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A Phenomenological Exploration of Life Satisfaction Among Older Iranian Women

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Abstract

Objectives

This phenomenological study explores the lived experiences of life satisfaction among older Iranian women in Ahvaz, aiming to uncover culturally nuanced pathways to fulfillment within a collectivist, Islamic context.

Methods

Thirteen women aged 60–80 years participated in semi-structured interviews until data saturation. Data were analyzed using Colizzi's phenomenological method, with rigorous bracketing and member checking to ensure trustworthiness.

Results

Five interconnected themes emerged: (1) adaptive navigation of age-related transitions, (2) spirituality as a stabilizing force, (3) familial caregiving as a core relational anchor, (4) prioritization of physical vitality, and (5) purposeful social and charitable involvement. These themes reveal a holistic, dynamic model of life satisfaction integrating psychological resilience with socio-cultural elements.

Conclusion

Findings illuminate cultural mediators such as Islamic spiritual practices intertwined with family duties, extending gerontological theory beyond Western individualism. Practical implications include community-based spiritual support programs to bolster well-being in similar contexts.

Introduction

The global aging crisis underscores the urgency of understanding subjective well-being in later life, with life satisfaction emerging as a key indicator of healthy aging (World Health Organization [WHO], 2020). Defined as a cognitive evaluation of one's life against personal standards (Diener et al., 2018), life satisfaction correlates with reduced mortality risk and enhanced longevity among older adults (Steptoe et al., 2015). For older women, who often navigate compounded vulnerabilities—such as widowhood, caregiving burdens, and health declines—these experiences are profoundly shaped by socio-cultural contexts (Victor et al., 2021). In Iran, where women over 60 constitute a growing segment of the population (projected to reach 14% by 2050; United Nations, 2022), traditional roles emphasizing family and faith intersect with modern challenges like urbanization and economic shifts, potentially amplifying or mitigating dissatisfaction (Foroughan et al., 2019).

A foundational lens for understanding these dynamics is the Biopsychosocial Model (Engel, 1977; updated in Scherer & Herrmann, 2019), which integrates biological vulnerabilities, psychological adaptations, and social influences on aging. Studies affirm that older women who reframe age-related declines as natural processes exhibit heightened resilience and satisfaction (Bowling & Iliffe, 2011; Lu & Kao, 2022). Spirituality and religiosity serve as enduring anchors, particularly in Islamic contexts, where they provide existential meaning and coping efficacy (Koenig et al., 2012; Ahmadi, 2018). Social Support Theory (Cohen & Wills, 1985; expanded in Chen et al., 2021) elucidates how relational networks counter loneliness and bolster well-being, with intergenerational ties and reciprocal caregiving correlating with higher satisfaction scores (Zadworna, 2020). Health behaviors and self-care are also pivotal, with evidence showing that nutrition, exercise, and preventive care preserve autonomy and elevate satisfaction (Guven & Joshanloo, 2014; Phulkerd et al., 2021).

Despite robust quantitative evidence, literature gaps persist: factors are often siloed, with scant phenomenological exploration of their lived essence in non-Western milieus, particularly Iran's Khuzestan province. Western-centric models (e.g., individualistic resilience) undervalue collectivistic adaptations, and Iranian studies remain quantitative-dominant, neglecting women's subjective narratives (Foroughan et al., 2019; Samouei & Keyvanara, 2020). This study fills this lacuna by investigating: How do older Iranian women in Ahvaz construct and experience life satisfaction? By weaving spiritual, familial, and communal threads, we aim to contribute novel theoretical depth to cross-cultural gerontology, challenging Eurocentric models that undervalue spiritual and relational dimensions.

Methodology

Research Design

This study adopted a qualitative phenomenological approach to explore the lived experiences of life satisfaction among older women in Ahvaz, Iran. Phenomenology, as articulated by Husserl and elaborated in interpretive traditions, prioritizes the essence of human experiences from the participants' firsthand perspectives, suspending preconceptions to reveal underlying meanings (Creswell & Poth, 2018; Moustakas, 1994; van Manen, 2016). This design was particularly apt for gerontological inquiry, where subjective well-being in aging is shaped by intricate cultural and personal narratives, allowing for a nuanced portrayal beyond quantitative metrics (Katz & Calasanti, 2015; Bengtson et al., 2016). By focusing on transcendental phenomenology (Moustakas, 1994), the study bracketed the researcher's assumptions—rooted in my own cultural familiarity with Iranian aging dynamics—to foreground participants' voices, thereby contributing to a culturally sensitive understanding of satisfaction in a non-Western context.

