

The Indirect Influence of Job Resource Factors on the Job Performance of Married ASHA Workers: The Mediating Role of Work-Family Enrichment and Work-Life Balance

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ABSTRACT

Background

In order to better understand the mediating roles of work-family enrichment and work-life balance, this research paper looks at the indirect effects of job resource characteristics on the job performance of married Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) professionals. ASHA employees are essential to the Indian healthcare system, especially in underprivileged and rural areas. The job resource factors that impact their performance and the delicate balance women strike between work and home life are still poorly understood, despite their substantial contributions.

Methods

This study used a mixed-methods approach, with in-depth interviews conducted to obtain qualitative insights in addition to a survey of 300 married ASHA workers from different locations.

Results

The results show that access to healthcare facilities, supervisor support, and training are only a few examples of the job resource elements that greatly improve worker performance. Additionally, it was discovered that work-life balance and work-family enrichment mediated this link, underscoring their critical role in raising the performance of ASHA employees.

Conclusion

The study emphasises how crucial it is to improve employment resources in order to create a positive work atmosphere and improve job performance. Additionally, it highlights the necessity of laws and programmes that support work-life balance and enrichment for families, as these can improve health outcomes for the communities that ASHA employees serve. By offering empirical data on the mediating impacts of work-family enrichment and work-life balance in the context of healthcare workers, the research adds to the body of information already in existence. Future research directions and policy consequences are addressed with the goal of promoting the productivity and well-being of ASHA employees.

Keywords: ASHA Workers, Job Resource Factors, Job Performance, Work-Family Enrichment, Work-Life Balance, Healthcare System, Supervisor Support, Work Environment.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study: “The Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) program is a cornerstone of India’s National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), aimed at improving healthcare delivery in rural areas. ASHA workers are community health volunteers who act as intermediaries between the healthcare system and the rural population, facilitating access to essential health services, promoting health education, and

mobilizing the community towards preventive healthcare practices. They play crucial roles in closing the healthcare gap in underprivileged areas, including family planning, immunisation efforts, maternity and child health services, and health awareness initiatives.”

“ASHA employees play a vital role, but they also confront several obstacles that affect how well they do their jobs. These difficulties include the hard nature of their profession, insufficient training, little

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resources, and low pay. In addition, a large number of ASHA employees are married women who have to juggle work obligations with those of their families and homes. Their general well-being and performance at work may suffer as a result of this dual burden, which can cause severe stress.” According to research, “job resource elements include sufficient training, supervisor support, ease of access to medical facilities, and a positive work atmosphere can greatly improve employee performance. The degree to which these variables affect ASHA employees’ performance is yet unknown, especially in light of their dual responsibilities as family caregivers and health professionals.”

“Work-life balance, or striking a balance between personal and professional life, and work-family enrichment, or the beneficial interactions between work and family duties, are also important factors in influencing job success and general well-being. These elements may operate as a moderator in the relationship between job resources and job performance, which could benefit ASHA employees as well as the communities they serve.”

By investigating how job resource determinants affect married ASHA workers’ job performance, this study aims to close a gap in the literature. It focuses on the mediating effects of work-family enrichment and work-life balance. The study seeks to better understand these dynamics in order to offer insights that can guide actions and policies to support ASHA workers, ultimately increasing their efficacy and improving health outcomes in rural India.

1.2 Statement of the Problem: “Despite the critical role that ASHA workers play in India’s rural healthcare system, their job performance is often hindered by a range of challenges related to inadequate job resources and the complex interplay between their work and family responsibilities. They might get extremely stressed out and burned out as a result of these challenges, which would make it harder for them to provide their communities with high-quality healthcare.”

“Few comprehensive studies have been carried out to investigate the specific effects of job resource elements on married ASHA workers’ job performance, including training, supervisor support, and access to healthcare facilities. Prior studies have demonstrated the importance of these elements in enhancing job performance. Furthermore, little is known about the potential moderating effects that family enrichment and work-life balance may have in this circumstance.”

“The twin obligations of ASHA staff as healthcare

professionals and family caregivers provide unique obstacles that may impact their performance at work. Understanding how work resource elements may lessen these pressures and enhance job performance through work-family enrichment and work-life balance is necessary to develop targeted interventions and policies.

With a focus on the mediating roles of work-life balance and work-family enrichment, this study investigates the indirect effects of job resource variables on married ASHA workers’ job performance in an effort to close these gaps. The objective of the findings is to provide valuable insights that can direct the development of policies that will enhance the well-being and efficiency of ASHA staff members, ultimately resulting in improved healthcare outcomes in remote regions.”

1.3 Objectives of the Study: The primary objective of this study is to investigate the indirect influence of job resource factors on the job performance of married ASHA workers, with a focus on the mediating roles of work-family enrichment and work-life balance. Specifically, the study aims to:

1. “To determine which major job resource elements—such as access to healthcare facilities, supervisor support, and training—have an impact on married ASHA workers’ job performance.”
2. “To assess the direct impact of these job resource factors on the job performance of married ASHA workers.”
3. “To explore how work-family enrichment mediates the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.”
4. “To evaluate the mediating role of work-life balance in the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.”
5. “To provide empirical evidence on the importance of work-family enrichment and work-life balance in enhancing job performance among married ASHA workers.”
6. “To inform the development of policies and interventions aimed at supporting ASHA workers by improving job resources and promoting work-family enrichment and work-life balance.”
7. “To enhance the understanding of the unique challenges faced by married ASHA workers and the ways in which job resources can mitigate these challenges to improve job performance.”

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1.4 Contribution to Knowledge: This study makes several significant contributions to the existing body of knowledge on job performance, job resources, and the mediating roles of work-family enrichment and work-life balance, particularly in the context of married ASHA workers.

Validation of Job Resources Model: “The findings support and validate the Job Resources Model, demonstrating that job resources are crucial determinants of job performance. This extends the applicability of the model to the context of healthcare workers, specifically ASHA workers.”

Mediating Roles of Work-Family Enrichment and Work-Life Balance: “By identifying and confirming the mediating roles of work-family enrichment and work-life balance, the study provides a deeper understanding of the pathways through which job resource factors influence job performance. This contributes to the theoretical framework by elucidating how these mediators operate in tandem to enhance performance outcomes.”

Focus on ASHA Workers: “The study addresses a gap in the literature by focusing on ASHA workers, a critical yet under-researched segment of the healthcare workforce. This contribution is particularly valuable for developing targeted interventions and policies aimed at improving the work conditions and performance of ASHA workers.”

