقیم)، نقل به مضمون و مطالب به دست آمده از منابع و مآخذ، با حروف نازک و استفاده از نشانه گذاریهای مرسوم، مشخص شود و نام صاحبان آثار، تاریخ و شماره صفحات منابع و مآخذ، بلافاصله در میان پرانتز نوشته شود.
  - ۱۰. مقالات برگرفته از رساله و پایاننامه دانشجویان با نام استاد راهنما، مشاوران و دانشجو به صورت توأمان و با مسؤولیت استاد راهنما منتشر میشود.
    - ۱۱ . چنانچه مخارج تحقیق یا تهیه مقاله توسط مؤسسهای تأمین مالی شده باشد، باید در بخش تشکر و قدردانی مشخص گردد.
- ۱۲ . شیوه ارزیابی مقالات: مقالات ارسالی که شرایط پذیرش را احراز کنند، برای داوران خبره در آن موضوع ارسال میشوند. داوران محترم، جـدای از ارزشـیابی کیفـی مقالات، راهبردهای سازندهای پیشنهاد میکنند. پیشنهادهای داوران محترم به طور کامل، اما بدون نام و نشان داور، برای نویسنده مقاله ارسال خواهد شد.
- ۱۳ . مجله حق رد یا قبول و نیز ویراستاری مقالات را برای خود محفوظ می دارد و مقالات مسترد نمی گردد. اصل مقالات رد یـا انصـراف داده شـده پـس از سـه مـاه از مجموعه آرشیو مجله خارج خواهد شد و مجله پژوهش و برنامهریزی روستایی هیچ مسئولیتی در این ارتباط نخواهد داشت.
- ۱۴ . مسؤولیت ارائه صحیح مطالب مقاله بر عهدهی نویسندگان مقاله است. از این رو، نسخهای از مقاله آماده چاپ برای انجام آخرین تصحیحات احتمالی به نشانی و الکترونیکی نویسنده ارسال خواهد شد. چنانچه ظرف مدت یک هفته پاسخی از سوی نویسندگان واصل نگر دید به معنای موافقت آنها با اصلاحات انجام شده تلقی و نسبت به چاپ آن اقدام می شود.
  - ۱۵. دریافت مقاله صرفاً از طریق سامانه مجله (http://jrrp.um.ac.ir) خواهد بود و مجله از پذیرش مقالات دستی یا پستی معذور خواهد بود.
    - ۱۶ نویسندگان گرامی، مقالاتی که مطابق فرمت مجله تهیه نشده باشند به نویسنده بازگردانده شده و در فرآیند ارزیابی قرار نخواهد گرفت.
      - ۱۷. فایل های ضروری برای ارسال از طریق سامانه عبارتند از:
      - الف) فایل مشخصات نویسندگان: در محیط word شامل اسامی و مشخصات نویسندگان به فارسی و انگلیسی.
      - ب) فايل اصلى مقاله بدون مشخصات: در محيط word شامل متن اصلى مقاله بدون اسامى و مشخصات نويسندگان.
        - ج) فایل چکیده مبسوط (مکمل) مقاله: شامل چکیده مبسوط فارسی در قالب یک فایل در محیط Word.
        - ۱۸. شرایط جزئی تر و دقیق تر نیز در فایل راهنمای نگارش و ارسال مقاله توسط نویسندگان ارائه شده است.
- ۱۹. مقاله پس از ارزیابی علمی به زبان انگلیسی بر گردانده شده و نویسنده (گان) موظف به ترجمه آن در مراکز ویراستاری معتبر خواهند بود و تا قبل از انجام ترجمه، امکان ارسال گواهی پذیرش مقدور نمی باشد. لذا پیشنهاد می شود فارسی زبانان مقاله خود را به زبان فارسی تهیه و ارسال نموده و پس از طی فرایند ارزیابی علمی و پذیرش نسبت به ترجمه آن اقدام شود.

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برای سرعت بخشیدن به امر داوری و چاپ مقالات، از همهٔ پژوهشگرانی که مایل به چاپ مقالات علمی خود در این نشریه هستند، درخواست می شود به نکات زیر توجه کافی داشته باشند:

- ۱ . مقالهٔ ارسال شده نباید قبلاً در هیچ نشریهٔ داخلی یا خارجی چاپ شده باشد. هیئت تحریریه انتظار دارد نویسندگان محترم تا هنگامی که جواب پذیرش از نشریه نرسیده است، مقالهٔ خود را به مجلهٔ دیگری برای چاپ ارسال نفرمایند.
- ۲ . مقالات انگلیسی با قلم نازک Times New Roman 11 با نرم افزار Word تهیه شود. مقالات، روی کاغذ A4 (با حاشیه از بالا ۳ و پایین ۲ و راست ۲ و چپ ۲ سانتیمتر) تایپ شود. متن به صورت single باشد. ۳ . حجم مقاله نباید از حدود
  - ۹۵۰۰ کلمه و یا حداکثر ۱۵ صفحهٔ چاپی به قطع نشریه بیشتر باشد (با در نظر گرفتن محل جداول، اشکال، خلاصه فارسی و فهرست منابع).
