



MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES TONGA HAVE A NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR DROWNING PREVENTION? YES

SELECTED SECTORS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DROWNING PREVENTION:

Ministry of Health | Police | National Emergency Management Office | Meteorology Department | Marine and ports | Defence | Ministry of Internal Affairs | Ministry of Fisheries | Fire and emergency services

INTERVENTIONS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

	AVAILABLE	COVERAGE	EVALUATED
Physical barriers	-	-	-
Swim skills training	●	MED	-
Childcare	-	-	-
Public awareness on drowning	●	HIGH	-
Manage flood risks	-	-	-
Disaster warning systems	●	HIGH	-
Public awareness on alcohol and swimming/boating	●	HIGH	-
Rescue and resuscitation	●	MED	-
Lifeguards	-	-	-
Search and rescue	●	HIGH	-
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 NO
Persons missing at sea are assumed to have died YES
Persons missing at sea are assumed to have drowned NO

PROPORTION OF DROWNING DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL -

STRATEGY AND TARGETS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES TONGA 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	8	
Mandated licensing of watercraft	YES	8	
Mandated periodic safety inspections of watercraft	YES	10	
Mandated licensing of the operator	YES	10	
Individuals responsible for overall safety of watercraft	Owner/Operator/Crew		
Law against alcohol consumption and boating	YES	7	
If yes, specify blood alcohol concentration limit: Not specified			
Law against drug use and boating	NO		
Restrictions on watercraft passenger capacity	YES	8	
Restrictions on watercraft load capacity	YES	8	
Mandated provision of lifejackets on board watercraft	YES	9	
Specific standard of lifejacket required	NO		
Specific number of lifejackets required	YES	9	

Watercraft often exempt from national maritime legislation:
Watercraft less than 8 metres in length that are not used for commercial purposes.

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	7

WATER SAFETY COMPETENCIES

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

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

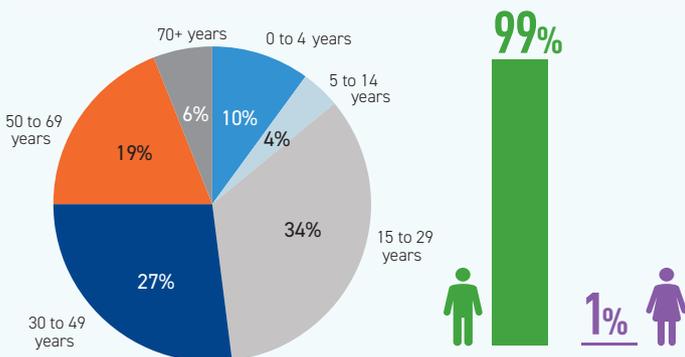
Private communication channels broadcast disaster warnings	NO	-
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DROWNING DATA

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