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children milder degree of conjunctival dryness suggesting Vit. A deficiency. Eight adults, including two pregnant and one lactating women, and seven children had clinical signs of anaemia. No other signs of nutritional disorders were observed among them. None of them was found to be suffering from any skin diseases.

Preliminary analysis of the anthropometric measurements taken on all the 68 contacted Jarawas indicates that majority of them have good nutritional status except in the case of very young children (under three years), majority of whom were under-nourished. The final figures of the prevalence of malnutrition among them can be obtained only after contacting and examining more number of the community members during subsequent expeditions.

An attempt was also made, with the help of the linguist of the team, to collect information from women about fertility and child mortality. From the preliminary information it seems that both fertility and child mortality are very high among them.