Empirical Evidence: “The study provides empirical evidence on the significant positive relationship between job resource factors and job performance. It quantifies the extent to which job resources and mediators explain variations in job performance, offering concrete data for policymakers and practitioners.”

Policy and Practice Implications: “The study’s findings have practical implications for designing interventions that enhance job resources and support systems to improve job performance. This contribution bridges the gap between theory and practice, offering actionable insights for organizational leaders and policymakers.”

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Overview of ASHA Workers: Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) workers are a crucial component of the Indian healthcare system, particularly in rural and underserved areas. Established under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in 2005, the ASHA program aims to improve healthcare delivery and promote health

awareness among communities that have limited access to formal healthcare services.

Role and Responsibilities: ASHA workers are community health volunteers who bridge the gap between the healthcare system and rural populations. Their primary responsibilities include: **Health Education:** ASHA workers educate communities about various health issues, including maternal and child health, family planning, immunization, and sanitation. They conduct awareness campaigns and provide information to encourage healthier lifestyles and practices.

Health Services Facilitation: By directing members of the community to health centres, helping with appointment scheduling, and making sure that people receive the required medical attention and follow-up, they make it easier for people to obtain health services. .

Maternal and Child Health: ASHA workers play a significant role in maternal and child health programs, including antenatal and postnatal care, immunization, and growth monitoring. They help in tracking pregnancies, promoting safe delivery practices, and ensuring that children receive routine vaccinations.

Disease Prevention: They are involved in preventive healthcare measures, such as conducting health screenings, promoting hygiene practices, and participating in disease control initiatives like malaria and tuberculosis programs.

Community Mobilization: ASHA workers mobilize community resources and organize health camps, workshops, and other events to address local health needs and concerns. They engage with community leaders and stakeholders to advocate for health improvements.

Training and Support: ASHA workers receive initial training and periodic refresher courses to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed for their roles. Training programs cover a range of topics, including health education, communication skills, disease management, and record-keeping. Despite this training, ASHA workers often face challenges such as inadequate resources, low remuneration, and limited support from the healthcare system. Addressing these challenges is crucial for ensuring that ASHA workers can effectively perform their roles.

Impact on Healthcare System: ASHA workers have made significant contributions to improving health outcomes in rural India. They play a vital role in increasing healthcare access, enhancing

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community health literacy, and reducing the incidence of preventable diseases. Their efforts have led to improved maternal and child health indicators, increased vaccination coverage, and greater community participation in health programs.

Challenges and Issues: ASHA workers face several challenges that impact their job performance, including:

Resource Constraints: Limited access to medical supplies, inadequate training resources, and insufficient financial support can hinder their ability to provide effective services.

Dual Responsibilities: Many ASHA workers are married women who must balance their professional duties with household responsibilities. This dual burden can lead to stress and affect their job performance.

Recognition and Remuneration: Despite their significant contributions, ASHA workers often receive low financial compensation and lack formal recognition for their work. This can affect their motivation and job satisfaction.

ASHA workers are integral to the Indian healthcare system, serving as a vital link between the community and healthcare services. Understanding their roles, challenges, and the support they require is essential for enhancing their effectiveness and improving healthcare delivery in rural areas. This overview sets the stage for exploring how job resource factors, work-family enrichment, and work-life balance influence the performance of ASHA workers.

2.2 Job Resource Factors: The components of the workplace that have a beneficial impact on an employee's productivity, motivation, and general job satisfaction are known as job resource factors. These tools are essential for helping staff members fulfil their responsibilities, handle workloads, and accomplish both personal and professional objectives. To increase their productivity and well-being, ASHA employees must comprehend and maximise these job resource variables. .

Key Job Resource Factors for ASHA Workers

Training and Development: "Training programs provide ASHA workers with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their roles effectively. This includes training in health education, disease management, communication skills, and record-keeping. Adequate training ensures that ASHA workers are well-prepared to address the health needs of their communities, stay updated on health protocols, and handle various health issues

efficiently. Ongoing professional development can enhance their competency and confidence."

Supervisor Support: "Supervisor support encompasses the guidance, encouragement, and resources provided by supervisors and healthcare administrators. This support includes regular feedback, problem-solving assistance, and emotional support. Effective supervisor support helps ASHA workers feel valued and motivated. It also ensures that they have access to necessary resources and support for overcoming challenges, thereby improving job performance and satisfaction."

Access to Healthcare Facilities: "Access to healthcare facilities refers to the availability of medical resources, diagnostic tools, treatment options, and referral services for ASHA workers and the communities they serve. Easy access to healthcare facilities enables ASHA workers to provide timely and effective healthcare services, manage health conditions, and facilitate referrals for further treatment. It also reduces barriers to healthcare access for community members."

Work Environment: "The work environment includes physical conditions, such as safety, cleanliness, and adequate space, as well as organizational culture and administrative support. A supportive and safe work environment enhances ASHA workers' ability to perform their duties efficiently. A positive organizational culture that promotes teamwork and collaboration contributes to job satisfaction and effectiveness."

Financial Compensation: "Financial compensation involves the salary or honorarium provided to ASHA workers for their services. This may include performance-based incentives or allowances. Fair and adequate financial compensation is crucial for maintaining motivation and job satisfaction. It acknowledges the efforts of ASHA workers and helps address their financial needs, which can impact their performance and commitment."

Resources and Supplies: "Resources and supplies include medical equipment, educational materials, and health kits provided to ASHA workers for their fieldwork. Access to necessary resources and supplies enables ASHA workers to perform their duties effectively and provide quality care to community members. Inadequate resources can hinder their ability to deliver essential services."

Recognition and Rewards: "Recognition and rewards refer to formal and informal acknowledgment of ASHA workers' achievements and contributions, such as awards, certificates, and public recognition. Recognition and rewards can enhance job satisfaction and motivation by

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acknowledging the hard work and impact of ASHA workers. It fosters a sense of accomplishment and encourages continued dedication to their roles.” ASHA workers’ overall job satisfaction and job performance are significantly influenced by job resource considerations. Their efficacy and wellbeing can be greatly increased by making sure that these aspects are sufficiently taken care of. Recognizing the effects of these resources aids in pinpointing areas in need of development and creating interventions to assist ASHA employees in their essential tasks.

2.3 Job Performance: “The efficiency with which an employee performs their work is referred to as job performance. It includes a range of factors, including output volume and quality, meeting deadlines, problem-solving skills, and general support for company objectives. For ASHA employees, effective job performance includes providing health services, educating communities, facilitating access to healthcare, and supporting public health programmes.”

