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Investigating the relationships between quality of life, attachment and participation in small towns (case study: Sangar Town)

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ABSTRACT

One of the problems that urban communities face is migrating from small towns to big cities. Low quality of life and lack of attachment are some of the reasons that cause such a problem. Therefore, in small towns, the need to pay attention to the quality of life and the sense of attachment increases. Given that the relationship between quality of life, attachment to the city and participation has not been sufficiently studied, the present paper tries to understand the relationships between these components in the Sangar Town and find the impact of individual characteristics (gender, age and education), the length of residence and the level of income on each of the components. The Mann-Whitney U test and Spearman correlation test were used to examine the effect of demographic characteristics (age, education level, income, level, gender and length of residence) on each of the components. Using exploratory factor analysis, 9 factors were extracted from the quality of life items, and to analyze the relationships between quality of life, attachment to City and participation structural equation modeling was used. Multivariate linear regression was also used to examine the variables affecting participation. Findings indicate that quality of life (consisting of 9 factors) affects attachment to the city and attachment to the city affect participation. Urban policymakers can use the results of the present study to evaluate the effects of their executive strategies on urban livability and the satisfaction of residents.

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