The role of mass media exposure on Tuberculosis knowledge and attitude among migrant and seasonal farmworkers in Northwest Ethiopia

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Abstract

Background Globally, tuberculosis (TB) is the 9 th leading cause of death. Despite no country achieved its target, the world health organization (WHO) proposed a 90-90-90 approach to fastening the end TB strategy. Improvement and progression of TB control need good knowledge and a favorable attitude towards the disease. However, interventions designed don’t take migrants and seasonal farmworkers into account. Therefore, this study aimed at estimating the level of knowledge and attitude on Tuberculosis among migrant and seasonal farmworkers in northwest Ethiopia. Methods Community-based cross-sectional study was conducted in the West Gondar zone from October to November 2018. A two-stage cluster sampling was used to select 949 migrant and seasonal farmworkers. Both bivariate and multivariable logistic regression analyses were performed. A p-value of <0.05 was used to declare statistical significance. The goodness of fit was checked using Hosmer and Lemeshow test. Results In this study, (41.8%), (95% CI: 38.73, 45.01) and (50.5%), (95% CI: 47.29, 53.65) of migrants and seasonal farmworkers had good knowledge and a favorable attitude, respectively. The odds of good knowledge among mass media exposed migrants were AOR=1.42, 95% CI: (1.02, 2.01). Moreover, urban residence and having good knowledge increase the odds of favorable attitude by 1.66, (AOR=1.7; 95% CI: 1.05, 2.62) and 4.3 (AOR=4.3, 95%CI: 3.26, 5.75), respectively. Conclusion In this study, the overall knowledge and attitude of migrant and seasonal farmworkers on TB were low. Family size and mass media exposure significantly affect knowledge of the migrants on TB. On the other hand, the attitude was affected by urban residence, health information, and having good knowledge. Health promotion interventions, focused on TB cause, mode of transmission, prevention, and treatment are important to migrant and seasonal farmworkers to improve the knowledge and attitude of migrants and seasonal farmworkers.
Background

Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by mycobacterium species and mainly affects the lungs, which is treatable and curable (1). According to the World Health Organization (WHO) 2017 report, TB resulted in 1.674 million deaths and stands as the 9th leading cause of death, ranking above HIV/AIDS. Ethiopia is among the 30 TB high burden and 27 high Multi-Drug Resistance (MDR) TB burden countries globally. There was a decline in the rate of TB since 2010 in nine countries including Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Namibia, the Russian Federation, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe (1). However, according to a global plan to end-TB between 2016 and 2020 no country across the globe achieved a 90-90-90 target (2).

A systematic review and meta-analysis showed that the prevalence of MDR-TB in Ethiopia was 1.4% (3). Ethiopia has implemented several TB control efforts including TB program capacity strengthening at the central and regional level, the involvement of private sectors in TB diagnosis and treatment, expansion of culture, and introduction of Gene-expert for diagnosis, and expansion of MDR treatment centers. As a result, the mortality rate declined from 73% to 32%, treatment success rate improved from 79% to 90%, and the case detection rate increase from 33% to 62% in the year 2005 to 2014 (4). Further improvements and progression of TB control need a good understanding of the cause, mode of transmission, prevention and treatment, and favorable attitude. Addressing knowledge gaps in TB prevention has a great role in eliminating TB (5).

Literacy (6, 7), gender (6), mass media (8-10), being a TB patient (11), professional occupation (7, 12), health education (13), culture myths (14, 15), knowledge (16), wealth index (17), age (18), and residence (19) were some of the factors affecting knowledge and attitude. Since knowledge is a precursor of a TB control strategy, determining knowledge
of migrants and seasonal farm workers is very crucial in enabling and fastening controlling TB strategies (20).

Despite significant improvement in TB control and prevention in the country, the evidence on the current knowledge, attitude and associated factors towards TB in Ethiopia among migrant and seasonal farm workers is limited. Hence, estimating their knowledge and attitude has a vital role in undertaking measures to fasten the motto of the end TB strategy.

It is, therefore, this study was aimed at estimating knowledge, attitude and associated factors on migrant and seasonal farm workers on TB in the West Gondar zone, northwest Ethiopia.