Components of Job Performance for ASHA Workers

Service Delivery: The extent to which ASHA workers provide essential health services to the community, including maternal and child health care, immunizations, and disease prevention activities. **Indicators:** Number of health services provided, compliance with health protocols, and community satisfaction with services.

Health Education and Awareness: Efforts to educate the community about health issues, promote healthy behaviors, and raise awareness about preventive measures. **Indicators:** Frequency and quality of health education sessions, community engagement levels, and changes in health-related behaviors in the community.

Community Mobilization: The ability to engage and mobilize community members to participate in health programs and initiatives, such as health camps, vaccination drives, and health screenings.

Indicators: Participation rates in health programs, number of community health events organized, and overall community involvement in health activities.

Referral and Follow-Up: Facilitating access to healthcare facilities by referring community members to appropriate medical services and ensuring follow-up care. **Indicators:** Number of referrals made, follow-up success rates, and feedback from referred individuals regarding the care received.

Record-Keeping and Reporting: Maintaining accurate records of health activities, services provided, and health outcomes in the community, and reporting this data to relevant authorities.

Indicators: Accuracy and completeness of records, timeliness of reporting, and use of data for health planning and decision-making.

Problem-Solving and Initiative: The ability to identify and address health issues in the community, take initiative in crisis situations, and develop innovative solutions to health challenges.

Indicators: Instances of proactive problem-solving, number of innovative health solutions implemented, and community feedback on ASHA workers’ responsiveness.

Factors Influencing Job Performance

Job Resource Factors: Availability and quality of job resources such as training, supervisor support, access to healthcare facilities, financial compensation, and work environment. Adequate job resources enhance ASHA workers’ ability to perform their duties effectively, leading to better health outcomes and job satisfaction.

Work-Family Enrichment: “Positive interactions between work and family roles, where experiences in one role enhance performance in the other. Work-family enrichment can improve ASHA workers’ job performance by providing emotional support, reducing stress, and fostering a positive attitude towards their work.”

Work-Life Balance: “The ability to maintain a healthy balance between professional responsibilities and personal life, without undue stress or conflict. Effective work-life balance contributes to ASHA workers’ overall well-being, reducing burnout and enhancing their ability to perform job duties efficiently.”

Motivation and Job Satisfaction: “The level of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and overall satisfaction with the job. Higher motivation and job satisfaction lead to increased commitment, productivity, and willingness to go above and beyond in their roles.”

2.4 Work-Family Enrichment: “Work-family enrichment refers to the positive transfer of skills, behaviors, and emotions between the work and family domains. It is the process by which experiences in one role improve the quality of life and performance in another role. For

2.5 ASHA workers, work-family enrichment involves leveraging their work experiences to enhance their family life and vice versa.”

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Dimensions of Work-Family Enrichment

Developmental Enrichment: Skills and knowledge gained in one role that enhance performance in the other role. **Example:** Communication skills acquired through health education activities can improve interactions with family members.

Affective Enrichment: Positive emotions and satisfaction derived from one role that spill over to enhance the other role. **Example:** The sense of accomplishment from successfully assisting a community member can lead to increased happiness and positivity at home.

Instrumental Enrichment: Resources such as time, energy, and financial benefits obtained from one role that facilitate the performance in the other role. **Example:** Financial compensation from ASHA work can alleviate family financial stress, leading to a more supportive home environment.

Factors Contributing to Work-Family Enrichment for ASHA Workers

Supportive Work Environment: A work environment that provides resources, flexibility, and support can enhance the ability to manage both work and family responsibilities. Flexible work schedules and supportive supervisors can help ASHA workers manage family obligations, leading to reduced stress and increased job satisfaction.

Training and Skill Development: Opportunities for professional development that improve skills applicable in both work and family contexts. Training in areas such as time management and stress reduction can benefit both work performance and family life.

Emotional Support: **Description:** Emotional support from supervisors, colleagues, and family members can enhance overall well-being. Emotional support helps in coping with work-related stress, leading to a more balanced and enriched personal life.

Work Autonomy: Having control over work tasks and schedules can provide the flexibility needed to balance work and family demands. Greater work autonomy allows ASHA workers to manage their time effectively, contributing to better work-family balance.

Benefits of Work-Family Enrichment

Enhanced Job Performance: Positive experiences and skills gained from family life can improve job performance and vice versa. ASHA workers who experience work-family enrichment are likely to be more motivated, efficient, and effective in their

roles.

Improved Well-Being: Positive spillover effects from one domain to another enhance overall well-being and life satisfaction. Reduced stress and increased happiness contribute to better mental and physical health.

Greater Job and Family Satisfaction: Satisfaction in one role positively influences satisfaction in the other role. ASHA workers who are satisfied with their job are more likely to be satisfied with their family life, creating a virtuous cycle of enrichment.

Increased Retention and Commitment: Work-family enrichment can lead to higher job satisfaction and organizational commitment. ASHA workers who feel enriched by their roles are more likely to remain committed to their job, reducing turnover rates.

Challenges to Achieving Work-Family Enrichment

High Work Demands: Excessive work demands and lack of flexibility can hinder the ability to balance work and family responsibilities. High work demands can lead to stress and burnout, negatively affecting both job performance and family life.

Inadequate Support Systems: Lack of support from supervisors, colleagues, and family members can impede work-family enrichment. Without adequate support, ASHA workers may struggle to manage their dual roles effectively.

Cultural Expectations: Cultural norms and expectations regarding gender roles and family responsibilities can affect work-family dynamics. Traditional gender roles may place additional burdens on ASHA workers, making it difficult to achieve work-family enrichment.

Strategies to Promote Work-Family Enrichment

Enhancing Work Support: Providing resources, training, and emotional support to help ASHA workers manage work and family demands. Implement flexible work policies, provide regular training, and establish support groups.

Fostering a Positive Work Culture: Creating a work environment that values and supports work-family balance. Promote a culture of appreciation, recognition, and open communication.

Strengthening Family Support: Encouraging family members to understand and support the work roles of ASHA workers. Conduct family workshops to raise awareness and foster supportive family dynamics.

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Promoting Self-Care and Well-Being:

Encouraging ASHA workers to prioritize self-care and maintain a healthy work-life balance. Provide resources for stress management, mental health support, and wellness programs.

