The challenges in control COVID-19 in Injibera, Awi Zone, North East Amhara, Ethiopia

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Abstract

Background: In the globe, on April 2021, 130 million coronavirus cases, around 2.8 million were deaths, 102 million were recovered and 105.2 million were closed cases of COVID-19 reported. On April 2021, the world population were 7.9 billion of which United Nations estimates were 1.65% COVID-19 cases included the Ethiopia in report. The main objective of the study was identify the challenges of in control COVID-19.

Methods: The cross-sectional study design was used November to February 2021 in Injibera from Ethiopia. The total 385 respondents using simple random sampling were interviewed. The chi-square test of association and ordinal logistic regression was applied to identify the effect of predictor variables on challenges in control COVID-19.

Results: Out of 385 respondents 277(71.95%) were high challenges in control COVID-19 in Injibera. There was a significant relationship with social media and challenges of in control virus (p-value = 0.047). The variables considered social media, housing status and influence were significant relationship with challenges of in control virus (p-value < 5%). Facebook users were the responsible causes of challenges in control COVID-19 (p-value = 0.023). The more social media followed, decreased the occurrence of challenges in control virus. In addition, a unit increase rented, the challenges in control virus decreased by 0.60 times (p-value = 0.009).

Conclusion: Winning against the coronavirus together with world couldn’t be a marathon. COVID-19 couldn’t be won without collective global and local effort. It would also need serious thinking, discipline and war against the only virus. COVID-19 war needs in control, the globe should be faced free, coordination and discover scientific methods together.

1. Background

Fighting coronavirus in a globe and local levels is very much light a fighting a war in which every human being is a potential victim, mentally and physically capable human must be a warrior making a contribution to the fight[1]. Sadly, COVID-19 war against an invisible enemy and who does operates without any rules of combat and who has no capacity whatsoever to reason therefore one who will not listen to the pleas of the enemy to cease fire[2]. Novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is spreading rapidly and creating a huge economic, social and public health challenge worldwide[3]. In the worldwide, there was financial, material, social, cultural, behavioral, religious, capacity, logistical, education and understanding challenges to control the enemy of human beings the novel coronavirus diseases COVID-19[4]. Wuhan was the city where the virus originated in central China, with a population of over 11 million people. On January 30, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a global public health emergency[5].

In Africa, the impact is huge and increasing in low and middle-income countries, especially in Nigeria with over 202 million population[6]. Potential challenges in managing the corona virus pandemic in developing countries[7].
The virus was confirmed to have reached Ethiopia on 13 March 2020[8]. The national government, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, declared five-month state of emergency in April 2020 but has allowed economic activities to continue during the public health crisis[9]. On 15 March, the infected persons, one Ethiopian and two Japanese nationals, had contact with the individual who was reported to be infected by the virus on 13 March[10].

The first COVID-19 was occurred in Bahirdar Amhara regional state from the merchant traveled Saudi-Arabia when she was come soon and Injibera was the first COVID-19 existed from the individuals come from foreign, even there was psychological impact from COVID-19[11].

The reduction of challenges of COVID-19 given the consultancy in each aspects of daily human activities[12]. The Injibera was selected for this study. This study were designed to the challenges of in control COVID-19 and to know the relationship between in control COVID-19 and predictor variables and to identify significant effects in control COVID-19. The researcher wants to insure challenges of in control COVID-19 using ordinal logistic regression model.

2. Methods

Study design and period

This study was questionnaire based cross-sectional study carried out November to February 2021.

Study Area

Injibera was the administrative center of Agew Awì Zone, which is located 447 km from Addis Ababa and 113km Bahir Dar City in Amhara regional state Ethiopia. Formerly the name Injibera was the name of small village towns around Kosober meaning “Koso tree” the name given by Emperor Haile Selassie during the Italian attack on Ethiopia. Today, Injibera was dominated the name of Kosober and Capital City of Agew nations Awì Zone in Amhara regional state. Injibera was the richest in cultural heritage and tourism specially Horse ride in cultural celebration during December to the end of March and the Agew Horse Association in 1933E.C, 81th celebration was conducted in Injibera on January 30 yearly before one month Adwa victory celebration in Ethiopia.

