## Analysis of the role of educational –extension promoting the economic empowerment of farmers with emphasis on determining effective strategies for economic dimension of sustainable agriculture

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The agricultural sector has always been the center of attention in development. If we are convinced that agriculture plays a pivotal role in development, human resources are therefore the key to reaching the goal of development. The main aim of this Applied research was to Analysis of the role of educational –extension promoting the economic empowerment of farmers with emphasis on determining effective strategies among farmers in Kermanshah County. A sample of 320 farmers was selected using a multi-stage stratified random sampling method. A semi-structured questionnaire was designed to collect data ( $\alpha$ =0.84). Despite the rather low use of the extension programs and services by farmers the findings revealed the importance of extension services as a predictor of economic (72/4%). Considering effective education and empowerment of working human force in agricultural sector is of particular importance and is a key element in this process.

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