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Jarawa Pilot Project
Contact Expedition during 5 - 7 November 1996

**Preliminary Observations regarding
health and nutritional status**

During the expedition a group of 70 persons of Jarawa community at Yadita Point in Middle Andaman were contacted on 5 and 6 November 1996. The contact lasted for about three hours on each day. Following are the preliminary findings based on superficial general examination and anthropometric measurements.

The group of 70 Jarawas consisted of 15 men, 18 women, 19 boys and 18 girls. Children included 5 male and 2 female infants. There were 27 new persons who were not present during the previous contact.

Most of them were active and apparently healthy. Teeth and tongue of the majority were clean. Personal cleanliness was good except for long and sometimes dirty nails. The man with the amputated left fore arm was present in the contacted group this time also. His wound is still covered with cloths and he did not allow to clean and dress it in spite of repeated requests by us. The infant with pyoderma scalp, present during the prior contact, was examined this time also. All the abscesses, except one, have healed. The abscess still present on the scalp of the infant was cleaned and an antibiotic ointment was applied. On young man gave history of pig bite on his right hand. There were five lacerations on his right hand but none were infected. The wounds were cleaned and dressed on both the days of contact. Six children and ten adults had healing abrasions on different parts of their body. All the abrasions were cleaned and antibiotic ointment was applied to them. A container full of antibiotic ointment was handed over to Yenme, the boy who was admitted earlier to G.B. Pant Hospital with fractures, to apply in case of wounds. The boy with signs of PEM contacted last time was seen again this time. Two women had unilateral ptychosis bulbi which could be due to injury/infection in the past. Five children had conjunctival xerosis suggesting Vit. A deficiency. Conjunctival pallor was seen in many of