

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Population: 7 169 455
Income group: Lower middle
Gross national income per capita: US\$ 2480 (2020)



MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAVE A NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR DROWNING PREVENTION? **NO**

SELECTED SECTORS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DROWNING PREVENTION:

Ministry of Health | Ministry of Education | Police | Disaster risk reduction | Meteorology Department | Ministry of Transport | Ministry of National Defense | Ministry of Labor and Social Welfares | Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism

INTERVENTIONS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

	AVAILABLE	COVERAGE	EVALUATED
Physical barriers	-	-	-
Swim skills training	-	-	-
Childcare	-	-	-
Public awareness on drowning	-	-	-
Manage flood risks	●	-	-
Disaster warning systems	●	-	-
Public awareness on alcohol and swimming/boating	-	-	-
Rescue and resuscitation	●	-	-
Lifeguards	-	-	-
Search and rescue	●	-	-
Maritime safety	-	-	-
Media	●	-	-

SOURCES OF DROWNING DATA

SOURCE OF DATA	TYPE OF DROWNING CAPTURED			
	FATAL	INFORMATION COLLECTED*	NON-FATAL	INFORMATION COLLECTED*
Vital registry	-	-	N/A	-
Verbal autopsy	-	-	N/A	-
Hospital admission data	-	-	-	-
Hospital emergency department data	-	-	-	-
Police	-	-	-	-
Transport sector	-	-	-	-
Education sector	-	-	-	-
Maritime safety	-	-	-	-
Coastguard	-	-	-	-
Tourism sector	-	-	-	-
National community survey	-	-	-	-
Media	-	-	-	-

■ Age ■ Sex ■ Type of drowning event ■ Activity ■ Water body

Drowning deaths in community settings are captured -
Persons missing at sea are assumed to have died -
Persons missing at sea are assumed to have drowned -

PROPORTION OF DROWNING DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL -

STRATEGY AND TARGETS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAVE A NATIONAL WATER SAFETY STRATEGY? **NO**

Are measurable targets to reduce drowning included? -

If yes, please specify:

Do these strategies align with relevant SDGs? -

Are plans underway, or is there interest, to develop a national water strategy? **YES**

LEGISLATION AND REGULATION FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

MARITIME SAFETY	ENFORCEMENT	
	LIMITED	MAXIMUM
Mandated registration of watercraft	NO	-
Mandated licensing of watercraft	NO	-
Mandated periodic safety inspections of watercraft	NO	-
Mandated licensing of the operator	NO	-
Individuals responsible for overall safety of watercraft	-	-
Law against alcohol consumption and boating	NO	-
If yes, specify blood alcohol concentration limit:	-	-
Law against drug use and boating	NO	-
Restrictions on watercraft passenger capacity	NO	-
Restrictions on watercraft load capacity	NO	-
Mandated provision of lifejackets on board watercraft	NO	-
Specific standard of lifejacket required	-	-
Specific number of lifejackets required	NO	-

Watercraft often exempt from national maritime legislation:

CHILD SAFETY

Fencing to exclude children from swimming pools	NO	-
Swimming lessons in school curricula	NO	-
Structured adult supervision of preschool children	NO	-
Prosecution of neglect against children	YES	-

WATER SAFETY COMPETENCIES

Required competencies for swimming instructors	-	-
Required competencies for lifeguards	NO	-

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

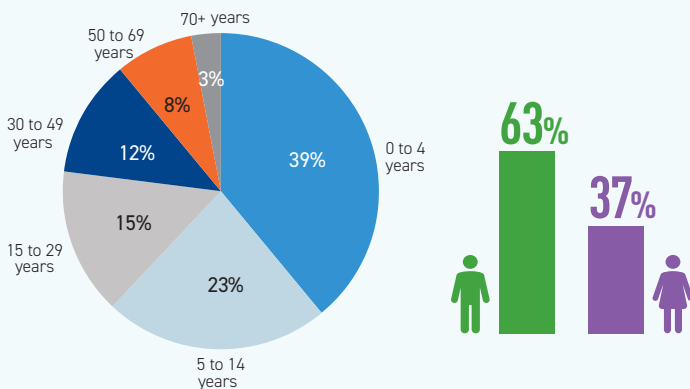
Private communication channels broadcast disaster warnings	NO	-
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DROWNING DATA

One agency maintains all vital registry statistics	NO	-
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- No response or not applicable

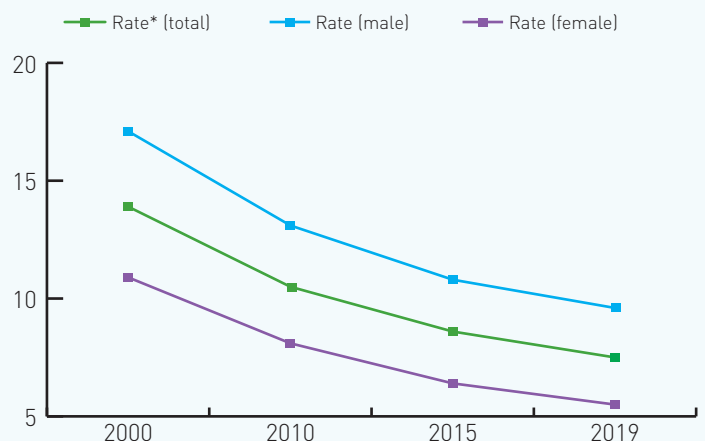
SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP^a



^a Global Health Estimates (GHE) data, 2019

^b GHE data, 2000–2019

RATE OF DROWNING DEATHS^b



* rate = age-standardized death rate