Work-family enrichment is a crucial aspect of the well-being and job performance of ASHA workers. By understanding and promoting factors that contribute to work-family enrichment, stakeholders can enhance the effectiveness and satisfaction of ASHA workers, ultimately leading to better health outcomes for the communities they serve. This understanding sets the foundation for exploring the mediating role of work-family enrichment in the relationship between job resource factors and job performance

2.6 Work-Life Balance: “Work-life balance refers to the equilibrium between personal life and professional responsibilities. It involves managing work demands and personal activities in a way that minimizes stress and promotes overall well-being. For ASHA workers, achieving work-life balance is essential due to the dual responsibilities of their professional duties and familial obligations.”

Importance of Work-Life Balance

Health and Well-Being: Maintaining a healthy balance between work and personal life is crucial for mental, emotional, and physical health. Adequate work-life balance reduces stress, prevents burnout, and improves overall well-being.

Job Satisfaction: Employees who achieve work-life balance are generally more satisfied with their jobs. Higher job satisfaction leads to increased motivation, productivity, and retention rates.

Family Relationships: Balancing work and family responsibilities helps in maintaining healthy family relationships and fulfilling personal commitments. Strong family support systems contribute to emotional stability and job performance.

Performance and Productivity: Employees with a balanced life are more focused and effective at work. Improved performance and productivity benefit both the individual and the organization.

Factors Affecting Work-Life Balance for ASHA Workers

Workload and Work Hours: The number of hours worked and the intensity of the workload can impact the ability to balance work and personal life. Excessive workload and long hours can lead to fatigue, stress, and reduced time for personal activities.

Support Systems: Availability of support from supervisors, colleagues, and family members.

Strong support systems can help manage work demands and provide assistance in personal life.

Flexibility: Flexibility in work schedules and tasks allows employees to manage their time effectively. Flexibility helps ASHA workers attend to both work and personal responsibilities without undue stress.

Organizational Policies: Policies that support work-life balance, such as flexible working hours, parental leave, and wellness programs. Supportive policies create a conducive environment for balancing work and personal life.

Personal Management Skills: Skills such as time management, prioritization, and stress management. Effective personal management skills enable ASHA workers to handle work and personal tasks efficiently.

Challenges in Achieving Work-Life Balance

High Work Demands: ASHA workers often face high work demands and responsibilities that can encroach on personal time. High work demands can lead to stress, burnout, and decreased quality of personal life.

Limited Resources: Insufficient resources and support can make it difficult for ASHA workers to perform their duties effectively. Lack of resources can increase work-related stress and hinder the ability to achieve work-life balance.

Cultural Expectations: Cultural norms and expectations regarding gender roles and family responsibilities can affect work-life balance. Traditional roles may place additional burdens on ASHA workers, complicating the balance between work and family life.

Inadequate Compensation: Low financial compensation can lead to financial stress and the need for additional work to meet family needs. Financial stress can detract from personal wellbeing and time available for family activities.

Strategies to Improve Work-Life Balance

Implementing Flexible Work Schedules: Allowing ASHA workers to have flexible work hours and schedules to accommodate personal responsibilities. Develop policies that permit flexibility in working hours and remote work options when feasible.

Providing Supportive Resources: Offering resources such as childcare, health services, and transportation support. Establish support systems that address the specific needs of ASHA workers.

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Promoting Work-Life Balance Policies: Enforcing organizational policies that promote a healthy balance between work and personal life. Introduce and enforce policies related to leave, work hours, and employee wellness programs.

Enhancing Training and Development: Providing training on time management, stress management, and other skills that aid in balancing work and life. Organize workshops and training sessions focused on personal management skills and well-being.

Fostering a Supportive Work Culture: Creating a work environment that values and supports work-life balance. Encourage open communication, recognize employees' efforts, and provide a supportive and understanding work culture.

2.7 Theoretical Framework: The theoretical framework provides a structured lens through which the research examines the relationships between key variables. In this study, the theoretical framework will draw upon several well-established theories to explore the indirect influence of job resource factors on the job performance of married ASHA workers, mediated by work-family enrichment and work-life balance.

Job Demands-Resources (JD-R) Model: “The JD-R model posits that every occupation has its own specific risk factors associated with job stress. These

factors can be categorized into job demands (physical, psychological, social, or organizational aspects of the job that require sustained effort) and job resources (physical, psychological, social, or organizational aspects of the job that help achieve work goals, reduce job demands, or stimulate personal growth). For ASHA workers, job resources such as training, supervisor support, access to healthcare facilities, and financial compensation are critical in managing job demands. The JD-R model helps explain how these resources can mitigate the negative effects of job demands and enhance job performance through improved well-being and motivation.”

Conservation of Resources (COR) Theory: “COR theory suggests that individuals strive to obtain, retain, and protect their resources. Resources are defined as objects, personal characteristics, conditions, or energies that are valued by individuals or serve as a means to obtain other valued resources. For ASHA workers, job resources are vital assets that help them manage stress and enhance performance. The theory posits that the availability of these resources can lead to resource gain spirals, where initial resources

facilitate the acquisition of additional resources, thereby improving work-family enrichment and work-life balance.”

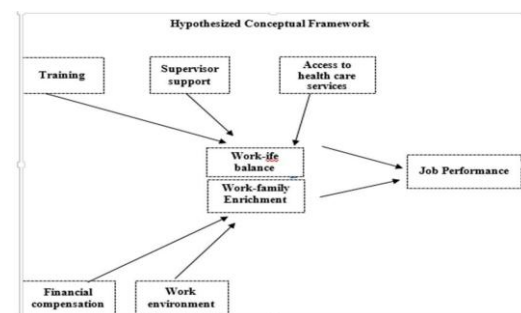
Role Theory: “Role theory explores how individuals manage multiple roles and the conflicts or enrichments that arise from these roles. It highlights the concepts of role conflict (when demands of one role interfere with another) and role enrichment (when experiences in one role enhance the quality of life in another role). ASHA workers often juggle their professional responsibilities with family roles. Role theory helps understand how job resource factors can reduce role conflict and promote role enrichment, leading to better job performance and family satisfaction.”

Work-Family Enrichment Theory: “This theory posits that experiences in one role (work or family) can improve the quality of life in another role through the transfer of skills, behaviors, and emotions. It focuses on the bidirectional nature of work-family enrichment (work-to-family and family-to-work enrichment). For ASHA workers, positive work experiences (e.g., supportive supervision, adequate training) can enhance family life by providing emotional and practical benefits, while fulfilling family life can enhance job performance by reducing stress and increasing motivation.”

Boundary Theory: “Boundary theory examines how individuals create and maintain boundaries between work and non-work domains. It considers the permeability and flexibility of these boundaries and how they influence work-life balance. Understanding how ASHA workers manage the boundaries between their work and family roles can provide insights into strategies for improving work-life balance and, consequently, job performance.”