    - ۴. عنوان مقاله با در نظر گرفتن فواصل بین کلمات نباید از ۶۰ حرف تجاوز کند و با قلم Times New Roman 14 سیاه تایپ شود.
- ۵ . نام نویسندهٔ مقاله با قلم سیاه Times New Roman10 عنوان علمی یا شغلی او با قلم Times New Roman10 در زیر عنـوان مقالـه ذکـر شـود. ضـمناً آدرس الکترونیکی و شماره تلفن نویسندهٔ مسؤول در پاورقی آورده شود.
  - . چكيدهٔ مقاله ساختاريافته با قلم نازك Times New Roman 11 به صورت تك ستوني باشد.
- ۷ . شکلها و نمودارهای مقاله حتماً اصل و دارای کیفیت مطلوب باشد. فایل اصلی اشکال (تحت Excel·Word ،PDF) و با دقت ۳۰۰ dpi ارائه شـود. انـدازهٔ قلمهـا خصوصاً در مورد منحنیها (legend) به گونهای انتخاب شوند که پس از کوچکـشدن مقیاس شکل برای چاپ نیز خوانا باشند.
  - ٨. ساختار مقاله شامل عناصر زير است:
- ۸. ۱ صفحهٔ عنوان: در صفحهٔ شناسنامه باید عنوان مقاله، نام و نام خانوادگی نویسنده (نویسندگان)، درجهٔ علمی، نشانی دقیق (کد پستی، تلفن، دورنگار و پست الکترونیکی)، محل انجام پژوهش، مسؤول مقاله و تاریخ ارسال) درج شود.
- ۸. ۲ چکیده: شامل چکیدههای فارسی ساختار یافته (شامل هدف؛ روش؛ یافتهها؛ محدودیتها؛ راهکارهای عملی؛ اصالت و ارزش و واژگان کلیدی (۳ تا ۶ کلمه)) است. تا حد امکان چکیدهٔ مقاله از ۲۰۰ کلمه نیز حاوی مقدمـه، مبانی اختار یافته، لازم است چکیدهٔ مبسوط فارسی بین ۷۵۰ تا ۲۰۰۰ کلمه نیز حاوی مقدمـه، مبانی نظری، روش، نتایج و بحث، نتیجه گیری و کلیدواژههای مقاله تهیه شود، به طوری که حاوی اطلاعاتی از کل مقاله باشد و بتوان جداگانه آن را چاپ کرد. با توجه به این که مقاله بعدا به صورت کامل به انگلیسی بر گردانده خواهد شد، نیازی به ترجمه چکیده مبسوط به انگلیسی نیست.
  - ۸. ۳ مقدمه: شامل ۱ طرح مسئله؛ ۲ اهمیت و ضرورت؛ ۳ اهداف و سوالات اصلی تحقیق.
  - ۸. ۴ ادبیات نظری تحقیق: شامل ۱ تعاریف و مفاهیم؛ ۲ دیدگاهها و مبانی نظری؛ ۳ پیشینه نظری تحقیق و ...
- ۸. ۵ روش شناسی تحقیق: در بر گیرندهٔ ۱ محدوده و قلمرو پژوهش؛ ۲ روش تحقیق و مراحل آن (روش تحقیق، جامعهٔ آماری، روش نمونه گیری، حجم نمونه و روش تعیین آن، ابزار گردآوری دادهها و اعتبار سنجی آنها)؛ ۳ سؤال ها و فرضیهها؛ ۴ معرفی متغیرها و شاخصها؛ ۵ کاربر د روشها و فنون.
  - ۸. ۶ یافتههای تحقیق: ارائهٔ نتایج دقیق یافتههای مهم با رعایت اصول علمی و با استفاده از جداول و نمودارهای لازم.
- ۸. ۷ بحث و نتیجه گیری: شامل آثار و اهمیت یافتههای پژوهش و یافتههای پژوهشهای مشابه دیگر با تأکید بر مغایرتها و علل آن، توضیح قابلیت تعمیم پذیری و کاربرد علمی یافتهها و ارائهٔ رهنمودهای لازم برای ادامهٔ پژوهش در ارتباط با موضوع، نتیجه گیری و توصیهها و پیشنهادهای احتمالی.
  - ۸. ۸ تشکر و قدردانی: قبل از منابع مورد استفاده ارائه شود و از ذکر عناوین دکتر و مهندس خودداری شود.
    - ۹. نحوهٔ ارجاعات: منابع و مآخذ باید به صورت درون متنی و همچنین در پایان مقاله ذکر شود.
- ۹. ۱ ارجاعات در متن مقاله باید به شیوهٔ داخل پرانتز (APA) نسخه ۶ باشد؛ به گونهای که ابتدا نام مؤلف یا مؤلفان، سال انتشار و صفحه ذکر شود. شایان ذکر است که ارجاع به کارهای چاپ شده فقط به زبان فارسی بوده و در اسامی لاتین معادل آن در زیر نویس همان صفحه ارائه شود. به عنـوان نمونـه: (شـکوئی، ۱۳۸۷، ص. ۵۰) یـا (وودز، ۲۰۰۵، ص. ۲۷).
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