

Tasajera Tides - 2016 CIC Presentation Proposal

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Tasajera Tides: Small-scale indicator systems in vulnerable communities

Short description for program

This presentation outlines a low-cost, small-scale and highly replicable model for establishing community information systems in small, vulnerable communities by examining Tasajera Tides, an indicator system in coastal El Salvador.

Proposal

We propose a formal presentation followed by a question period to share lessons learned from Tasajera Tides as well as tools for developing small-scale indicator systems. The presentation will provide a critical analysis of Tasajera Tides methodologies and outline universal and distinctive features of the project. Key topics include community engagement approaches, participatory instruments, project governance, indicator selection, data collection, and cost-efficiency. We will highlight the value of mobile internet as a means of information diffusion. The practical approach of data collection in a data-scarce region will also be discussed. We aim to share how, through the Tasajera Tides model, small communities may gain the opportunity to take ownership of their own development through increased access to information capital.