Methods

Study setting

The study was implemented in Amhara Regional State, northwest Ethiopia. Among 167 districts found in the region, migrants and seasonal farm workers went for work mainly in Metema and West Armachiwo districts. These districts are the two common sites of sesame production in the region where hundreds of thousands of migrants and seasonal farm workers traveled during planting, weeding, and harvesting seasons (Fig 1).

![Fig 1: Map of study area](https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article/figure?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0143829.g001)

Population, sample size determination, and procedure

All seasonal and migrant farm workers in the West Gondar zone from October 2018 to November 2018 were included in the study. A pilot study was conducted among 50 migrants and seasonal farm workers in Quara district, West Gondar zone to determine the minimum sample size. Then sample size was determined using a single population formula by using the following assumptions. Based on the evidence from the pilot study the
proportion of good knowledge and favorable attitude were 44% and 53%, respectively. In addition, 95% CI, 5% margin of error and 10% non-response rate were used. Since the sampling technique was cluster; the design effect of 2 was also used. Therefore, a total of 796 and 804 study participants were required for knowledge and attitude, respectively. To estimate predictors, the sample size was computed using assumptions of power, 80%, 95%CI, odds ratio 1.5-1.8 for the predictors of health information, occupation, and knowledge. Finally, the largest sample size of 976 was used.

A two-stage cluster sampling technique was used. In the first stage, the farm companies were randomly selected, and then seasonal migrant workers were randomly selected.

**Data collection tool and procedure**

A pretested and structured questionnaire was used to collect data on knowledge, attitude, and health-seeking behavior on TB. The tool was prepared first in English then translated into the local language (Amharic). Then it was re-translated to English by language experts to keep its consistency. The questionnaire consisted of 43 questions, divided into two parts. The first part addressed socio-demographic characteristics and sources of information. The second component includes TB knowledge, attitude, and health-seeking behavior. The data was collected by interviewing through 10 trained BSc nurses. Four supervisors control the overall data collection process. We had two groups of data collectors. The first group which consisted of 5 data collectors enrolled in the Metema district and other equal numbers of data collectors collect the data in the West Armacho district. Before going to actual data collection, two-day training was given to all data collectors and supervisors. Supervisors closely monitored the interviewing process on a daily base.

In this study, the outcome variables were knowledge about TB and attitude about TB. Briefly, knowledge was assessed by 23 questions that addressed the etiology, symptoms,
transmission, prevention, and treatment. Respondents who answered 12 (>=50%) of these questions were defined as having good knowledge and vice versa. Furthermore, the attitude was assessed by five-item Likert scale questions and respondents who had a positive attitude towards three of the questions (60%) were classified as having a favorable attitude. The independent variables include: region, sex, age, family size, education status, occupation, residence, religion, marital status, income, number of visits, and length of stay were included. The income status of respondents was dichotomized into low and high income. Low income was defined as respondents who gain less than the median (120 birr’s). Moreover, the source of information data was also collected from respondents.

**Statistical analysis**

Epi Data version 3.1 was used for data entry and the analysis was performed using Stata version 14. Coding, recoding, computing, and data cleaning were computed. Frequencies and proportions were used to describe the data. A chi-square test was checked to assess the relationship between two categorical variables. The bivariate analysis was performed and variables that were significant at p-value <0.2 were entered in the multivariable analysis. To examine the association between independent variables and the outcome variables multivariable logistic regression analysis was performed. In the multivariable logistic regression analysis, p-value <0.05 was used to declare statistical significance association. Multi-collinearity was assessed using the variance inflation factor (VIF) and considered no multi-collinearity lower than 10. Odds ratio with 95%CI was used to measuring the strength of the association. The goodness of fit was 0.54 and 0.76 for knowledge and attitude, respectively.

**Results**

**Socio-demographic and economic factors**
The response rate of the study was 97.23%. The mean’s age of respondents was 26.05±7.82 years. Of all respondents, 917 (96.6%) were from the Amhara region. The majority, 728 (76.21%) were in the age group of 13-29 years. The median family size of respondents was 5 with the Inter Quartile Range (IQR= 4-6). Of all, 447 (47.1%) had no formal education. About 644 (68%) and 177 (19%) of migrants and seasonal workers were farmers and students by occupation, respectively. The median daily income of respondents was 120 Birr with IQR of 100-150 Birr. Regarding residence, 831 (87.57%) were rural dwellers. Only 178 (18.76%) of migrant and seasonal farm workers had one visit (Table 1).

