

# PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Population:  
8 776 109

Income group:  
Lower middle

Gross national  
income per capita:  
US\$ 2660 (2020)



## MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF DROWNING PREVENTION

**DOES PAPUA NEW GUINEA HAVE A NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR DROWNING PREVENTION?** **NO**

### SELECTED SECTORS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DROWNING PREVENTION:

Ministry of Health | Ministry of Education | Police | National Disaster Centre | Meteorology Department | Ministry of Transport | Maritime safety | National Statistics Office | National Research Institute | Department of Mineral Policy and Geohazards Management | Courts | Community development | Civil registry | St Johns Ambulance | National Broadcasting Corporation

## INTERVENTIONS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

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

## SOURCES OF DROWNING DATA

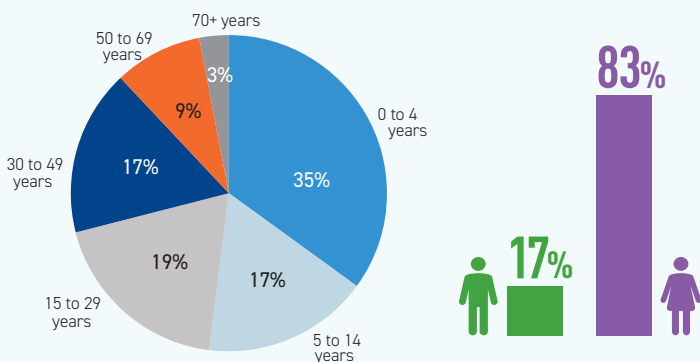
SOURCE OF DATA	TYPE OF DROWNING CAPTURED			
	FATAL	INFORMATION COLLECTED*	NON-FATAL	INFORMATION COLLECTED*
Vital registry	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	N/A	-
Verbal autopsy	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	N/A	-
Hospital admission data	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
Hospital emergency department data	-	-	-	-
Police	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
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 **NO**  
 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** **-**

## SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Global Health Estimates (GHE) data, 2019

<sup>b</sup> GHE data, 2000-2019

## STRATEGY AND TARGETS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

**DOES PAPUA NEW GUINEA 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	YES	4	
Mandated licensing of watercraft	YES	4	
Mandated periodic safety inspections of watercraft	YES	2	
Mandated licensing of the operator	YES	6	
Individuals responsible for overall safety of watercraft	Owner/Operator/Passengers		
Law against alcohol consumption and boating	YES	6	
If yes, specify blood alcohol concentration limit: Not specified			
Law against drug use and boating	NO	-	
Restrictions on watercraft passenger capacity	NO	-	
Restrictions on watercraft load capacity	YES	7	
Mandated provision of lifejackets on board watercraft	YES	2	
Specific standard of lifejacket required	Australian design standards		
Specific number of lifejackets required	YES	7	

Watercraft often exempt from national maritime legislation:

**Vessels of traditional build, naval craft and some international vessels.**

## CHILD SAFETY

Fencing to exclude children from swimming pools	YES	1
Swimming lessons in school curricula	YES	7
Structured adult supervision of preschool children	NO	-
Prosecution of neglect against children	YES	7

## WATER SAFETY COMPETENCIES

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

## DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

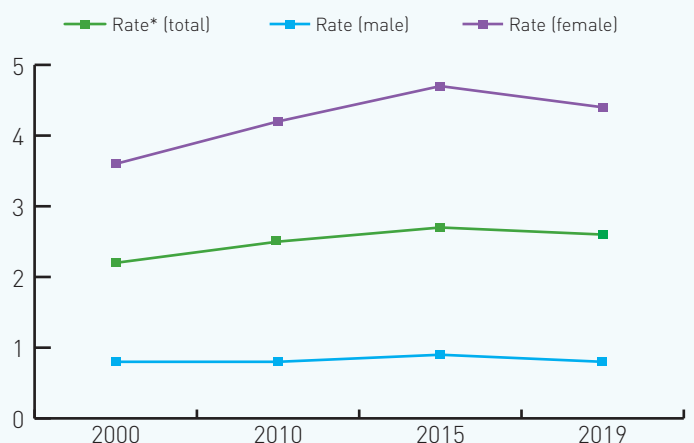
Private communication channels broadcast disaster warnings	YES	8
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## DROWNING DATA

One agency maintains all vital registry statistics	YES	1
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- No response or not applicable

## RATE OF DROWNING DEATHS<sup>b</sup>



\* rate = age-standardized death rate