

ONGES

HEALTH PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED
AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE
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COMMENTS AND ACTION TAKEN
REPORT OF THE OF THE
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(1) Health Facilities

Onges at South Bay are not getting any medical attention.

Medical Officer from Hut Bay visits the Onges at South Bay once a week accompanied by a lady Health visitor or ANM. At dugong Creek one doctor and one ANM are posted exclusively for the Onges.

(2) Hygiene and sanitation

Anemia, worm infestation, skin infection are highly prevalent in the Onges. Therefore immediate action is required to improve it.

Environmental sanitation is being improved at Dugong Creek settlement by providing chlorinated water to each house. Work is in progress. Similarly, it is proposed to provide sanitary latrine to each family. Intensive health education is being carried out by the doctor and ANM. Regular medical check-ups are being carried out. Iron-Folic acid tablets are given to the Onges and periodic deworming is being done.

(3) Vitamin 'A' Deficiency

Administration of Vitamin 'A' should be done wherever dry, muddy and wrinkled conjunctive have been observed. No. 'Night Blindness' is observed in the community.

Vitamin 'A' is administered as a routine under the M.C.H. Programme.