



MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF DROWNING PREVENTION

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

SELECTED SECTORS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DROWNING PREVENTION:

Ministry of Health | Ministry of Education | Police | Disaster risk reduction | Ministry of Transport, Public Utilities and Infrastructure | Office of Maritime Regulator | Coastguard/Military | Ministry of Climate Change | Vanuatu Broadcasting and Television Corporation | Ministry of Justice

INTERVENTIONS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

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

STRATEGY AND TARGETS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES VANUATU HAVE A NATIONAL WATER SAFETY STRATEGY? YES

Are measurable targets to reduce drowning included? NO
If yes, please specify:

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	7
Mandated licensing of watercraft	YES	7
Mandated periodic safety inspections of watercraft	YES	7
Mandated licensing of the operator	YES	7
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	YES	7
Restrictions on watercraft passenger capacity	YES	8
Restrictions on watercraft load capacity	YES	7
Mandated provision of lifejackets on board watercraft	YES	7
Specific standard of lifejacket required	National standard	
Specific number of lifejackets required	YES	7

Watercraft often exempt from national maritime legislation:

None

CHILD SAFETY

Fencing to exclude children from swimming pools	YES	7
Swimming lessons in school curricula	NO	-
Structured adult supervision of preschool children	YES	5
Prosecution of neglect against children	YES	2

WATER SAFETY COMPETENCIES

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

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

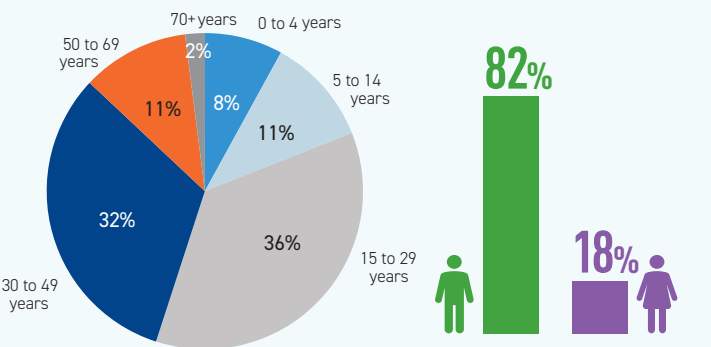
Private communication channels broadcast disaster warnings	YES	2
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DROWNING DATA

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

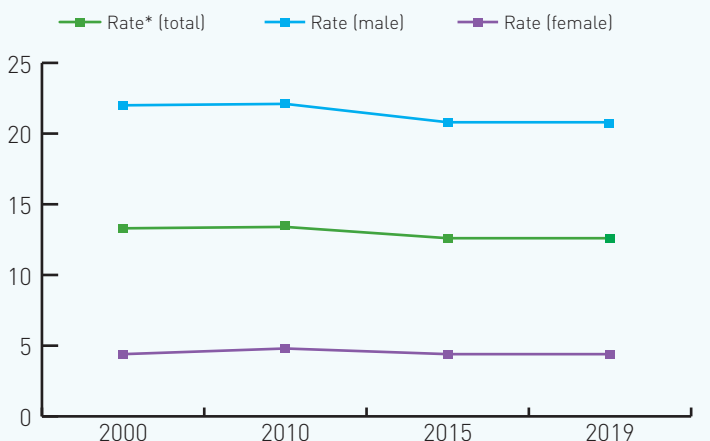
SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP^a



^a Global Health Estimates (GHE) data, 2019

^b GHE data, 2000-2019

RATE OF DROWNING DEATHS^b



* rate = age-standardized death rate