Study Population and sample

All Injibera males and females was investigated in the study. All those who meet the inclusion criteria were included.

Inclusion criteria

All Injibera males and females in Injibera during the study period with simple random sampling was included.
Exclusion criteria

All males and females not meeting the inclusion criteria were excluded.

Data collection

Since, primary source of data collection used to collect raw data from respondents through personal interview and closed ended questionnaires in Injibera.

Variables

The dependent variable was challenges in control COVID-19 (low, medium and high).

Operational definitions

**Low:** The challenging knowledge, motivation, capability and controls are in place to prevent virus or at least significantly tangible solutions to prevent COVID-19 from being very good.

**Medium:** The Average knowledge, motivation and capability were good, but in control in place that may needs successful exercise to prevent COVID-19.

**High:** The knowledge, motivation and capability were highly poor and in control to prevent the COVID-19 were not enough and no idea about COVID-19.

The predictor variables were Education level (Illiteracy, Student, Diploma and Degree and above), Social media (Facebook, Television, Community, Radio, SMS, Twitter and Others), Racism (In color, In Language, In Country and In Continent), Job types (Agriculture, Merchant, Civil servant, Teacher, Banker, Driver, Politician and Others), Housing status (rented, owned, others), Residence (Urban, Rural), Religion (Orthodox, Muslim, Protestant, Others), Influence (Health status, Political, Social, Economical), Households size (Zero, 1-5, 5), Awareness (Poor, low, medium, high, very high) and Access (No, Yes).

Sampling Design and Techniques

The sampling method used in this study was simple random sampling procedure. The study used the cross-sectional sample design to determine the challenges of in control COVID-19 in Injibera.

Sample size determination

According to the 2007 national census conducted by the central statistical agency of Ethiopia, Injibera has an estimated total population of 21,065 of whom 10,596 are males and 10,469 are females. The sample size for this study was determined based on simple random sampling at 95% confidence level. The sample size formula is given by[13]
Data entry and Analysis

After the data collected, the next step is to edit, analyze, and summarize the data in an appropriate manner and the available data would be transformed into reliable and useful information with the help of statistical analysis procedures by using statistical package for social science (SPSS) version 25. Descriptive statistics was used to summarize information by frequency, percentage, and table. Inferential statistics was used to make inferences or conclusions about the population, chi-square test, and ordinal logistic regression model were used.

Chi-square test of association

The chi-square can't be negative, then the curve don't extend to the left of zero\(^1\). The variables in chi-square distribution must be nominal or ordinal scale\(^2\). The significance in chi-square test is right tailed areas of the distribution\(^2\). In this statistical procedure there is a relationship between categorical variables or not\(^2\).

Ordinal logistic regression

The outcome variable can be grouped into ordinal, in this case, ordinal logistic regression models have been used to analyze ordinal response variables. Moreover, when there is a need to consider several factors, special multivariate analysis for ordinal data is the natural alternative. Ordinal logistic regression models have been widely applied in most investigations. The commonly used ordinal logistic regression model is the constrained cumulative logit model\(^3\).

Cumulative logit model

Ordinal logistic regression refers to the case where the dependent variable has an order\(^3\). The most common ordinal logistic model is the proportional odds model, also called cumulative probabilities of the response categories\(^4\). If we pretend that the dependent variable is recorded as ordinal having categories, then the application of ordinal logistic model is the appropriate method. An attempt to extend the logistic regression model for binary responses to allow for ordinal responses has often involved modeling the cumulative logit\(^4\).
3. Results

The study was conducted on 385 samples from Injibera. From which 36(9.35%) were low, 72(18.70%) were medium and 277(71.95%) were highest challenges in control Nobel corona virus diseases (COVID-19). Out of 385 samples, 116(30.13%) of them students and 109(28.31%) were diploma educational levels challenged. In addition, 117(30.39%) Facebook users, 143(37.14%) television followers and 106(27.5%) community higher challenges of social media. Besides, on family size 143(37.14%) were zero and 217(56.37%) were between 1-5 high challenges. Furthermore, the racism in language differences 98(25.45%) and country to country 118(30.65%) were more challenges to in control over spread in worldwide. Similarly, the merchant 178(46.23%) and civil servant 64(16.62%) job types were challenged. The housing status rented 198(51.43%), owned 165(42.86%) and others 22(5.71%) were challenge to in control COVID-19. Finally, the more was challenging problem the more was fight to stop COVID-19 (Table 1).