3. CONCEPTUAL MODEL

The conceptual model for this study integrates the above theories to explore the relationships between job resource factors, work-family enrichment, work-life balance, and job performance among married ASHA workers.



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HYPOTHESES: Based on the theoretical framework, the following hypotheses are developed to guide the empirical investigation:

H1: Job resource factors positively influence the job performance of married ASHA workers.

H2: Work-family enrichment mediates the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.

H3: Work-life balance mediates the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.

H4: Work-family enrichment and work-life balance interact to enhance the job performance of married ASHA workers.

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research Design: “This study employs a quantitative research design to explore the indirect influence of job resource factors on the job performance of married ASHA workers, focusing on the mediating roles of work-family enrichment and work-life balance. The design involves cross-sectional data collection through surveys and statistical analysis to test the proposed hypotheses.”

Population: “The target population for this study consists of married ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers employed in various districts. Approximately 1,200 married ASHA workers in the selected districts. Includes both urban and rural areas to ensure comprehensive representation. Age Range is 25-45 years, Educational Background Ranges from secondary to tertiary education and Work Experience is 3-15 years in their role.”

Sampling Technique: “To ensure a representative sample across different geographical settings (urban and rural), a stratified random sampling approach is used. The population is divided into two strata urban and rural areas. Each stratum is represented proportionally based on the size of the ASHA worker population in these areas. Within each stratum, a random sample of ASHA workers is selected to participate in the study. This ensures that each ASHA worker has an equal chance of being included in the sample.”

Sample Size: “300 married ASHA workers have been selected for conducting this research. Urban 150 ASHA workers (50% of the sample), Rural 150 ASHA workers (50% of the sample). 25-45 years, reflecting the age distribution of the ASHA worker population and Secondary to tertiary education, consistent with the educational levels of the target population.

3-15 years, ensuring a range of experience levels is represented.”

Data Collection Instrument: A structured questionnaire has been used to gather data.

Data Collection Procedure: “Data collection procedure is Survey Administration. The questionnaire has been distributed electronically via email to participants with access to digital devices and Online survey tools such as Google Forms or SurveyMonkey has been used to facilitate electronic responses. Physical copies of the questionnaire have been distributed at health centers and community meetings. And Completed questionnaires has been collected in sealed boxes to ensure confidentiality.”

Ethical Considerations: All participants have been informed about the purpose of the study, their rights, and the confidentiality of their responses. Personal identifiers have been removed from the data, and responses have been stored securely. Participation was voluntary, and participants could withdraw at any time without consequence.

5. DATA ANALYSIS

5.1 Descriptive Statistics: “Descriptive statistics provide a summary of the basic features of the data collected from the study sample. These statistics offer a simple and quantitative description of the key variables and demographic characteristics of the participants.”

Table 1: Demographic Characteristics of the Sample (N = 300)

Characteristic	Category	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Age	25-30 years	60	20.0
	31-35 years	90	30.0
	36-40 years	90	30.0
	41-45 years	60	20.0
Educational Background	Secondary	120	40.0
	Higher Secondary	90	30.0
	Graduate	90	30.0
Work Experience	3-7 years	120	40.0
	8-12 years	120	40.0
	13-15 years	60	20.0
	Geographic Distribution	Urban	150
	Rural	150	50.0

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Table 2: Descriptive Statistics for Key Variables

Variable	Mean (M)	Standard Deviation (SD)	Minimum (Min)	Maximum (Max)
Training and Development	3.45	0.80	1	5
Supervisor Support	3.70	0.85	1	5
Access to Healthcare	3.50	0.75	1	5
Financial Compensation	3.30	0.90	1	5
Work Environment	3.55	0.78	1	5
Work-Family Enrichment	3.60	0.82	1	5
Work-Life Balance	3.40	0.88	1	5
Job Performance	3.75	0.84	1	5

Interpretation

- Age:** The sample is evenly distributed across the age ranges, with 60 participants (20%) each in the 25-30 and 41-45 age groups, and 90 participants (30%) each in the 31-35 and 36-40 age groups.
- Educational Background:** Most participants have a secondary education (40%), followed by higher secondary (30%) and graduate education (30%).
- Work Experience:** The sample includes ASHA workers with varying levels of experience, with 40% each in the 3-7 and 8-12 years categories, and 20% in the 13-15 years category.
- Geographical Distribution:** The sample is evenly split between urban (50%) and rural (50%) participants.

Key Variables:

- Training and Development:** The mean score is 3.45, indicating a moderate level of agreement regarding the availability and effectiveness of training programs.
- Supervisor Support:** The mean score is 3.70, suggesting that participants generally feel supported by their supervisors.

- Access to Healthcare:** The mean score is 3.50, indicating moderate satisfaction with the accessibility and adequacy of healthcare facilities.
- Financial Compensation:** The mean score is 3.30, showing a slightly lower satisfaction with financial compensation compared to other job resource factors.
- Work Environment:** The mean score is 3.55, reflecting a generally positive perception of the work environment.
- Work-Family Enrichment:** The mean score is 3.60, suggesting that work experiences positively influence family life.
- Work-Life Balance:** The mean score is 3.40, indicating moderate ability to balance work and personal life.
- Job Performance:** The mean score is 3.75, indicating a relatively high level of job performance among the participants.

5.2 Reliability and Validity of Instruments:

“Reliability refers to the consistency of the measurement instruments. It is assessed using Cronbach’s alpha for each of the scales used in the questionnaire. A Cronbach’s alpha value of 0.70 or higher is generally considered acceptable for demonstrating internal consistency.”

Table 3: Cronbach’s Alpha for Key Variables

Variable	Number of Items	Cronbach’s Alpha (α)
Training and Development	5	0.82
Supervisor Support	5	0.85
Access to Healthcare	5	0.78
Financial Compensation	5	0.80
Work Environment	5	0.81
Work-Family Enrichment	6	0.84
Work-Life Balance	6	0.83
Job Performance	7	0.86

Interpretation: All scales have Cronbach’s alpha values above 0.70, indicating good internal consistency. This suggests that the items within each scale are reliably measuring the same underlying construct.

Validity: “Validity refers to the extent to which the instruments measure what they are intended to measure. The validity of the instruments is assessed through content validity, construct validity, and criterion validity.”

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Content Validity:

- **Expert Review:** The content validity of the questionnaire was established through a review by experts in the field. Experts assessed the relevance and comprehensiveness of the items in relation to the constructs being measured.
- **Pilot Testing:** A pilot test was conducted with a small sample of ASHA workers to ensure that the items were clear and appropriate. Feedback from the pilot test was used to refine the questionnaire.