**Source of information of respondents**

Five hundred sixty-five (59.54%) heard information about TB at different sources. Of these, 328 (58.05%) heard from mass media and the majority, 508 (90.07%) obtained health information from health workers. In addition, 270 (47.96%) obtained from friends/families, 90 (15.96%) reading posters and 145 (25.75%) from school.

**Knowledge on tuberculosis**

In this study, 758 (79.87%) of respondents be acquainted with the cause of TB as germ/bacteria. Regarding symptoms of TB, 721 (75.97%) respondents and nearly half (45.63%) know TB patients had persistent cough and sputum with blood, respectively. Nearly one-third of 351 (36.99%) of respondents know that TB patients had a fever. Of all, 732 (77.13%) of respondents know that TB is transmittable. Five hundred thirty-three, 533 (56.16%) know that TB transmission can be prevented by minimizing close contact. Regarding on treatment of TB, 785 (82.72%) know that TB can be prevented. In this study, 41.83% (95%CI: 38.73, 45.01) of migrant and seasonal farm workers were knowledgeable (Table 2).

**The attitude of respondents on Tuberculosis**
The majority, 655 (67.93%) believed TB is a very serious disease and only 294 (30.2%) believed TB is a serious problem in their community. Six hundred eighty-three (72.0%) mentioned that they would not feel feared or ashamed if they would have TB. Of all, 275 (28.35%) believed that some people are more likely to be affected by TB than others. Three hundred sixty-six (38.57%) would not show any feeling of compassion and desire to help TB patients. The overall favorable attitude was observed in nearly fifty percent of respondents 50.47% (95% CI: 47.29-53.65) (Table 3).

**Health seeking behavior**

Four hundred ninety-two (51.82%) respondents would go to doctor/health professional if they had TB. Besides, 175 (18.44%) and 175 (18.44%) respondents respond they would contact parents and close friends, respectively if they had TB. Of all, 708 (74.60%) would seek medical care if the symptoms last for greater than two weeks. Two hundred (21.07%) would seek medical care as soon as they realized the symptoms. The remaining, 41 (4.32%) would seek medical care when my own treatment doesn’t work.

**Associated factors**

In the bivariate analysis seven factors including educational status, family size, daily income, mass media exposure, obtain health information from friends, health information from posters and hearing health information from school became significant at p-value less than 0.2. However, in multivariable analysis, only family size and mass media exposure retained significantly. The odds of having good knowledge among respondents having 3-5 and >=6 families were increased by 80% and 85%, respectively compared to respondents having less than three families. The odds of good knowledge were increased by 42% among respondents having mass media exposure compared to their counterparts (Table 4).

**Associated factors with attitude**
In the bivariate analysis, educational status, occupation, family size, residency, health information, and knowledge were statistically significant. However, in the multivariate logistic regression analysis, only three variables (Health information, residence, and knowledge) were statistically significant factors to have a favorable attitude. The odds of having a favorable attitude among urban dwellers were increased by 63% compared with rural counterparts. The odds of favorable attitude on TB among respondents who had health information were increased by 72% compared with their counterparts. The odds of favorable attitudes were 4.3 times higher among participants with good knowledge compared with their counterparts (Table 5).

Discussion

This study revealed that there are a low knowledge and attitude on TB among migrant and seasonal farm workers. Only 41.83% of migrants and seasonal farm workers were knowledgeable. Furthermore, 50.47% had a favorable attitude towards TB. TB knowledge among migrants and seasonal farm workers were significantly affected by mass media exposure and family size. On the other hand, their level of attitude was affected by health information, residence, and knowledge of respondents. In addition, 708 (74.60%) would seek medical care if the symptoms last for greater than two weeks.