Chi-square test of independence

The proportion of challenges to in control in social media Television (37.14%) was greater than all other media. There was a significant relationship between social media and challenges of in control COVID-19 (p-value = 0.047). The variables considered in this study were racism, housing status, influence, household size, and access were significant relationship with challenges of in control COVID-19 (p-value < 5%) (Table 2).

Ordinal logistic regression

Univariate analysis

In this case, the Facebook users increased by a unit, the chance of in control was decreased by 0.94 times and this is also one of the significant predictors for social media (p-value = 0.001). Increasing a unit television followers invite to reduce in control. A unit increment caused to reduce in control by 0.43 times (p-value = 0.009). Similarly, when the housing status rented increased by a unit, the probability to be involved in in control over spread of the pandemic was decreased by 0.64 times (p-value = 0.002) and owned a unit increment was decreased in 0.19 times (p-value = 0.000). Racism, was insignificant predictor variables (p-value more than 5%) (Table 3).

Multivariable analysis

When the Facebook users was increased by a unit, the possibilities to be involved in the challenges in control virus were decreased by 0.93 times and it is one of the predictors of challenges in control virus (p-value = 0.023). A unit increase on the Television information the occurrence of challenges in control virus decreased by 0.86 times (p-value = 0.004). In community was increased by a number, the occurrence of challenges in control virus was decreased by 0.52 times (p-value = 0.011). The risk in challenges in control virus in racism was in significant (p-value more than 5%). Among housing status, most of them were occurred on the rented compared to owned and others (p-value = 0.005). Influence had been played...
a crucial role in challenges in control virus. In other words, influence whose political status were the most responsible factor for challenges in control virus. A unit increase political status, increase challenges in control virus by 2.33 times (p-value = 0.006) as compared to health status, social and economic influence. The access information was in significant predictors of the occurrence of challenges in control virus (Table 3).

4. Discussions

The papers on previous study, most important and wide-spread mass gatherings were religious mass gatherings around sacred religious sites. Despite pressure from religious groups, the government banned travel around these restricted areas to slow the spread of the disease. Such behaviors in a society highlight the need to pay attention to cultural challenges in controlling the epidemic of infectious diseases[1, 8, 18].

Policymakers at the National COVID-19 Control Headquarters should use a community-based approach to epidemic control. The use of religious leaders to articulate approved policies is one of the most effective strategies in such situations. Such behaviors are a sign of a lack of education and, as a result, a low risk. The capacity of religious organizations themselves must be used to increase people's understanding of the dangers of religious gatherings. In order to control the epidemic of infectious diseases in developing and less-developed countries, was necessary to pay attention to cultural differences. Different strategies for engaging religious groups to be studied, and programs are only effective if they take a community-centered approach[9, 18].

This study was conducted in Injibera factors that determined the challenges of in control virus. According to the results, 36(9.35%) low, 72(18.70%) medium and 277(71.95%) were high challenges in control virus COVID-19. In this case most of respondents were high challenges in control virus distribution (Table 1).

5. Conclusions

The study strongly suggests that more should be done and more reduction of challenges in control COVID-19. A one virus world fight. The main objective of this study was to study factors affecting the challenges in control COVID-19. The chi-square test of association social media, racism, housing status, influence and access results were significant effect on challenges in control virus (Table 2). The ordinal logistic regression showed that social media, housing status and influence were the major factors that affect the challenges in control virus (Table 3). The researcher was recommend for all concerned bodies couldn't disturbed and give attention COVID-19.