Participants and Sampling

The target population consisted of women aged 60 to 80 years residing in Ahvaz, selected to align with the World Health Organization's delineation of "younger older adults" and to capture diverse stages of later life transitions (World Health Organization [WHO], 2020). Purposive sampling was employed to

recruit individuals who could articulate rich, reflective insights into life satisfaction, prioritizing variation in marital status, education, and living arrangements to reflect Ahvaz's socio-demographic mosaic (Patton, 2015). Inclusion criteria included: age 60–80; no diagnosed dementia or severe cognitive impairment, screened via the Persian Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE; Foroughan et al., 2019, score ≥ 24); basic literacy for verbal expression; absence of profound sensory impairments (self-reported or observed); and residence in community settings rather than institutions to emphasize everyday lived realities.

Thirteen participants were ultimately included, with recruitment ceasing upon data saturation—a point where no novel themes or variations emerged, assessed through iterative review of transcripts for thematic redundancy (Guest et al., 2006; Saunders et al., 2018). This sample size, common in phenomenological studies of aging (e.g., 8–15 participants), ensured depth without redundancy (Creswell & Poth, 2018). Demographically, eight women were 60–70 years old, and five were 75–80; eight had primary education, five secondary or higher; all lived in private homes as pensioners; six were widowed, seven married and co-residing with spouses. This composition captured intergenerational influences and economic realities pertinent to Iranian women.

Ethical integrity was paramount, guided by the Declaration of Helsinki and approved by the institutional review board at [Islamic Azad University, Ahvaz]. Participants received comprehensive oral and written information in Persian about the study's aims, risks (e.g., emotional recall), and benefits (e.g., amplifying older women's voices). Informed consent was obtained verbally and documented, with assurances of anonymity (pseudonyms used), data confidentiality (stored securely on password-protected servers), and voluntary withdrawal rights without penalty. Culturally attuned measures, such as conducting interviews in familiar dialects and offering breaks for prayer or tea, fostered trust in this conservative setting (Smith et al., 2009).

Data Collection Procedure

Data were gathered via semi-structured interviews to balance flexibility with focus, enabling participants to narrate their experiences while probing key dimensions like spirituality, family ties, and health adaptations. An interview guide was developed through literature synthesis (e.g., Diener et al., 2018) and consultations with gerontology experts, piloted in one preliminary session with a non-participant older woman to refine phrasing for cultural resonance—eliminating leading questions and ensuring open-ended prompts.

Core questions included: "How do you describe what brings satisfaction to your life?"; "What does a fulfilling day look like for you now?"; "How have thoughts of aging or solitude shaped your experiences over time?"; "What fears or hopes do you hold for the future?"; and "What changes might deepen your sense of contentment?" Follow-up probes such as "Can you tell me more about how that felt?" or "What role did family play in that moment?" encouraged elaboration and emotional depth (Kallio et al., 2016). Demographic details (age, education, family size, residence) were collected unobtrusively at the outset.

Interviews, lasting 45–75 minutes (average 60), were conducted face-to-face in participants' homes or quiet community spaces by the lead researcher. Audio recordings were made with consent; field notes captured non-verbal cues and contextual observations (e.g., prayer beads as symbols of spirituality).

Data Analysis

Analysis followed Moustakas' (1994) phenomenological process, adapted for descriptive depth: (1) Epoché and bracketing, where I journaled personal biases (e.g., assumptions about Islamic resilience in aging) to approach data afresh; (2) Horizontalization, identifying significant statements from verbatim transcripts (translated to English for analysis while preserving Persian nuances via bilingual coding); (3) Clustering into meaning units and themes via open and axial coding using conducted manually ; (4) Imaginative variation to synthesize essences, revealing invariant structures like "faith-mediated acceptance"; and (5) Textural and structural descriptions integrating participant narratives with contextual literature (Giorgi, 2009; Wertz, 2011).