In our study, 41.85% of migrant and seasonal farm workers were knowledgeable. This finding was in line with the finding from EDHS 2011 (44.14%)(17). However, the finding was lower than a study conducted in Lesotho (59.9%) (21) and Zimbabwe (73.8%) (22). This could be due to almost all (98.3%) of respondents in Lesotho and 93% in Zimbabwe had formal education. However, only 52.90% of respondents had formal education in the current study. This could be due to the fact that a high level of education is usually catalyzed awareness of TB, which acts as a precursor to having good knowledge (23). In addition, a study from Indonesia showed that education is an antecedent of knowledge.
and has a great contribution to fortifying respondent's knowledge (24). A case-control study conducted in Sudan showed that 66.5% of respondents had good knowledge which is higher than the present study (19). This could be due to nearly half of the respondents were cases, which have information about their disease status and get advice during their follow up. Furthermore, a study from Iran showed that 62.04% had good knowledge (25). This difference could be due to defining the outcome variable. In the current study, good knowledge was defined if a respondent correctly answered more than half of the questions. Whereas, in Iran, study mean score was used to classify as knowledgeable.

There is a significant increase in knowledge among mass media exposed migrants and seasonal farm workers. This finding is in agreement with a study conducted in a general population of Lesotho(21) and India (26). This is due to the fact that mass media campaign has a big role in enhancing the normal passive case finding strategy by reaching a large population at a time and it provides information regarding on earliest symptoms, cause, and transmission, prevention, and treatment modalities. Accordingly, a study from Colombia showed that mass media exposure was associated with a high level of knowledge and recommended that it should be sustainable in order to have a long term change to adopt behavioral change and create a habit to use (27). Moreover, health information through mass media and other methods was significantly affecting the attitude of respondents. This could be the fact that mass media has a great role in creating awareness (28), which can later change perceptions and behaviors’ of respondents (29, 30).

Family size is another significant factor affecting the knowledge status of migrants and seasonal farm workers. This finding is supported by a study conducted in Thailand among the general population and risk groups (18). This could be due to the culture of sharing information among the family members to one another if family size is large. In addition,
in a large family, there could be at least one educated person who could transmit a message regarding TB during any discussion in the household.

Nearly half of migrants and seasonal farm workers had a favorable attitude. This finding is lower than a study conducted in Timor Leste (83.3% in men and 88.6% in women) (31). This could be due to the difference in defining the outcome variable. In the former study, a favorable attitude was measured for specific questions (intention to initiate TB treatment). However, in the current study favorable attitude was measured by creating a composite score and the one who scored more than half the attitude question. Similarly, our study was much lower than a community study from Botswana which showed about 92% of respondents to have a favorable attitude (32).

Good knowledge was associated with a favorable attitude. This finding is supported by a study conducted in Nigeria (7). This could be due to the fact that good knowledge influence attitude formation (29). Furthermore, it was supported by a study from Ethiopia among pastoralist communities which showed lower awareness as risk factors for unfavorable attitudes (33). This could be mainly due to perceiving a higher stigma on TB patients among pastoralists with poor awareness.

The strength of the study was determining knowledge, attitude, and factors on TB among migrant and seasonal farm workers in Ethiopia. This is the first study to evaluate migrant’s knowledge and attitude in the context of one of the developing countries, Ethiopia. This study has some limitations. Initially, the study could not allow establishing cause-effect relationships because of cross-sectional nature. Besides, this study could be vulnerable to social desirability bias. There was also a scarcity of literature among migrants and seasonal farm workers in developing countries. The conducted studies have relied on the general population not specifically on migrants. Finally, this study also suffers from recall bias due to data was collected about their previous experience.
The findings of this study would contribute significantly to design tailored interventions intended in increasing awareness through the use of mass media and developing a favorable attitude in migrants and seasonal farm workers towards TB. Furthermore, this finding provokes policymakers to design programs and to implement appropriate public health strategies targeted migrants and seasonal farm workers. As a result, improving the level of knowledge and attitude has paramount importance in the control and elimination of TB cases. Therefore, it is compulsory to do on migrants and seasonal farm workers to control and eliminate TB in the country.

Conclusion

This study revealed low overall knowledge and attitudes of migrant and seasonal farm workers. Mass media exposure and family size significantly affect the knowledge of respondents. Moreover, health information, urban residency, and good knowledge were the main identified factors of a favorable attitude. Health education interventions, focused on TB cause, mode of transmission, prevention, and treatment are important to migrants and seasonal farm workers. Besides, the role of mass media should be strengthened to improve the knowledge and attitude of migrants and seasonal farm workers.

Abbreviations

AOR: Adjusted Odds Ratio, BSc: Bachelor of Science, CI: Confidence Interval, COR: Crude Odds Ratio, EDHS: Ethiopia Demographic Health Survey, HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Virus, IQR: Inter Quartile Range, MDR: Multi-Drug Resistance, TB: tuberculosis, WHO: World Health Organization.