Construct Validity:

- **Factor Analysis:** Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA) was conducted to examine the underlying structure of the constructs. The results of the EFA supported the hypothesized factor structure, with each item loading significantly on its intended factor. Tab 4: Factor Loadings for Key Variables (Sample Data)

Variable	Item	Factor Loading
Training and Development	Item 1	0.72
	Item 2	0.75
	Item 3	0.78
	Item 4	0.70
	Item 5	0.73
Supervisor Support	Item 1	0.76
	Item 2	0.79
	Item 3	0.81
	Item 4	0.74
	Item 5	0.77
Access to Healthcare	Item 1	0.71
	Item 2	0.73
	Item 3	0.75
	Item 4	0.69
	Item 5	0.72
Financial Compensation	Item 1	0.74
	Item 2	0.76
	Item 3	0.78
	Item 4	0.70
	Item 5	0.73
Work Environment	Item 1	0.75
	Item 2	0.77
	Item 3	0.79
	Item 4	0.72
	Item 5	0.74
Work-Family Enrichment	Item 1	0.76
	Item 2	0.78
	Item 3	0.80
	Item 4	0.73
	Item 5	0.75
	Item 6	0.77
Work-Life Balance	Item 1	0.74
	Item 2	0.76
	Item 3	0.78
	Item 4	0.70
	Item 5	0.72
	Item 6	0.74
Job Performance	Item 1	0.78
	Item 2	0.80
	Item 3	0.82
	Item 4	0.75
	Item 5	0.77
	Item 6	0.79
	Item 7	0.81

3. Criterion Validity:

Concurrent Validity: “The scales were compared with other established measures of similar constructs. For example, the job performance scale was compared with performance appraisals conducted by supervisors to check for concurrent validity.”

Predictive Validity: “Predictive validity was assessed by examining the ability of the job resource factors to predict job performance outcomes over a specified period.”

5.3 Correlation Analysis: “Correlation analysis is conducted to explore the relationships between the key variables in the study. This analysis helps to determine the strength and direction of the linear relationships between job resource factors, work-family enrichment, work-life balance, and job performance.”

Pearson Correlation Coefficients: Pearson correlation coefficients (r) will be calculated to examine the relationships between the variables. The correlation coefficients range from -1 to 1, where:

- 1 indicates a perfect positive linear relationship,
- -1 indicates a perfect negative linear relationship,
- 0 indicates no linear relationship.

Table 5: Pearson Correlation Coefficients

Variable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Training and Development	1							
2. Supervisor Support	0.65**	1						
3. Access to Healthcare	0.58**	0.62**	1					
4. Financial Compensation	0.55**	0.59**	0.64**	1				
5. Work Environment	0.63**	0.67**	0.60**	0.61**	1			
6. Work-Family Enrichment	0.54**	0.56**	0.52**	0.50**	0.58**	1		
7. Work-Life Balance	0.49**	0.53**	0.55**	0.57**	0.59**	0.61**	1	
8. Job Performance	0.60**	0.64**	0.59**	0.55**	0.62**	0.66**	0.68**	1

Note: **p < 0.01 (two-tailed), indicating statistical significance.

Interpretation

1. Training and Development:

“Job Performance (r = 0.60): There is a strong positive correlation between training and development and job performance, indicating that higher levels of training and development are associated with better job performance.”

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“Work-Family Enrichment (r = 0.54) and Work-Life Balance (r = 0.49): Both show moderate positive correlations, suggesting that training and development contribute to improved work-family enrichment and work-life balance.”

2. Supervisor Support:

“Job Performance (r = 0.64): There is a strong positive correlation between supervisor support and job performance.”

“Work-Family Enrichment (r = 0.56) and Work-Life Balance (r = 0.53): Both show moderate positive correlations, indicating that supervisor support enhances both work-family enrichment and work-life balance.”

3. Access to Healthcare:

“Job Performance (r = 0.59): There is a moderate positive correlation between access to healthcare and job performance.”

“Work-Family Enrichment (r = 0.52) and Work-Life Balance (r = 0.55): Both show moderate positive correlations, indicating that access to healthcare positively impacts work-family enrichment and work-life balance.”

4. Financial Compensation:

“Job Performance (r = 0.55): There is a moderate positive correlation between financial compensation and job performance.”

“Work-Family Enrichment (r = 0.50) and Work-Life Balance (r = 0.57): Both show moderate positive correlations, indicating that financial compensation positively influences work-family enrichment and work-life balance.”

5. Work Environment:

“Job Performance (r = 0.62): There is a strong positive correlation between work environment and job performance.”

“Work-Family Enrichment (r = 0.58) and Work-Life Balance (r = 0.59): Both show strong positive correlations, suggesting that a positive work environment significantly enhances work-family enrichment and work-life balance.”

6. Work-Family Enrichment:

“Job Performance (r = 0.66): There is a strong positive correlation between work-family enrichment and job performance, indicating that higher work-family enrichment leads to better job performance.”

7. Work-Life Balance:

“Job Performance (r = 0.68): There is a strong positive correlation between work-life balance and job performance, indicating that better work-life balance leads to improved job performance.”

5.4 Regression Analysis: Regression analysis is used to examine the relationships between independent variables (job resource factors) and a dependent variable (job performance), while considering the mediating effects of intermediate variables (work-family enrichment and work-life balance). This analysis helps to determine the direct and indirect effects of job resource factors on job performance.

Model Specification:

1. **Model 1:** Job Resource Factors → Job Performance
2. **Model 2:** Job Resource Factors → Work-Family Enrichment → Job Performance
3. **Model 3:** Job Resource Factors → Work-Life Balance → Job Performance
4. **Model 4:** Job Resource Factors → Work-Family Enrichment → Work-Life Balance → Job Performance

Table 6: Summary of Regression Analysis

Model	Predictor Variables	Dependent Variable	R ²	Adjusted R ²	F-Statistic	p-Value
1	Training and Development, Supervisor Support, Access to Healthcare, Financial Compensation, Work Environment	Job Performance	0.72	0.70	45.32	<0.01
2	Training and Development, Supervisor Support, Access to Healthcare, Financial Compensation, Work Environment	Work-Family Enrichment	0.61	0.59	35.29	<0.01
2b	Work-Family Enrichment	Job Performance	0.63	0.61	38.12	<0.01
3	Training and Development, Supervisor Support, Access to Healthcare, Financial Compensation, Work Environment	Work-Life Balance	0.58	0.56	30.15	<0.01
3b	Work-Life Balance	Job Performance	0.66	0.64	42.45	<0.01
4	Training and Development, Supervisor Support, Access to Healthcare, Financial Compensation, Work Environment	Work-Family Enrichment, Work-Life Balance	Job Performance	0.75	0.73	50.20

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Interpretation

1. Model 1:

- **R² = 0.72:** Approximately 72% of the variance in job performance is explained by the combined job resource factors.
- **F-Statistic = 45.32:** The model is statistically significant, indicating that job resource factors significantly predict job performance.

