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To whom it may concern

This is to nominate Care Society, a national NGO registered in the Maldives on 9/11/1998. In the first years, Care Society worked to promote the rights of people in the Maldives. Care Society takes pride in being the first NGO in disability field that raised public awareness and Government's commitment to establish special classes, opportunities and services for people with disabilities. Care Society was instrumental in lobbying on behalf of NGOs working in disability area to advocate for enacting of Disability law in 2010.

Aftermath of the destruction of Tsunami in 2004, Care Society held the Annual General Meeting in 2005 and the members voted to include working for rights of people with disabilities, rights of children, rights of women, building capacity of communities and assisting survivors of natural disasters into it's mandate. Care Society is the only NGO in the Maldives that has included objectives to work with affected communities of disasters or to build resilient communities.

Care Society has been instrumental in gathering the representatives of interested NGOs and individuals which resulted in the establishment of Maldives NGO Federation (MNF) in 2006. The Federation is mandated to conduct programs to build the capacity of NGO sector and communities.

Another great achievement is the information local network, Maldivian Network on Violence Against Women (MNVAV) which later was formally registered as Maldivian Network on Women's Rights (MNWR) in 2011. MNWR is linked to local Women's social groups in the islands and to South Asia Network on Women's Rights in Disasters (SANWRID).

I have incorporated the Questionnaire remarkable work of Care Society in the area of building resilient communities to combat natural disasters.

Yours sincerely

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