

Global Status Report on Drowning Prevention 2024

Drowning Prevention Status in Europe

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DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE

Extensive guidance on evidence-based prevention



2014

2024

Interventions are feasible, scalable and cost-effective

MOMENTUM: POLITICAL RECOGNITION AND REQUEST FOR WHO LEADERSHIP/COORDINATION

2021: UNGA adopts FIRST EVER RESOLUTION for drowning prevention (A/RES/75/273)



2023: WHA adopts FIRST EVER RESOLUTION for drowning prevention (WHA/76.18)

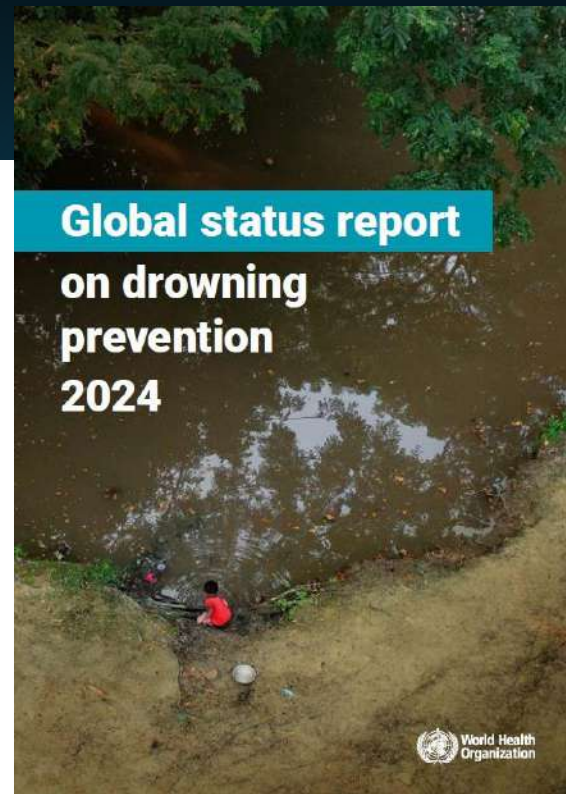
- Welcomes invitation to **assist Member States** with drowning prevention efforts, upon their request
- Accepts **WHO coordination of drowning prevention within UN system**, and to facilitate observance of WDPD
- Requests WHO to **establish a global alliance for drowning prevention** and **prepare a global status report**

WHO GLOBAL STATUS REPORT ON DROWNING PREVENTION

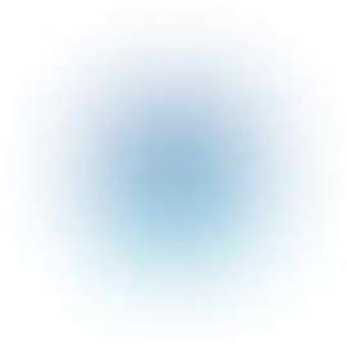
Improve	Improve knowledge on the burden, context and impacts of drowning
Increase	Increase awareness and knowledge sharing on what works to prevent drowning
Strengthen	Strengthen national, regional and global coordination and partnerships for drowning prevention
Provide	Provide a tool for tracking progress in drowning prevention efforts over time
Support	Support the development of national strategies for drowning prevention which are evidence informed and respond to national priorities

FIRST WHO GLOBAL STATUS REPORT ON DROWNING PREVENTION: **OVERVIEW**

- 139** Participating Member States and Territories
- 953** National data contributors
- 142** World Health Organization staff
- 19** Leading experts in drowning prevention