Declarations

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Ethical approval

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Conflicts of Interest

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### Tables

**Table 1: Descriptive statistics of the outcomes and predictors of challenges in control COVID-19 in Injibera, Ethiopia.**
| Variables                              | Category            | Frequency | Percent (%) |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Responses/challenges in control COVID-19 | Low                 | 36        | 9.35        |
|                                       | Medium              | 72        | 18.70       |
|                                       | High                | 277       | 71.95       |
| Education level                        | Illiteracy          | 87        | 22.60       |
|                                       | Student             | 116       | 30.13       |
|                                       | Diploma             | 109       | 28.31       |
|                                       | Degree and above    | 73        | 18.96       |
| Social media                           | Facebook            | 117       | 30.39       |
|                                       | Television          | 143       | 37.14       |
|                                       | Community           | 106       | 27.50       |
|                                       | Radio               | 5         | 1.30        |
|                                       | SMS                 | 8         | 2.08        |
|                                       | Twitter             | 6         | 1.56        |
|                                       | Others              | 0         | 0.00        |
| Racism                                 | In color            | 83        | 21.56       |
|                                       | In Language         | 98        | 25.45       |
|                                       | In Country          | 118       | 30.65       |
|                                       | In Continent        | 86        | 22.34       |
| Job types                              | Agriculture         | 11        | 2.86        |
|                                       | Merchant            | 178       | 46.23       |
|                                       | Civil servant       | 64        | 16.62       |
|                                       | Teacher             | 51        | 13.25       |
|                                       | Banker              | 34        | 8.83        |
|                                       | Driver              | 6         | 1.56        |
|                                       | Politician          | 4         | 1.04        |
|                                       | Others              | 37        | 9.61        |
| Housing status                         | Rented              | 198       | 51.43       |
|                                       | Owned               | 165       | 42.86       |
|                                       | Others              | 22        | 5.71        |
| Residence                              | Urban               | 223       | 57.92       |
|                                       | Rural               | 162       | 42.08       |
| Religion                               | Orthodox            | 327       | 84.94       |
|                                       | Muslim              | 17        | 4.42        |
|                                       | Protestant          | 29        | 7.53        |
|                                       | Others              | 12        | 3.11        |
| Influence                              | Health status       | 92        | 23.90       |
|                                       | Political           | 53        | 13.77       |
|                | Social | Economical |
|----------------|--------|------------|
|                | 119    | 30.91      |
| Households size|        |            |
| Zero           | 143    | 37.14      |
| Between 1-5    | 217    | 56.37      |
| More than 5    | 25     | 6.49       |
| Awareness      |        |            |
| Poor           | 31     | 8.05       |
| Low            | 103    | 26.75      |
| Medium         | 201    | 52.21      |
| High           | 37     | 9.61       |
| Very high      | 13     | 3.38       |
| Access         |        |            |
| No             | 297    | 77.14      |
| Yes            | 88     | 22.86      |

Table 2: Predictors associated with challenges in control COVID-19 in Injibera, Ethiopia.
| Predictor Variables | Category      | Challenges in control COVID-19 | Chi-square | P-value |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------|
|                     |               | Low  | Medium | High |          |          |          |
| Social media        | Facebook      | 11(9.4%) | 23(19.7%) | 83(7.1%) | 36.74 | 0.047*   |
|                     | Television    | 17(11.9%) | 18(12.6%) | 108(75.5%) |
|                     | Community     | 6(5.7%)    | 19(17.9%) | 81(76.4%) |
|                     | Radio         | 2(40.0%)  | 3(60.0%)  | 0(0.0%)  |
|                     | SMS           | 0(0.0%)   | 5(62.5%)  | 3(37.5%)  |
|                     | Twitter       | 0(0.0%) | 4(66.7%) | 2(33.3%) |
|                     | Others        | 0(0.0%) | 0(0.0%) | 0(0.0%) |
| Racism              | In color      | 9(10.9%) | 44(53.0%) | 30(36.1%) | 7.92 | 0.021*   |
|                     | In Language   | 12(12.2%) | 14(14.3%) | 72(73.5%) |
|                     | In Country    | 7(5.9%) | 10(8.5%) | 101(85.6%) |
|                     | In Continent  | 8(9.3%) | 4(4.7%) | 74(86.0%) |
| Housing status      | Rented        | 19(9.6%) | 46(23.2%) | 133(67.2%) | 21.31 | 0.009*   |
|                     | Owned         | 13(78.8) | 14(8.5%) | 138(83.7%) |
|                     | Others        | 4(18.2%) | 12(54.5%) | 6(27.3%) |
| Influence           | Health status | 21(22.8%) | 45(48.9%) | 26(28.3) | 5.83 | 0.018*   |
|                     | Political     | 4(7.5%) | 13(24.5%) | 36(67.9%) |
|                     | Social        | 6(5.0%) | 8(6.7%) | 105(88.3%) |
|                     | Economical    | 5(4.1%) | 6(5.0%) | 110(90.9%) |
| Household size      | Zero          | 24(16.8%) | 37(25.9%) | 82(57.3%) | 3.29 | 0.036*   |
|                     | Between 1-5   | 9(4.1%) | 21(9.7%) | 187(86.2%) |
|                     | More than 5   | 3(12.0%) | 14(56.0%) | 8(32.0%) |
| Access              | No            | 27(9.1%) | 65(21.9%) | 205(69.0%) | 9.17 | 0.001*   |
|                     | Yes           | 9(10.2%) | 7(8.0%) | 72(81.8%) |

