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Subject: Recognition of Tide and Wind Information System as a best practice

Dear Dr. Balakrishnan,

Greetings from Puthumai!

You are aware that Center for Knowledge and Skills, our organization is partnering with you to receive messages relating to tide, wind speed and other relevant materials to reach the information to the community. We work with local NGOs for dissemination at the community level through manually operated display boards with Tide and Wind Information System (TWIS). One of the partner agencies had sent this as a good model of community driven early warning system for knowing information relating to tide and wind speed in the very vulnerable areas of the Sunderbans.

After studying several such proposals and models from various parts of India, DIP-ECHO, the European Commission for Humanitarian Aid has selected our TWIS as a very good successful model that can be replicated!

From Center for Knowledge and Skills we wholeheartedly thank you, Dr. Srinivas and the EOSF team for their ready support for strengthening the program. Without the active collaboration of INCOIS and specially the young team of scientists and technicians this would not have been possible. I am sure our information will continue to strengthen community capacities with information and reduce vulnerabilities to natural hazards.

With kind regards and thankfully,

Puthumai A. Nazarene Program Manager

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