

Examining the Psychological Impact of Intergenerational Trauma on Family Dynamics in Post-Conflict Societies

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The phrase "Intergenerational trauma has been documented across various cultural and historical contexts" would be strengthened by citing a broader range of studies that support this statement.

The sample size is mentioned as 30 participants from 10 families, yet later in the Results section, it is indicated as 21 participants. Please clarify the discrepancy in participant numbers.

The table headings "Categories, Subcategories, and Concepts" should include definitions or examples to clarify how each concept was identified and categorized.

The sentence "These experiences have deeply influenced their psychological and emotional well-being" would be more informative with specific examples or quotes from participants to illustrate these influences.

The statement "This aligns with findings from Fargas-Malet and Dillenburger (2016)" should be expanded to explain how the present study's findings compare and contrast with those of Fargas-Malet and Dillenburger.

The use of traditional healing practices should be contextualized within specific cultural practices of the studied regions, with examples of these practices.

The phrase "profound and enduring impact of intergenerational trauma" would be strengthened by summarizing key findings that illustrate this impact.

Authors revised the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The duration of interviews (60 to 90 minutes) could be supported by a rationale explaining why this time frame was deemed sufficient for in-depth data collection.

Describe the process of iterative analysis in more detail, particularly how initial codes were refined and whether multiple coders were involved to ensure reliability.

The statement "This demographic diversity provided a comprehensive understanding" would be enhanced by detailing how specific demographic variables (e.g., age, gender, socioeconomic status) influenced the findings.

The quote "We had to leave our home in the middle of the night..." could be more impactful if it included the context of the specific conflict or region.

The prevalence rates of PTSD, chronic anxiety, and depression should be provided to quantify the psychological impacts observed among participants.

The sentence "My grandmother used to tell us about the war every night" should include analysis on how these narratives specifically contribute to the transmission of trauma.

The description of behavioral changes such as aggression and substance abuse would benefit from linking these behaviors to the trauma experiences discussed earlier.

Provide specific examples of community resources that were mentioned by participants and discuss their accessibility and effectiveness in trauma recovery.

The mention of recall bias and social desirability bias would be more robust with examples of how these biases might have specifically influenced the findings.

When suggesting longitudinal studies, specify what key variables or outcomes should be tracked over time to deepen understanding of intergenerational trauma.

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