Table 3: The Crude odd ratio and adjusted odd ratio (COR, AOR) of ordinal logistic regression in Injibera, Ethiopia.
| Explanatory variables | Category     | Ordinal logistic regression analysis | Univariate analysis | Multivariate analysis |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                       |              | COR((95%CI)) | P-value | AOR((95%CI)) | P-value |
| **Social media**      | Facebook     | 0.89(0.87,0.96) | 0.001* | 0.93(0.89,0.97) | 0.023*  |
|                       | Television   | 0.72(0.71,0.90) | 0.005* | 0.86(0.83,0.90) | 0.004*  |
|                       | Community    | 0.43(0.41,0.62) | 0.009* | 0.52(0.49,0.56) | 0.011*  |
|                       | Radio        | 0.91(0.89,0.97) | 0.000* | 0.79(0.73,0.87) | 0.000*  |
|                       | SMS          | 0.38(0.36,0.48) | 0.002* | 0.46(0.43,0.52) | 0.012*  |
|                       | Twitter      | 0.67(0.64,0.79) | 0.000* | 0.71(0.69,0.86) | 0.000*  |
|                       | Others       | 0.16(0.14,0.34) | 0.000* | 0.27(0.23,0.35) | 0.000*  |
| **Racism**            | In color     | 0.93(0.90,0.98) | 0.671  | 0.90(0.87,0.94) | 0.700   |
|                       | In Language  | 0.81(0.79,0.91) | 0.523  | 0.75(0.72,0.90) | 0.472   |
|                       | In Country   | 0.49(0.46,0.60) | 0.412  | 0.52(0.50,0.57) | 0.450   |
|                       | In Continent | 0.57(0.53,0.67) | 0.701  | 0.61(0.59,0.68) | 0.671   |
| **Housing status**    | Rented       | 0.64(0.61,0.71) | 0.002* | 0.60(0.55,0.73) | 0.005*  |
|                       | Owned        | 0.19(0.17,0.28) | 0.000* | 0.17(0.12,0.29) | 0.001*  |
|                       | Others       | 0.23(0.20,0.30) | 0.009* | 0.27(0.24,0.31) | 0.004*  |
| **Influence**         | Health status| 1.27(1.22,1.37) | 0.049* | 1.31(1.21,1.73) | 0.034*  |
|                       | Political    | 2.38(2.32,4.24) | 0.001* | 2.33(2.01,4.91) | 0.006*  |
|                       | Social       | 1.93(1.87,5.91) | 0.003* | 1.90(1.81,5.32) | 0.000*  |
|                       | Economical   | 1.87(1.81,4.19) | 0.001* | 1.83(1.65,4.11) | 0.002*  |
| **Access**            | No           | 0.59(0.54,0.74) | 0.72   | 0.62(0.53,0.70) | 0.69    |
|                       | Yes          | 0.71(0.67,0.92) | 0.81   | 0.74(0.65,0.91) | 0.84    |