

Table 1 Summary of literature review to determine the components of Iranian women's empowerment in different dimensions

Study (reference)	Year of research	Dimension of empowerment	Components of empowerment
Froozanfar S et al. (37)	2012	Economic	Having any skill; permission to work or study; economic autonomy/partnership in decisions on economic issues
		Social	Social activities; partnership in decisions on social and family issues
Maleki MR et al. (35)	2012	Structural	Access to opportunities; access to information; access to support; access to resources; job activities
Saady H et al. (36)	2012	Economic	Income resulting from production/job; access to loans and bank facilities
		Social	Social awareness; social interaction; social participation
Kimiaee SA (37)	2011	Economic	Employment; monthly income; receiving loan
Sorosh Mehr H, et al (38)	2010	Economic/social	Job; monthly income; education; total property of woman
Gholipour A, Rahimian A (39)	2009	Women's	Ownership; non-cash contributions; access to low-interest loans; income-generating projects; training; public education
Ghafari R et al. (40)	2009	Economic	Acquiring or increasing income; loan repayment ability; money-saving power
		Political	Political participation; struggle for equality and to eliminate discrimination against women
		Social	Social presence; participation in public life; respected by other members of the community; creating communication beyond the local community with associations and social movements
		Cultural	Crushing false images of women and taboos; creating positive images of women; impact on the formation and implementation of cultural affairs and participation in rituals, religious institutes and religious affairs
Faraji HA et al. (32)	2009	Economic	Acquisition or increased income; repayment ability; power savings
		Political	Participation in elections and demonstrations
		Social	Participation in religious sessions; charity donations; group activities; cooperation with neighbours
Shakoori A et al. (30,41)	2007	Economic	Ability to repay loans; money-saving power; income increase
		Political	Participation in political activities such as voting in elections and demonstrations
		Social	Changing attitude toward women's role; collectivism; willingness to participate in public environments
Ketabi M, Farokhy Z (42)	2003	Women's	Education; access to financial resources; legal ownership; removing discrimination in the labour market and traditional beliefs