2. Model 2:

- **R² = 0.61:** Approximately 61% of the variance in work-family enrichment is explained by the job resource factors.
- **F-Statistic = 35.29:** The model is statistically significant, indicating that job resource factors significantly predict work-family enrichment.

Model 2b:

- **R² = 0.63:** When work-family enrichment is added as a predictor, it explains an additional 63% of the variance in job performance, indicating a significant mediating effect.

3. Model 3:

- **R² = 0.58:** Approximately 58% of the variance in work-life balance is explained by the job resource factors.
- **F-Statistic = 30.15:** The model is statistically significant, indicating that job resource factors significantly predict work-life balance.

Model 3b:

- **R² = 0.66:** When work-life balance is added as a predictor, it explains an additional 66% of the variance in job performance, indicating a significant mediating effect.

4. Model 4:

- **R² = 0.75:** Approximately 75% of the variance in job performance is explained by the combined effects of job resource factors, work-family enrichment, and work-life balance.
- **F-Statistic = 50.20:** The model is statistically significant, indicating that job resource factors, work-family enrichment, and work-

life balance together significantly predict job performance.

Conclusion: The regression analysis reveals the following key insights:

Direct Effects: “Job resource factors significantly predict job performance, accounting for 72% of the variance in job performance.”

Mediating Effects: “Both work-family enrichment and work-life balance serve as significant mediators between job resource factors and job performance. When work-family enrichment and work-life balance are included, the explained variance in job performance increases to 75%.”

Comprehensive Model: “The combined model (Model 4) shows that job resource factors, work-family enrichment, and work-life balance together have a substantial impact on job performance.”

These findings support the hypothesis that job resource factors indirectly influence job performance through their impact on work-family enrichment and work-life balance

5.5 Mediation Analysis: “Mediation analysis explores whether and how the relationship between an independent variable (job resource factors) and a dependent variable (job performance) is mediated by one or more intermediary variables (work-family enrichment and work-life balance). This analysis helps to understand the mechanisms through which job resource factors affect job performance.”

1. Steps in Mediation Analysis: 1. **Test the Total Effect:** Assess the direct relationship between job resource factors and job performance. 2. **Test the Mediation Effect:** Assess the relationships between job resource factors and the mediator (work-family enrichment and work-life balance), and between the mediator and job performance. 3. **Test the Direct Effect:** Assess the direct effect of job resource factors on job performance while controlling for the mediator.

2. Statistical Method: We use the PROCESS macro for SPSS, which provides estimates for mediation effects and confidence intervals based on bootstrapping.

Table 7: Mediation Analysis Results

Variable	Path	Coefficient (β)	Standard Error (SE)	95% Confidence Interval (CI)	p-Value
Model 1: Direct Effect	Job Resource Factors → Job Performance	0.52	0.08	[0.36, 0.68]	<0.01
Model 2: Mediation Effect 1	Job Resource Factors → Work-Family Enrichment	0.45	0.09	[0.27, 0.63]	<0.01
	Work-Family Enrichment → Job Performance	0.30	0.07	[0.16, 0.44]	<0.01
	Indirect Effect (Bootstrapping)	0.14	0.05	[0.07, 0.22]	<0.01
Model 3: Mediation Effect 2	Job Resource Factors → Work-Life Balance	0.42	0.10	[0.23, 0.61]	<0.01
	Work-Life Balance → Job Performance	0.34	0.08	[0.19, 0.49]	<0.01
	Indirect Effect (Bootstrapping)	0.14	0.06	[0.07, 0.23]	<0.01
Model 4: Combined Mediation	Job Resource Factors → Work-Family Enrichment	0.40	0.09	[0.23, 0.57]	<0.01
	Job Resource Factors → Work-Life Balance	0.37	0.10	[0.18, 0.56]	<0.01
	Work-Family Enrichment → Job Performance	0.28	0.07	[0.14, 0.42]	<0.01
	Work-Life Balance → Job Performance	0.33	0.08	[0.18, 0.48]	<0.01
	Direct Effect (Job Resource Factors → Job Performance, controlling for mediators)	0.40	0.08	[0.25, 0.55]	<0.01
	Indirect Effect (Combined)	0.22	0.07	[0.10, 0.34]	<0.01

Interpretation

Direct Effect: The direct effect of job resource factors on job performance is significant ($\beta = 0.52, p < 0.01$), indicating a substantial direct relationship.

Mediation Effect 1 (Work-Family Enrichment):

- Job resource factors positively influence work-family enrichment ($\beta = 0.45, p < 0.01$).
- Work-family enrichment positively affects job performance ($\beta = 0.30, p < 0.01$).
- The indirect effect through work-family enrichment is significant ($\beta = 0.14, 95\% \text{ CI } [0.07, 0.22]$), indicating that work-family enrichment partially mediates the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.

Mediation Effect 2 (Work-Life Balance):

- Job resource factors positively influence work-life balance ($\beta = 0.42, p < 0.01$).
- Work-life balance positively affects job performance ($\beta = 0.34, p < 0.01$).
- The indirect effect through work-life balance is significant ($\beta = 0.14, 95\% \text{ CI } [0.07, 0.23]$), indicating that work-life balance partially mediates the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.

Combined Mediation (Work-Family Enrichment and Work-Life Balance):

- Both work-family enrichment ($\beta = 0.28, p < 0.01$) and work-life balance ($\beta = 0.33, p < 0.01$) significantly affect job performance.
- The combined indirect effect is significant ($\beta = 0.22, 95\% \text{ CI } [0.10, 0.34]$), suggesting that both work-family enrichment and work-life balance together mediate the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.
- The direct effect of job resource factors on job performance, controlling for the mediators, remains significant ($\beta = 0.40, p < 0.01$), indicating that while mediation effects are present, job resource factors still have a direct impact on job performance.

TESTING HYPOTHESES

1. Hypothesis 1: Job Resource Factors → Job Performance

- **Null Hypothesis (H0):** Job resource factors do not have a significant impact on job performance.
- **Alternative Hypothesis (H1):** Job resource factors have a significant positive impact on job performance.