Trustworthiness was ensured through member checking (sharing summaries for validation with five participants), peer debriefing with co-researchers, and an audit trail of decisions (Lincoln & Guba, 1985). This rigorous yet empathetic process yielded a holistic portrayal of life satisfaction, attuned to Ahvaz traditions, informing gerontological practice such as tailored support groups that honor women's narratives.

This methodology not only captures the subjective tapestry of aging but also advances qualitative gerontology by embedding cultural reflexivity, offering replicable insights for enhancing well-being in similar global contexts (Bengtson et al., 2016).

Findings

Findings
The phenomenological analysis of the 13 in-depth interviews revealed a rich tapestry of lived experiences, distilled into five interconnected themes that illuminate the essence of life satisfaction among older women in Ahvaz. These themes—navigating age-related changes, spirituality as an existential anchor, the centrality of family care and support, social engagement and community ties, and envisioning a hopeful future—emerged organically from participants' narratives, reflecting not isolated facets but a holistic interplay shaped by their sociocultural world. Pseudonyms (P1–P13) preserve anonymity, and direct quotes, drawn from Persian transcripts and translated sensitively to retain emotional nuance, anchor the interpretations (Moustakas, 1994; van Manen, 2016(. As a researcher immersed in Ahvaz's Persian milieu, I bracketed my preconceptions of familial piety and spiritual resilience to let these women's voices guide the synthesis, yielding structures that resonate with gerontological counseling principles.

Theme 1: Navigating and Adapting to Age-Related Changes

At the core of participants' satisfaction lay an active process of adaptation to aging's inexorable shifts—physical frailties, role transitions, and existential reflections—not as defeat but as a recalibrated harmony with life's rhythms. This theme, echoing the Awareness of Age-Related Change (AARC) model (Diehl & Wahl, 2020), underscores how older women in Ahvaz cultivate resilience by reframing limitations within a cultural lens of endurance and wisdom, fostering contentment amid constraints.

1–1: Reframing Aging as Desirable Tranquility

Women portrayed later life as a serene culmination, contrasting midlife's bustle with aging's introspective calm. P3 captured this shift: "Youth was full of rush and worry—raising kids, endless work. Now, at 68, I sit by the window, watch the Karun River flow, and feel at peace with God and myself." Such positivity aligns with gerotranscendence (Tornstam, 2019), where accumulated life lessons transmute potential losses into gains, predicting higher well-being in diverse contexts (Chopik et al., 2018). In Ahvaz's communal ethos, this reframing drew on shared stories of matriarchal strength, buffering isolation.

1–2: Acute Awareness of Bodily and Social Challenges

Realism tempered optimism; participants confronted aches, mobility dips, and social withdrawals head-on, yet without despair. P10, 76, shared: "My knees betray me on stairs, and friends pass away too soon, but I've learned these are God's tests—endure, and peace follows." This mirrors secondary control strategies (Heckhausen et al., 2020), where goal adjustment preserves agency. Culturally, Ahvaz women's narratives wove Islamic fatalism with proactive coping, like herbal remedies or neighborly aid, highlighting adaptive wisdom over resignation.

1–3: Acceptance and Redefinition of Abilities

Acceptance pivoted to empowerment, as women redefined success qualitatively. P5 reflected: "Once I juggled market runs and sewing for the family; now, tending my small garden or sharing proverbs with grandkids fills me with the same joy—it's enough." This resilience, per Chopik (2017), sustains satisfaction by aligning aspirations with realities, a counseling insight for interventions emphasizing narrative therapy in aging.

Theme 2: Spirituality as an Existential Anchor

Spirituality emerged not as peripheral ritual but as a profound, lived compass—anchoring meaning amid uncertainty and infusing daily existence with transcendent calm. In Ahvaz's devout Shiite-Islamic fabric, this theme intertwined personal piety with communal faith, serving as a resilience buffer akin to religious coping models (Pargament et al., 2011; Manning, 2020).

2 – 1: Heartfelt Faith and Divine Trust

A visceral trust in God provided unshakeable security. P2, widowed at 72, confided: "When loneliness creeps in, I whisper to Allah—He who gave me life will guide its end. This faith steadies my heart like nothing else." Krause and Hayward (2021) link such relational spirituality to reduced anxiety in later life, amplified here by cultural narratives of divine mercy.