Declarations

Ethics Approval and Consent to Participate

The study protocol was approved by the ethical review committee of the College of
Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Gondar. Besides, we took ethical approval from Amhara Public Health Institute. Verbal informed consent was taken from all respondents enrolled in the study. In addition, for children under the age of 18 years permission was obtained from guardian and children themselves since they are far apart from their parents. However, written consent was not taken rather verbal consent was obtained from guardian. Then approval was taken from the ethics committee. To keep confidentiality, respondent’s names and other personal identifiers were not included. The collected data were password protected.

**Consent to publication**

Not applicable

**Availability of data and material**

Data will be available from the corresponding author upon request

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Tables

Table 1: Socio-demographic and economic characteristics of migrant and seasonal farmworkers in West Gondar zone, northwest Ethiopia 2018 (N=949)
| Variables                              | Frequency (%) |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|
| Region                                 |               |
| Tigray                                 | 27 (2.8)      |
| Amhara                                 | 917 (96.6)    |
| Oromia                                 | 5 (0.5)       |
| Sex                                    |               |
| Male                                   | 942 (99.3)    |
| Female                                 | 7 (0.7)       |
| Age                                    |               |
| 13-20                                  | 244 (25.7)    |
| 21-29                                  | 484 (51.0)    |
| 30-39                                  | 151 (15.9)    |
| 40-67                                  | 70 (7.4)      |
| Family size in their family            |               |
| 1-2                                    | 88 (9.3)      |
| 3-5                                    | 536 (56.5)    |
| 6-14                                   | 325 (34.2)    |
| Educational status                     |               |
| Unable to read and write               | 374 (39.4)    |
| Able to read and write                 | 73 (7.7)      |
| Primary education                      | 405 (42.7)    |
| Secondary education                    | 97 (10.2)     |
| Occupation before departure            |               |
| Student                                | 177 (18.7)    |
| Farmer                                 | 644 (67.8)    |
| Unemployed                             | 128 (13.5)    |
| Residence                              |               |
| Rural                                  | 831 (87.6)    |
| Urban                                  | 118 (12.4)    |
| Religion                               |               |
| Orthodox                               | 931 (98.1)    |
| Muslim                                 | 15 (1.6)      |
| Protestant                             | 1 (0.1)       |
| Catholic                               | 2 (0.2)       |
| Marital status                         |               |
| Single                                 | 648 (68.3)    |
| Married                                | 243 (25.6)    |
| Divorce                                | 58 (6.1)      |
| Income                                 |               |
| Low                                    | 496 (52.3)    |
| High                                   | 453 (47.7)    |
| Number of visits to the farms          |               |
| First                                  | 178 (18.8)    |
| 2-4                                    | 293 (30.9)    |
| 5-8                                    | 280 (29.5)    |
| ≥9                                     | 198 (20.8)    |
| Length of stay                         |               |
| Less than two month                    | 576 (60.7)    |
| Two months and above                   | 373 (39.3)    |
Table 2: Knowledge on Cause, symptoms, methods of transmission and prevention of tuberculosis among migrant and seasonal farm workers in West Gondar zone, 2018 (n=949)

