

# SOLOMON ISLANDS

Population:  
345 281

Income group:  
Lower middle

Gross national  
income per capita:  
US\$ 2300 (2020)



## MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES SOLOMON ISLANDS 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 | Maritime safety | Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre | Forum Fisheries Agency

## 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	●	LOW	-
Rescue and resuscitation	-	-	-
Lifeguards	-	-	-
Search and rescue	●	MED	-
Maritime safety	●	HIGH	-
Media	-	-	-

## SOURCES OF DROWNING DATA

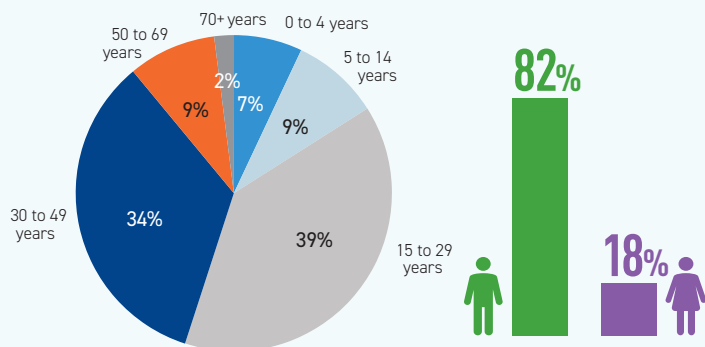
SOURCE OF DATA	TYPE OF DROWNING CAPTURED			
	FATAL	INFORMATION COLLECTED*	NON-FATAL	INFORMATION COLLECTED*
Vital registry	●	■ ■	N/A	-
Verbal autopsy	-	-	N/A	-
Hospital admission data	-	-	-	-
Hospital emergency department data	-	-	-	-
Police	-	-	-	-
Transport sector	-	-	-	-
Education sector	-	-	-	-
Maritime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

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

Drowning deaths in community settings are captured **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 **-**

## 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 SOLOMON ISLANDS 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? **-**

## LEGISLATION AND REGULATION FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

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

Watercraft often exempt from national maritime legislation:  
**Watercraft less than 10 metres in length, pleasure craft. Traditional vessels or warship/patrol vessels.**

### 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	-	-

### DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

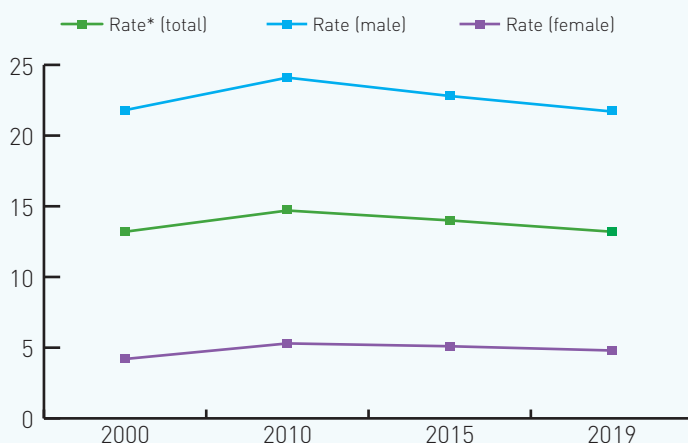
Private communication channels broadcast disaster warnings	YES	-
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### DROWNING DATA

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

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



\* rate = age-standardized death rate