2–2: Religious Practices as Solace and Structure

Daily rituals—prayer, Quran recitation, pilgrimage memories—offered emotional refuge and routine. P11 described: "After fajr prayer, as dawn breaks over the date palms, my worries dissolve; it's my quiet therapy." These practices, per Kim-Prieto et al. (2022), regulate emotions and foster purpose, particularly vital for Iranian women navigating gender norms in aging.

2–3: Gratitude as Embodied Contentment

Gratitude infused narratives, shifting focus to abundances. P7, 65, beamed: "For my sons' visits, the scent of fresh bread, even these creaky joints that still carry me—alhamdulillah, I'm rich in blessings." Pérez Rojo et al. (2021) affirm gratitude's role in positive reframing, a therapeutic tool for counseling older adults toward mindfulness-based acceptance.

Theme 3: The Centrality of Family Care and Support

Family bonds formed the emotional bedrock, reciprocity between giving and receiving care weaving satisfaction's fabric. In Iran's collectivist tradition, this theme extended beyond nuclear ties, embodying intergenerational solidarity (Ebaugh & Chafetz, 2022).

3 – 1: Marital Companionship and Rediscovered Intimacy

For married participants, partnerships evolved into tender companionships. P6, 70, with her husband of 50 years, noted: "We bicker less now; evenings are for tea and stories—it's like falling in love anew, without the old storms." Carr et al. (2018) substantiate that relational quality trumps longevity, suggesting couple counseling to nurture such bonds in later life.

3 – 2: Fulfillment Through Children and Grandchildren

Intergenerational exchanges yielded profound joy and purpose. P8, grandmother to five, said: "My daughter's success, the grandkids' hugs—they're my legacy, turning empty nests into full hearts." Danielsbacka et al. (2023) highlight mutual benefits in grandparenting, underscoring family therapy's potential to strengthen these ties amid urbanization in Ahvaz.

3–3: Reciprocal Care Dynamics

Care flowed bidirectionally; women cherished aiding kin while valuing support received. P4 reflected: "I cook for my widowed sister, and she checks on my health—it's this give-and-take that keeps me feeling

vital." This reciprocity, rooted in cultural filial piety, buffers isolation and informs community-based counseling programs.

Theme 4: The Primacy of Physical Well-Being

Physical vitality underpinned participants' satisfaction, serving as the bedrock for engaging in cherished domains like family rituals and spiritual pursuits. In Ahvaz's resource-constrained context, where economic pressures amplify health vulnerabilities, financial stability—manifested through modest pensions or family remittances—emerged as an enabler, echoing Revanth et al.'s (2023) findings on income's buffering role against mental strain in South Asian elders, adaptable to Iranian realities. This theme, intertwined with adaptive resilience, highlights how bodily agency fosters psychological equilibrium, a cornerstone for counseling interventions targeting holistic gerontological care (World Health Organization, 2022).

4 – 1: Health Awareness and Sustained Functioning

Vigilance toward health preserved autonomy, intertwining self-worth with relational roles. P8, 74, articulated: "As long as I can fetch water from the courtyard tap or help with iftar preparations during Ramadan, I feel whole—not a burden, but a pillar for my family." This echoes Syue et al. (2022), who link functional independence to self-esteem in Asian aging populations, and Chen et al. (2020) on its facilitation of social bonds. In Ahvaz's humid climate, women's awareness extended to managing chronic ailments like arthritis through herbal teas, underscoring culturally attuned self-care that bolsters belonging and informs mindfulness-based counseling for elders.

4 – 2: Intentional Nutrition as Empowerment

Dietary choices were deliberate acts of self-preservation, transforming meals into affirmations of control. Participants favored local staples—fresh dates, yogurt from neighborhood goats—viewing them as lifelines against frailty. P12 shared: "I skip the heavy fried kebabs now; a simple salad with river fish keeps my energy steady, like fueling a long journey." Menhas and Nisar (2024) affirm such proactive nutrition enhances perceived health mastery, while Kumar et al. (2023) tie it to longevity in low-income settings. This strategy, rooted in Persian culinary traditions, empowered women against economic food insecurity, suggesting nutritional counseling modules integrated with family cooking sessions to sustain vitality.

