Study of Tourism and Social Impacts in Rural Areas of Iran (Case Study: Abyaneh village)

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Abstract:

Abyaneh village that is located in Isfahan province, as a rural tourism destination in Iran absorbs 5000 tourists every year. This study uses literature and field reviews (direct observation and interview) to collect data. The results showed that 68% of villagers disagree with tourism development. Also the results show that tourism in this village prepare jobs, increase income and develop gardening but these don’t profit to all. Lack of local organization for tourism some of villagers benefit tourism, not all. And this unequal income dispersion not only results in sequester in the society but also reduces rural cooperation. According to the results there is a quick procedure of migration in Abyaneh. To descend this procedure, accurate planning and investments are necessary because these efforts provide rural facilities to achieve this purpose.

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