

PHILIPPINES

Population:
108 116 615

Income group:
Lower middle

Gross national
income per capita:
US\$ 3430 (2020)



MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES THE PHILIPPINES HAVE A NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR DROWNING PREVENTION? **YES**

SELECTED SECTORS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DROWNING PREVENTION:

Ministry of Health | Ministry of Education | Police | National Disaster risk reduction and Management Council | Ministry of Transport | MARINA | Coastguard | Philippine Statistics Authority | Red Cross | College of Emergency Medicine | Philippine Information Agency | SafeKids | Philippines Life Saving Society | Council for the Welfare of Children | Department of Labor and Employment

INTERVENTIONS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

	AVAILABLE	COVERAGE	EVALUATED
Physical barriers	●	LOW	NO
Swim skills training	●	LOW	NO
Childcare	●	LOW	NO
Public awareness on drowning	●	MED	NO
Manage flood risks	●	MED	YES
Disaster warning systems	●	HIGH	YES
Public awareness on alcohol and swimming/boating	●	LOW	NO
Rescue and resuscitation	●	MED	NO
Lifeguards	●	LOW	NO
Search and rescue	●	HIGH	YES
Maritime safety	●	HIGH	NO
Media	●	LOW	NO

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 **YES**
 Persons missing at sea are assumed to have died **NO**
 Persons missing at sea are assumed to have drowned **NO**

PROPORTION OF DROWNING DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL **13%**

STRATEGY AND TARGETS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES THE PHILIPPINES HAVE A NATIONAL WATER SAFETY STRATEGY? **YES**

Are measurable targets to reduce drowning included? **YES**

If yes, please specify:

To reduce drowning mortality in the Philippines by 50% by the year 2026.

Do these strategies align with relevant SDGs? **YES**

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

LEGISLATION AND REGULATION FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

MARITIME SAFETY		ENFORCEMENT	
		LIMITED	MAXIMUM
Mandated registration of watercraft	YES	8	10
Mandated licensing of watercraft	YES	8	10
Mandated periodic safety inspections of watercraft	YES	8	10
Mandated licensing of the operator	YES	7	10
Individuals responsible for overall safety of watercraft	Owner/Operator/Crew		
Law against alcohol consumption and boating	YES	8	10
If yes, specify blood alcohol concentration limit: Not specified			
Law against drug use and boating	YES	-	-
Restrictions on watercraft passenger capacity	YES	9	10
Restrictions on watercraft load capacity	YES	7	10
Mandated provision of lifejackets on board watercraft	YES	9	10
Specific standard of lifejacket required	SOLAS		
Specific number of lifejackets required	YES	10	10

Watercraft often exempt from national maritime legislation:

At times, vessels owned by government including warships and naval ships.

CHILD SAFETY

Fencing to exclude children from swimming pools	NO	-
Swimming lessons in school curricula	NO	-
Structured adult supervision of preschool children	YES	9
Prosecution of neglect against children	YES	8

WATER SAFETY COMPETENCIES

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

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

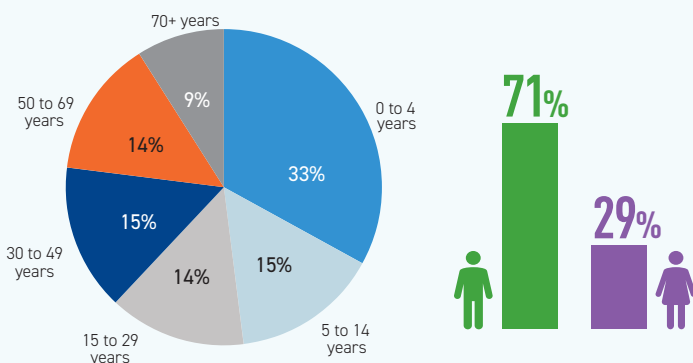
Private communication channels broadcast disaster warnings	YES	10
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DROWNING DATA

One agency maintains all vital registry statistics	YES	9
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- No response or not applicable

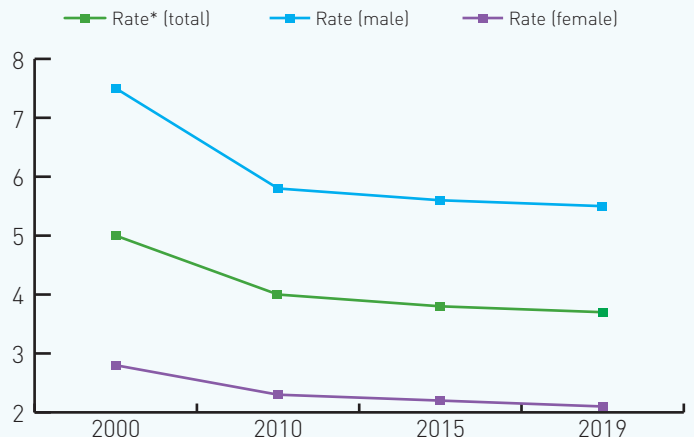
SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP^a



^a Global Health Estimates (GHE) data, 2019

^b GHE data, 2009–2019

RATE OF DROWNING DEATHS^b



* rate = age-standardized death rate