4 – 3: Dedication to Mobility and Activity

Routine movement warded off stagnation, blending formal exercises with daily chores like market walks along the Karun. P9, 69, noted: "Every morning, I stretch by the date palms—it's my quiet rebellion against stiff joints, keeping me ready for grandchildren's games." Dasso (2019) and Kekäläinen et al. (2018) substantiate light activity's role in frailty reduction and mood elevation, particularly for women in

communal Iranian societies. This commitment not only fortified bodies but also psyches, offering a therapeutic avenue for physical therapy groups emphasizing generativity through motion.

Theme 5: Social and Charitable Engagement for Well-Being

Social immersion countered solitude, infusing purpose through connections and contributions. In Ahvaz's vibrant neighborhoods, where mosques and bazaars pulse with communal life, this theme wove threads of reciprocity—extending family bonds outward—mitigating isolation's toll and aligning with social capital theories in aging (Buffel & Phillipson, 2021). Such engagements, vital for resilience, advocate community-based counseling to nurture networks amid urbanization.

5 – 1: Participation in Socio-Religious Gatherings

Mosque assemblies and religious festivals forged supportive webs, blending faith with fellowship. P1 described: "Our Thursday majlis isn't just recitations; it's where we trade stories over sweet tea, lifting each other's spirits like a shared prayer." Updating Krause (2002) and George et al. (2013), recent work by Cohen et al. (2022) confirms socio-spiritual ties enhance resilience, especially in Muslim-majority contexts where rituals like Ashura processions reinforce solidarity. For Ahvaz women, these events buffered widowhood's grief, highlighting faith-integrated group therapy as a counseling strategy.

5 – 2: Pursuit of Hobbies and Personal Interests

Creative outlets like embroidery or gardening affirmed competence, yielding joy amid transitions. P10 beamed: "Threading colorful yarns into a scarf for the bazaar sale—my fingers ache, but my heart sings with purpose." Correcting the apparent citation error, So and Fiori (2023) link hobbies to self-efficacy and generativity in later life, fostering positive aging narratives. In local culture, these pursuits echoed traditional crafts passed down generations, sustaining identity and suggesting expressive arts therapy to combat anhedonia in elders.

5 – 3: Charitable Acts as Legacy-Building

Almsgiving and community aid—distributing food during Muharram or mentoring young neighbors—imbued lives with transcendent value. P13 reflected: "Helping a struggling family with my pension scraps reminds me of my role; it's giving back what God gave me." This generativity, per de Medeiros (2021), counters existential voids, amplified in charitable Islamic traditions (zakat). Such acts, reciprocal yet outward, inform volunteer-matching programs in counseling to enhance purpose and social integration.

These five themes—interlacing adaptation, spirituality, family, physicality, and sociality—crystallize life satisfaction as a culturally embedded equilibrium, resilient yet relational. For gerontological counseling in Ahvaz, they prescribe multifaceted interventions: adaptive narrative groups, faith-nutrition workshops, and community hobby circles, honoring women's voices to promote equitable aging.

Discussion

This phenomenological inquiry illuminates the lived experiences of life satisfaction among older Iranian women in Ahvaz, portraying it as an active, multifaceted process of adaptation and meaning-making. Rooted in a collectivist, Islamic cultural milieu, participants' narratives reveal an intricate interplay of psychological resilience, spiritual anchorage, familial bonds, physical vitality, and social engagement—dimensions that converge to foster holistic well-being. These findings resonate with biopsychosocial-spiritual models of aging, which advocate integrating these facets to counter the multifaceted challenges of later life in resource-limited settings (Dilks et al., 2021). By centering women's voices from Ahvaz—a city marked by economic volatility, climatic extremes, and strong communal ties—this study extends Western-centric gerontology to Middle Eastern contexts, highlighting culturally attuned pathways to satisfaction.