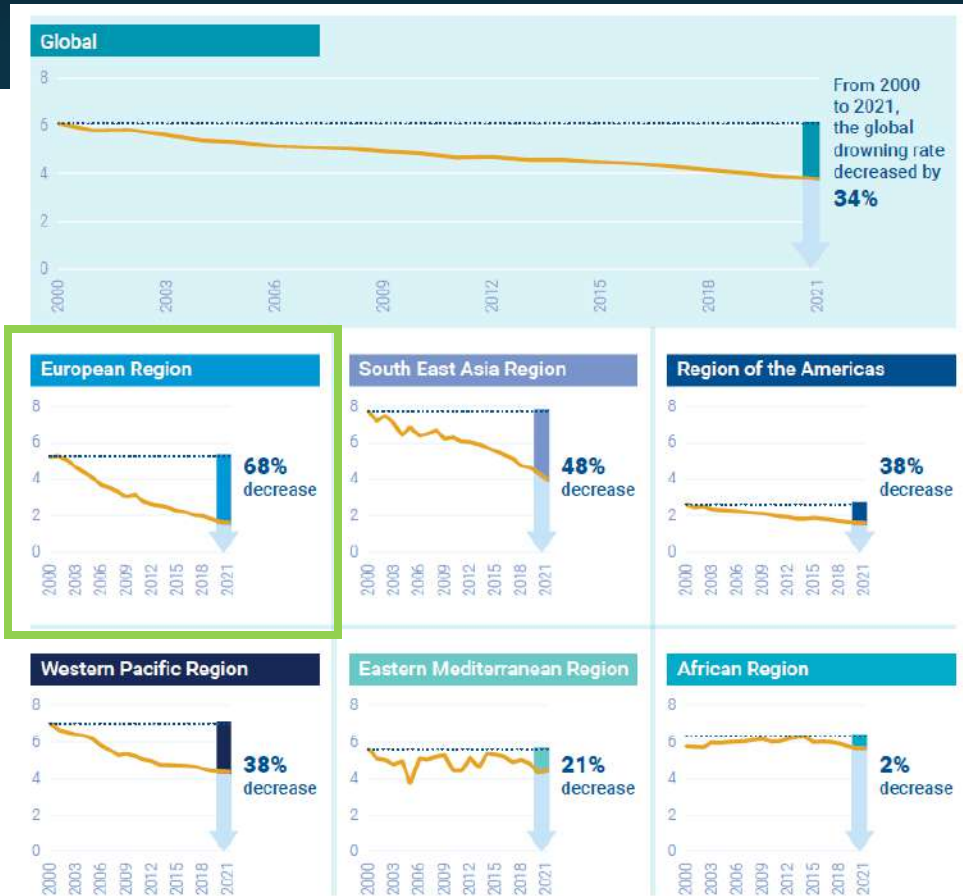


WHO Drowning Prevention App



Encouraging reductions globally

Europe leads



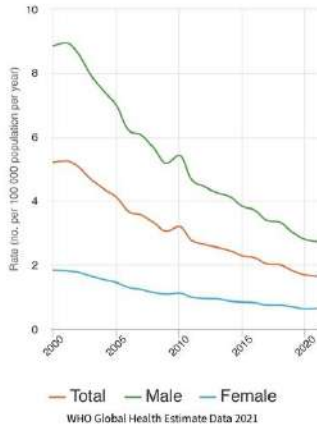


Burden of Drowning in Europe

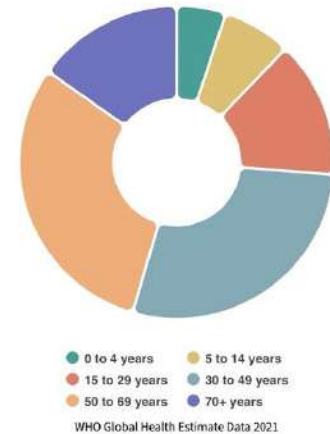
Drowning in Europe



Drowning deaths rates over time



Drowning deaths by age group



* Total Population of countries participating in the Global Status Report

*Numbers of deaths have been rounded (see report for more details)

Drowning in Europe

- 53 countries wide diversity of contexts
- 20x variation in mortality across the region:
 - 0.3 (Israel) – 6.9 (Latvia)
- Great reduction in childhood drowning
- European rates higher in older adults



Alcohol Attributable Fraction



Current Efforts and Governance

- Stakeholders and strategies
- Data collection and reporting
- Interventions and legislation

Stakeholders and strategies



Governance and coordination



National focal point

48%



National drowning prevention strategy

45%



National coordination mechanism

42%

20/42 – Coordination Mechanism

Health

Disaster/ Emergency

Drowning Prevention Agency

Maritime safety

Military/ Navy/ Coastguard

Stakeholders – GSRDP early impacts



Multisectoral contributions to data collection have initiated dialogue on drowning prevention