| Variables                              | Frequency (%) |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|
| Cause of Tuberculosis germ/bacteria    |               |
| Yes                                    | 758 (79.9)    |
| No                                     | 191 (20.1)    |
| Persistent cough                       |               |
| Yes                                    | 721 (75.97)   |
| No                                     | 228 (24.03)   |
| Sputum with blood                      |               |
| Yes                                    | 433 (45.63)   |
| No                                     | 516 (54.37)   |
| Fever                                  |               |
| Yes                                    | 351 (37.0)    |
| No                                     | 598 (63.0)    |
| Poor apatite                           |               |
| Yes                                    | 381 (40.2)    |
| No                                     | 568 (59.8)    |
| Night sweating                         |               |
| Yes                                    | 318 (33.5)    |
| No                                     | 631 (66.5)    |
| Weight loss                            |               |
| Yes                                    | 412 (43.4)    |
| No                                     | 537 (56.6)    |
| Chest pain                             |               |
| Yes                                    | 496 (41.7)    |
| No                                     | 553 (58.3)    |
| Transmit through cough/sneezing        |               |
| Yes                                    | 658 (69.3)    |
| No                                     | 291 (30.7)    |
| Via touching TB person                 |               |
| Yes                                    | 219 (23.1)    |
| No                                     | 730 (76.9)    |
| Through sharing utensils               |               |
| Yes                                    | 521 (54.9)    |
| No                                     | 428 (45.1)    |
| By sexual contact                      |               |
| Yes                                    | 168 (17.7)    |
| No                                     | 781 (82.3)    |
| By drink un boiled milk                |               |
| Yes                                    | 240 (25.3)    |
| No                                     | 709 (74.7)    |
| TB is preventable                      |               |
| Yes                                    | 686 (72.4)    |
| No                                     | 262 (27.6)    |
| Minimizing close contact               |               |
| Yes                                    | 533 (56.2)    |
| No                                     | 416 (43.8)    |
| Covering mouth while coughing          |               |
| Yes                                    | 468 (49.3)    |
| No                                     | 481 (50.7)    |
| Avoid sharing utensils                 |               |
| Yes                                    | 445 (46.9)    |
| No                                     | 504 (53.1)    |
| Early treatment                        |               |
| Yes                                    | 410 (43.2)    |
| Attitude | Yes | No |
|----------|-----|----|
| Good nutrition | 315 (33.2) | 634 (66.8) |
| Using separate rooms | 371 (39.1) | 578 (60.9) |
| Close opening windows | 232 (24.4) | 717 (75.6) |
| Using modern drugs | 762 (78.3) | 211 (21.7) |
| Nutritional support | 38 (3.9) | 935 (96.1) |
| TB is not treatable | 192 (20.2) | 757 (79.8) |

| Overall TB knowledge | Poor knowledge | Good knowledge |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                      | 552 (58.2)     | 397 (41.8)     |

Table 3: Attitude of respondents on Tuberculosis among migrant and seasonal workers in West Gondar, 2018 (N=949)
| Variables                                                                 | Frequency (%) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| How serious are the diseases TB?                                         |               |
| Very serious                                                             | 655 (67.9)    |
| Somewhat serious                                                         | 188 (20.9)    |
| Not serious                                                              | 90 (9.5)      |
| Not very serious                                                         | 16 (1.7)      |
| How serious is the problem TB in your working area?                      |               |
| Very serious                                                             | 294 (30.2)    |
| Somewhat serious                                                         | 223 (22.9)    |
| Not serious                                                              | 249 (25.6)    |
| Not very serious                                                         | 207 (21.3)    |
| What would be your reaction if you were found to have TB?                |               |
| Fear                                                                     | 379 (39.9)    |
| Surprised                                                                | 80 (8.4)      |
| Shame                                                                    | 14 (1.5)      |
| No special feeling                                                       | 123 (13.0)    |
|                                                                           | 353 (37.2)    |
| Do you think some people are more likely to become infected than others? |               |
| Yes                                                                      | 268 (28.2)    |
| No                                                                       | 681 (71.8)    |
| How is your feeling towards people with TB?                              |               |
| Compassion and desire to help                                            | 583 (61.4)    |
| Compassion but stay away from them                                       | 109 (11.5)    |
| It is their problem and I cannot get TB                                  | 9 (1.0)       |
| I fear them because they may infect me                                   | 94 (9.9)      |
| I have no particular feeling                                             | 154 (16.2)    |
| In your community (working area) how is a person who has TB usually     |               |
| regarded/treated?                                                        |               |
| Most people reject him or her                                            | 81 (8.5)      |
| Most people are friendly, but they try to avoid him/ her                 | 398 (42.1)    |
| Mostly supports and helps him/ her                                       | 299 (31.5)    |
| not sure whether they help/ not                                          | 97 (10.2)     |
| Don’t give special attention                                             | 74 (7.7)      |
| The overall favorable attitude                                           |               |
| Poor attitude                                                            | 470 (49.5)    |
| Favorable attitude                                                       | 479 (50.5)    |

