

## Health Camps

Health Treatment Camps are regularly held in the villages of the Kaluveli Bio Region. At every camp around 100 patients attend and are treated for various types of diseases and ailments including body aches, colds, general weakness, mouth ulcers, anaemia, womens' ailments and ophthalmic problems. The health camps are overseen by a general herbal specialist, a specialist in women's health and eye disease, a general practitioner and a herbal paediatrician who give advice as well as expert knowledge in herbal remedies. About 30 varieties of herbal medicines are being prepared at the Nadukuppam, Kottikuppam and Vandipalayam dispensaries by Pitchandikulam staff. In addition herbal and siddha medicine is purchased from IMPCOPS in Pondicherry. At each camp about 20 major types of disease are being treated. As follow-up to the camps, PBRC health staff visit the patients in the ensuing weeks to ensure that the patients are administering their medicine correctly and are receiving relief.