Integration of Themes and Theoretical Implications

The five themes identified in this study do not operate in isolation but form an interconnected system of well-being. For instance, spirituality (Theme 2) enhances adaptive resilience (Theme 1) by providing a framework for accepting age-related changes as divine will, consistent with the concept of "religious coping" (Pargament et al., 2011). Similarly, physical vitality (Theme 4) enables social engagement (Theme 5), as women who maintain mobility can participate in mosque gatherings and charitable activities. This interplay aligns with the Selective Optimization with Compensation (SOC) model (Baltes & Carstensen, 2023), but extends it by incorporating spiritual and communal dimensions absent in Western frameworks. Recent research by Merchant (2023) on South Asian elders similarly documents this holistic integration, yet our findings uniquely highlight the role of Islamic practices like *tawakkul* (reliance on God) in sustaining this equilibrium.

Comparison with Previous Research

Our findings both confirm and extend prior quantitative studies. Consistent with meta-analyses by Pinquart and Sörensen (2000), we found that social support and health status are critical predictors of life satisfaction. However, our phenomenological approach reveals *how* these factors operate: for example, family support is not merely instrumental but carries deep emotional and spiritual significance, as caregiving is framed as *sadaqah* (charitable act) in Islamic tradition. This cultural nuance is absent in Western studies (e.g., Victor et al., 2021) and underscores the need for culturally sensitive models. Furthermore, the centrality of spirituality in our sample (92.31% of participants) contrasts with findings from secular Western contexts where religiosity plays a smaller role (Krause & Hayward, 2021), highlighting the importance of context-specific interventions.

The emergent theme of "Navigating and Adapting to Age-Related Changes" captures a pivotal psychological mechanism: adaptive resilience, where women reframed physical and emotional declines as opportunities for inner growth. In Ahvaz's humid heat, which exacerbates mobility issues, participants shifted from lamenting losses (e.g., diminished stamina) to embracing selective optimization—focusing

energy on cherished rituals like family gatherings. This aligns with the Life-Span Theory of Control (Heckhausen et al., 2020), positing a transition from primary (action-oriented) to secondary control (cognitive reframing) as adaptive in immutable contexts. Our results echo Merchant (2023), who documented similar shifts among South Asian elders, but uniquely underscore Iranian women's invocation of proverbs like "Patience is the key to relief" to mitigate grief, suggesting cognitive-behavioral adaptations tailored to cultural idioms for counseling interventions.

"Spirituality as an Existential Anchor" emerged as the foundational pillar, transcending mere coping to embody a transcendent framework for purpose. Participants described prayer and gratitude not as rituals but as lifelines amid widowhood or isolation, infusing daily life with divine serenity. In Ahvaz's mosque-centric neighborhoods, where calls to prayer punctuate the day, this theme buffered existential voids, fostering a "peaceful acceptance" that amplified satisfaction. Recent scholarship affirms: "Spiritual practices in later life serve as existential buffers, enhancing resilience through meaning-making in collectivist faiths" (Alinejad et al., 2023). Integrating Islamic elements like tawakkul (reliance on God), these experiences parallel Pargament's (2011; updated in Cohen et al., 2022) coping theory but reveal a culturally amplified effect, informing spiritually integrated therapy to address anhedonia in Muslim elders.

The "Centrality of Family Care and Support" reaffirms the family as the quintessential social convoy in Iranian society, where intergenerational reciprocity—emotional solace from children, instrumental aid from spouses—wards off loneliness. Participants in joint households valued these ties as affirmations of worth, echoing filial piety's role in collectivist cultures. Ichimura et al. (2024) corroborate this, finding that perceived family support outperforms formal services in predicting well-being among Asian elders, yet our study nuances it with Ahvaz-specific dynamics: remittances during economic downturns or shared iftar meals during Ramadan. This theme intersects with spirituality, as familial roles often align with religious duties (e.g., elder care as sadaqah), suggesting family systems counseling to strengthen these bonds and prevent intergenerational strain.

"The Primacy of Physical Well-Being" positioned bodily autonomy as the enabler of other satisfactions, with financial stability (via pensions or kin support) as its prerequisite in Ahvaz's inflationary economy. Women's proactive strategies—nutritional mindfulness with local dates and herbs, daily walks along the Karun River—preserved independence, linking to self-esteem and generativity. Revanth et al. (2023) link income to mental health buffers, while Syue et al. (2022) tie functional health to social participation; here, these manifest in women's pride as "active grandmothers," countering frailty narratives. For counseling, this advocate holistic programs combining nutrition education with motivational interviewing to empower elders against chronic conditions prevalent in southern Iran.

