

STEPS TO CONSIDER:

A team of field staff to be handpicked and trained to work among the Ang community with specific focus on Gender and economy among the Angs with particular reference to Tirrur region. This project could be funded by the MOTA. Instead of hiring new research workers and wasting time in learning language and the sensitive nature of topic perhaps AAJVS field staff could be trained and coordinated to conduct the fieldwork. Later the senior field staff and ANTRI could put together the report and potential policy steps.

As far as Strait Island is concerned there are internal factions among the Great Andamanese. Talks must be held to test out the feasibility of a citrus fruit orchard that is cooperatively owned by the women. With the help of CARI each adult head of the family- woman is assisted in setting up her and her family's lot of orchard. We could even consider mushroom a good cash crop that has immediate market in Port Blair. The profit could be controlled by the women's cooperative, and it would be each family's responsibility to make some profit by respective family members contributing to labor and management. It may be possible that some models of women's cooperatives be looked into like SEVA (Illa Bhatt).