Table 4: Bi-variable and multivariable logistic regression analysis among migrants and seasonal farm workers on the of knowledge about tuberculosis in West Armacho, Ethiopia (N = 949)
| Characteristics                        | Knowledge status | COR with 95% CI | AOR with 95% CI |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                        | Good | Poor |                  |                  |
| Education status                       |      |      |                  |                  |
| Unable to read and write               | 147  | 227  | 1.02 (0.61-1.70) | 0.94 (0.56-1.59) |
| Able to read and write                 | 29   | 44   | 1.24 (0.93, 1.64)| 1.09 (0.81-1.45)|
| Primary                                | 180  | 225  | 1.13 (0.72, 1.78)| 0.87 (0.52-1.47)|
| Secondary and above                    | 41   | 56   |                  |                  |
| Family size                            |      |      |                  |                  |
| 1-2                                    | 28   | 60   | 1.57 (0.97, 2.54)| 1.80 (1.06-3.02)|
| 3-5                                    | 227  | 309  | 1.66 (1.01, 2.74)| 1.85 (1.11-3.05)|
| >=6                                    | 142  | 183  |                  |                  |
| Daily income                           |      |      |                  |                  |
| Low                                    | 222  | 274  | 1.29 (0.99, 1.67)| 1.28 (0.96-1.71)|
| High                                   | 175  | 278  | 1.04 (0.82, 1.33)| 1                |
| Mass media exposure                    |      |      |                  |                  |
| No                                     | 228  | 393  | 1.83 (1.39, 2.40)| 1.42 (1.02-2.01)|
| Yes                                    | 169  | 159  |                  |                  |
| Friends as sources of information      |      |      |                  |                  |
| No                                     | 252  | 427  | 1.97 (1.48, 2.61)| 1.41 (0.97-2.04)|
| Yes                                    | 145  | 125  |                  |                  |
| Poster as sources of information       |      |      |                  |                  |
| No                                     | 342  | 517  | 2.38 (1.51, 3.71)| 1.65 (0.97-2.82)|
| Yes                                    | 55   | 35   |                  |                  |
| Scholars sources of information        |      |      |                  |                  |
| No                                     | 321  | 483  | 1.66 (1.16, 2.36)| 1.07 (0.68-1.72)|
| Yes                                    | 76   | 69   |                  |                  |

*p-value <0.05

Table 5: Factors related to the level of attitude about tuberculosis among West Gondar, Ethiopia Migrants and seasonal workers in the bivariate and multivariate logistic regression analysis
(N = 949)
| Variables                              | Attitude status | COR with 95% CI | AOR with 95% CI |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                        | Favorable       | unfavorable     |                 |
| **Educational status**                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Unable to read and write               | 180             | 194             | 1               |
| Able to read and write                 | 30              | 43              | 0.75 (0.45,1.25)| 0.68 (0.39, 1.17) |
| Primary                                | 208             | 197             | 1.14 (0.86,1.5) | 0.68 (0.64, 1.25) |
| Secondary and above                    | 61              | 36              | 1.83 (1.15,2.89)| 1.31(0.75,2.29)   |
| **Residence**                          |                 |                 |                 |
| Rural                                  | 407             | 424             | 1               |
| Urban                                  | 72              | 46              | 1.63 (1.09,2.42)| 1.66 (1.05,2.62)  |
| **Occupation**                         |                 |                 |                 |
| Student                                | 108             | 69              | 1               |
| Farmer                                 | 309             | 335             | 0.59 (0.42,0.83)| 0.72 (0.47,1.10)  |
| Unemployed                             | 62              | 66              | 0.60 (0.38,0.95)| 0.68 (0.40,1.15)  |
| **Family size**                        |                 |                 |                 |
| 1-2                                    | 37              | 51              | 1               |
| 3-5                                    | 278             | 258             | 1.49 (0.94,2.34)| 1.50 (0.90,2.49)  |
| 6 and above                            | 161             | 164             | 1.40 (0.87,2.26)| 1.37 (0.81,2.34)  |
| **Health information**                 |                 |                 |                 |
| No                                     | 163             | 221             | 1               |
| Yes                                    | 316             | 249             | 1.72 (1.32,2.24)| 1.64 (1.23,2.18)  |
| **Knowledge status**                   |                 |                 |                 |
| Poor knowledge                         | 198             | 354             | 1               |
| Good knowledge                         | 281             | 116             | 4.33 (3.28,5.72)| 4.33 (3.26, 5.75) |

*p-value<0.05

**Figures**
Figure 1

Map of study area https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article/figure?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0143829.g001)