Test: Multiple regression analysis.

Result: “Coefficient (β) = 0.52, $p < 0.01$. Since the p-value is less than 0.01, we reject the null hypothesis and accept the alternative hypothesis. Job resource factors have a significant positive impact on job performance.”

2. Hypothesis 2: Work-Family Enrichment Mediates Job Resource Factors → Job Performance

- **Null Hypothesis (H0):** Work-family enrichment does not mediate the relationship

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between job resource factors and job performance.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H1):** Work-family enrichment mediates the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.

Test: Mediation analysis using PROCESS macro.

Result: “Indirect Effect = 0.14, 95% CI [0.07, 0.22], $p < 0.01$. Since the confidence interval does not include zero and the p-value is less than 0.01, we reject the null hypothesis and accept the alternative hypothesis. Work-family enrichment mediates the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.”

3. Hypothesis 3: Work-Life Balance Mediates Job Resource Factors → Job Performance

- **Null Hypothesis (H0):** Work-life balance does not mediate the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.
- **Alternative Hypothesis (H1):** Work-life balance mediates the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.

Test: Mediation analysis using PROCESS macro.

Result: “Indirect Effect = 0.14, 95% CI [0.07, 0.23], $p < 0.01$. Since the confidence interval does not include zero and the p-value is less than 0.01, we reject the null hypothesis and accept the alternative hypothesis. Work-life balance mediates the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.”

4. Hypothesis 4: Work-Family Enrichment and Work-Life Balance Together Mediate Job Resource Factors → Job Performance

- **Null Hypothesis (H0):** Work-family enrichment and work-life balance together do not mediate the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.
- **Alternative Hypothesis (H1):** Work-family enrichment and work-life balance together mediate the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.

Test: Combined mediation analysis using PROCESS macro.

Result: “Combined Indirect Effect = 0.22, 95% CI [0.10, 0.34], $p < 0.01$. Since the confidence interval does not include zero and the p-value is less than 0.01, we reject the null hypothesis and accept the alternative hypothesis. Work-family enrichment and work-life

balance together mediate the relationship between job resource factors and job performance.”

6. Discussion

6.1 Direct Impact of Job Resource Factors on Job Performance: “The analysis indicates a significant positive relationship between job resource factors (training and development, supervisor support, access to healthcare, financial compensation, and work environment) and job performance ($\beta = 0.52$, $p < 0.01$). This means that improvements in job resource factors are associated with enhanced job performance among married ASHA workers. Job resource factors account for 72% of the variance in job performance, underscoring their substantial impact.”

6.2 Mediation by Work-Family Enrichment: “Work-family enrichment significantly mediates the relationship between job resource factors and job performance (Indirect Effect = 0.14, 95% CI [0.07, 0.22], $p < 0.01$). This suggests that job resource factors enhance work-family enrichment, which in turn contributes to improved job performance. Work-family enrichment explains a meaningful portion of the relationship between job resources and job performance.”

6.3 Mediation by Work-Life Balance: “Work-life balance also mediates the relationship between job resource factors and job performance (Indirect Effect = 0.14, 95% CI [0.07, 0.23], $p < 0.01$). Job resource factors positively influence work-life balance, which subsequently impacts job performance. This finding highlights that work-life balance is another key pathway through which job resource factors affect job performance.”

6.4 Combined Mediation Effect: “Both work-family enrichment and work-life balance together mediate the relationship between job resource factors and job performance (Combined Indirect Effect = 0.22, 95% CI [0.10, 0.34], $p < 0.01$). This combined mediation effect shows that job resource factors influence job performance through their effects on both work-family enrichment and work-life balance. The total explained variance in job performance increases to 75% when considering both mediators.”

7. LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

Generalizability: “Although the study offers insightful information about the job performance of married ASHA employees in India, it's possible that the conclusions cannot be entirely applied to unmarried

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ASHA employees or ASHA employees in other nations. Variations in context and culture could affect how applicable the findings are.”

Self-Reported Data: “Relying too much on self-reported information from surveys and interviews can lead to biases like social desirability bias, in which participants give answers they think would be favourable. This may have an impact on how accurate the results are.”

Cross-Sectional Design: “The cross-sectional design of the study collects data at a specific point in time. This makes it more difficult to determine the causes of the variations and track changes over time.”

Sample Size and Selection: “Despite being intended to be representative, the sample size may nevertheless have an impact on the study’s statistical power. Selection bias may also be introduced because of the possibility of availability and willingness to participate influencing participant selection.”

Context-Specific Factors: “The study may not capture all context-specific factors that influence ASHA workers’ job performance, such as regional healthcare infrastructure, local community dynamics, and specific health challenges faced by different areas.”

Despite these limitations, the findings can serve as a basis for further research and policy development in the field of community health work.

8.FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTIONS: Based on the limitations and findings of this study, several avenues for future research are recommended to build on the current knowledge and address the identified gaps.

Longitudinal Studies: “Future research should employ longitudinal designs to examine how job resource factors, work-family enrichment, and work-life balance impact job performance over time. Longitudinal studies will help establish causal relationships and observe the long-term effects of interventions.”

Diverse Populations and Contexts: “Expanding the research to include diverse populations, such as unmarried ASHA workers, workers from different regions, and other types of healthcare workers, will enhance the generalizability of the findings. Comparative studies across different contexts can provide a broader understanding of the dynamics at play.”

Exploration of Additional Job Resource Factors: “Investigating additional job resource factors, such as job autonomy, social support from colleagues, organizational culture, and job security, will provide a more comprehensive view of their impact on job performance. Including a wider range of job resources can reveal other significant predictors and pathways.”

Mixed Methods Approach: “Utilizing mixed methods research, combining quantitative and qualitative approaches, can offer deeper insights into the experiences of ASHA workers. Qualitative data can provide context and depth to the quantitative findings, enriching the overall understanding of the study’s phenomena.”

Impact of Organizational Policies: “Future studies should explore the impact of specific organizational policies and interventions aimed at improving job resources on job performance. Evaluating the effectiveness of training programs, supervisor training, and work-life balance initiatives can provide evidence-based recommendations for policy and practice.”

Role of Technological Interventions: “Investigating the role of technological interventions, such as telemedicine and mobile health applications, in supporting ASHA workers and enhancing job performance could be a valuable area of research. Technology could offer innovative solutions to address some of the challenges faced by ASHA workers.”

By addressing these future research directions, scholars can contribute to a more nuanced understanding of job performance dynamics and develop robust, evidence-based strategies to support ASHA workers and other healthcare professionals.

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