

## **Abstract**

**Factors such as: quick growth of population, lack of farm lands and open spaces, lack of housing, growth of social inequality and increasing deterioration of local identity are regarded as threats against the society. Regarding the context within which this term is defined, it can be applied in extended or restricted environments. As defense from a security standpoint is not cost-effective for improving rural habitats, the passive defense with two components of development and security targets border habitats' issues. However, implementing these policies requires a developmental viewpoint considering passive defense issues. Therefore, the present descriptive-analytical research seeks to evaluate viability indices in border habitats with an emphasis on passive defense issues. Data were analyzed using SPSS software and to test hypotheses the two-sample independent t-test and Spearman Correlation were applied. general results of the two hypotheses under study suggest that: regarding the value of T which is equal to -14.10 and the significance level 0.000 it can be inferred that there is a significant difference between environmental and spatial indices; moreover, as the value of Spearman Correlation in the second hypothesis between two variables "viability" and "passive defense" equals to 0.361 which is a rather weak relationship, it can be concluded that as the passive defense index in the villages under study increases the viability also increases; as the value of Spearman Correlation between variables "viability" and "distance from the border" equals 0.309 which is a rather weak relation, it can be inferred that as the distance of the villages from the area under study the viability also decreases in those villages.**

**Key words:** viability, passive defense, border rural habitats, independent two-sample T, Spearman Correlation



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