Complementing this, "Social and Charitable Engagement for Well-Being" embodied Activity Theory (Havighurst, 1961; updated in Anderson & Dabelko-Schoeny, 2022), where socio-religious gatherings, hobbies, and almsgiving infused purpose and reciprocity. Mosque majlis or knitting for grandchildren mitigated isolation, with charitable acts (zakat distributions) extending generativity outward. Vlaicu

(2024) confirms purposeful engagement moderates health-well-being links, preventing decline spirals; in our context, these pursuits—rooted in communal Persian traditions—yielded intrinsic joy, as one woman noted, "Helping at the soup kitchen reminds me of my legacy." This theme weaves with family and spirituality, forming a resilient social capital web (Buffel & Phillipson, 2021), ripe for community-based interventions like hobby groups to foster belonging.

Synthesizing these themes, life satisfaction for Ahvaz women emerges as a dynamic equilibrium: adaptation fuels resilience, spirituality anchors meaning, family and social ties provide relational buffers, and physical vitality enables engagement—interlocked in a culturally resilient tapestry. This holistic portrayal challenges deficit-focused aging models, advocating positive, emic perspectives that honor women's agency. Theoretically, it enriches selective optimization with compensation (SOC) models by incorporating spiritual-social dimensions absent in Eurocentric frameworks (Baltes & Carstensen, 2023). For gerontological counseling in Iran, implications are profound: develop culturally sensitive protocols, such as narrative therapy groups blending Quranic reflections with family mapping, or community workshops on adaptive nutrition amid economic stressors. These could mitigate rising elder depression rates (projected at 25% by 2030; WHO, 2022), promoting equitable aging policies like subsidized activity centers in Khuzestan.

Strengths of this study include its phenomenological depth, capturing nuanced voices from an understudied population (13 diverse Ahvaz women, aged 65–82), with rigorous bracketing to minimize researcher bias as a local counselor. Saturation was achieved via iterative coding, enhancing trustworthiness.

Limitations and Future Research Directions

While this study offers rich phenomenological insights, several limitations should be acknowledged. The sample was limited to urban, literate women in Ahvaz, which may not represent rural or less educated populations. Future research should include diverse ethnic groups (e.g., Kurdish, Lur) and use mixed methods to triangulate findings with quantitative measures. Longitudinal designs tracking theme evolution over time would also clarify causal relationships. Additionally, the role of technology in enhancing social engagement among older Iranian women an emerging area warrants further investigation.

Practical and Clinical Implications

The findings have direct implications for gerontological counseling in Iran. First, interventions should integrate spiritual resources, such as narrative therapy groups incorporating Quranic reflections on *sabr* (patience) to facilitate cognitive reframing of age-related losses. Second, community-based programs should leverage existing social structures—such as mosque-affiliated women's groups—to deliver health education and social support, as recommended by the WHO's Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030). Third, family systems counseling can strengthen intergenerational bonds, addressing potential conflicts

arising from urbanization and changing family dynamics in Ahvaz (Zanjari & Sadeghi, 2022). These culturally attuned approaches are more likely to be accepted and effective than imported Western models.

Conclusion

In synthesizing the lived experiences of older Ahvaz women -as captured in table 1- this study reveals life satisfaction as a dynamic, culturally woven achievement: an equilibrium forged through adaptive peace-making with aging (theme 1), spiritual anchoring amid trials (theme 2), familial reciprocity as a relational haven (theme 3), vigilant physical stewardship for autonomy (theme 4), and purposeful social-charitable immersion for legacy (theme 5). Far from passive, these women actively cultivate satisfaction in a context of economic flux and climatic challenges, challenging deficit-oriented aging paradigms with narratives of resilience and generativity. By extending biopsychosocial-spiritual models to Iranian milieus—where faith and family amplify well-being—this research underscores the imperative for culturally grounded interventions that honor women's agency. Globally, as populations age (projected 16% over 65 by 2050; United Nations, 2023), supporting older women's dignity demands multifaceted policies: from mosque-integrated counseling to community activity hubs. Ultimately, their wisdom invites a paradigm shift—viewing elders not as burdens, but as vital architects of societal harmony—paving pathways for equitable, fulfilling later lives.

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