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Tuberculosis (TB) control is a challenging task in Armenia. Lack of domestic job opportunities and low income have driven Armenians to work in neighboring Russia and other countries, where the TB incidence is high and Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB) is rampant. With the technical and financial support from the World Health Organization (WHO) and several international agencies, Directly Observed Treatment Short-course (DOTS) and DOTS-Plus pilot projects have been implemented to lower the TB burden in Armenia. Despite recent improvements in TB control, the rise of MDR-TB has become a new threat for Armenia. To further control TB in Armenia, cooperation between Armenia's health department and other host countries is necessary for monitoring and treating TB. Additional resources are required to continue vaccination programs, strengthen TB diagnosis, and provide DOTS for all TB patients. This review examines the effects of frequent traveling and migrant workers on TB, discusses the spread of TB, and compares research studies performed on migrant workers in Armenia.

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