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Hello! Greetings from the Maldives. I am Mohamed Inayath, Director of Programs at the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) of the Ministry of Defense and National Security. I am also a Marine Corps Captain for the Maldives National Defense Force (MNDF). I have been assigned to the NDMA since August 2014. Currently, I am the Emergency Operations Coordinator: my primary responsibility is to coordinate response and relief efforts with first responder agencies and other stakeholders. These include the dissemination of early warnings, the activation of National Emergency Operation Center (NEOC), the deployment of first responders and Island Community Emergency Response Teams (ICERT), and the mobilization of resources prior to, during, and after disaster events in the country.

I served as the Alternate Focal Point in the implementation of the HFA (2005 – 2015) in the Maldives in 2014 and 2015. I was actively involved in response and relief activities of the Disaster Management Center just after the Indian Ocean Tsunami in 2004 and was in-charge of relocation operations of Th.Vilufushi Island people from Buruni Island in 2009, as part of the resettlement program for those affected by the tsunami. I have contributed significantly to the National Emergency Operations Plan (NEOP), National Early Warning SOP, and the Relief Guideline and National Framework for Managing IDPs in the Maldives.

I intend to do my research on the Early Warning Systems and the Island Community Emergency Response Mechanism. More focus would be given to address on how local early warnings initiate effective and efficient first response at the island community level in the Maldives.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the ADRC and all its Staff, to the kind people and Government of Japan the wonderful opportunity to access Japanese DRM knowledge and expertise through the VR Program. Thank you for enabling me to conduct my research successfully. I do believe my research will benefit the Maldives and the NDMA, helping us manage disasters more effectively and thereby helping to make the Maldives more resilient country.