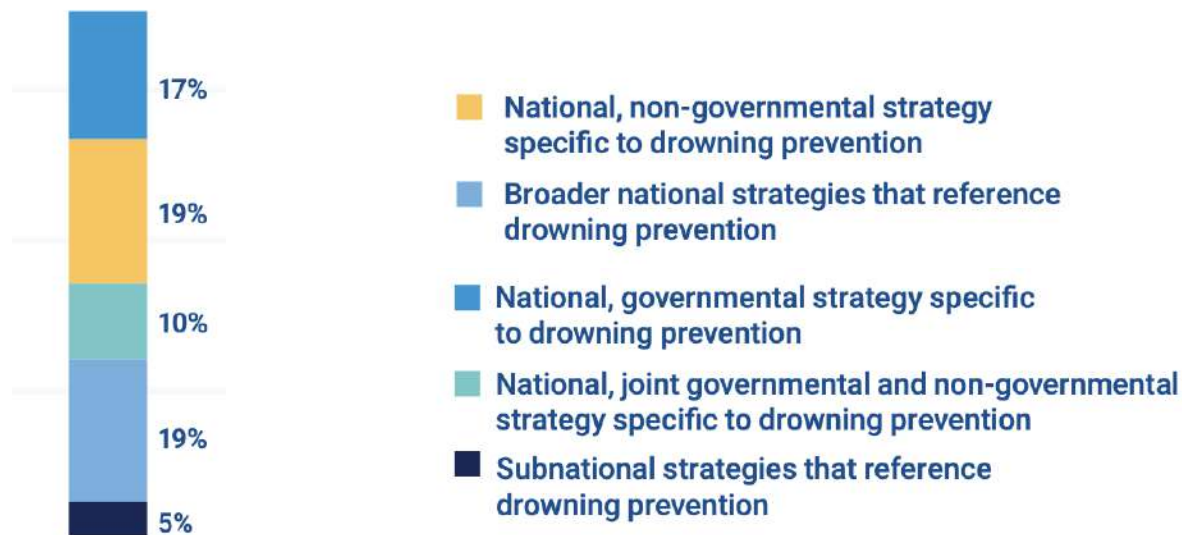
Capacity development has resulted in a global network of individuals wanting to undertake further work on the issue



Connecting stakeholders across countries has promoted knowledge exchange

Stakeholders and strategies

Authority and strategies for drowning prevention are often absent



* Some countries submitted more than one strategy.

European
Region

Countries face common challenges in adopting and implementing national strategies for drowning prevention

National water safety plan benefits



Identification of priorities



Align efforts of stakeholders



Identify and allocate resources



Provide a platform for multisectoral engagement

Data collection and reporting



Data and research



Capture of drowning deaths
through civil registration
systems

81%



Availability of sufficiently
detailed drowning data

81%

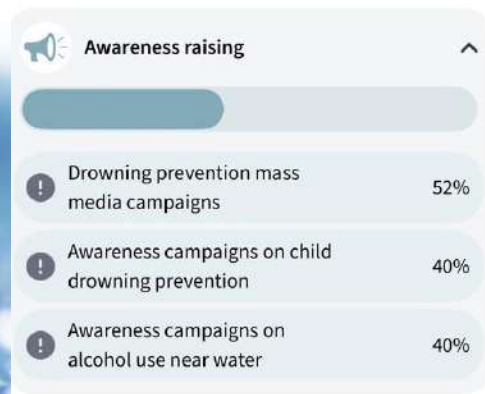


Research on drowning

33%

Disconnects between drowning evidence and perceptions of drowning risks

Interventions and legislation



Progress is mixed for drowning prevention interventions

Legislation is not keeping pace with the scale of the challenge



CHALLENGES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Challenges and Barriers :

Data Collection

Impact of Cultural and Regional differences on program implementation

Climate Change

Guidance and Future Directions :

Policy action

Capacity Building

Cross-Border Collaboration

Research and Innovation

Drowning Prevention in Europe

What's next?



WHO European Regional Status Report on
Drowning Prevention



Behavioral, Demographic and Social Factors

- Supervision and Swimming Skills
- Alcohol-Related Drowning
- Suicide by Drowning
- Gender Disparities
- Migration-Related Drowning



Environmental factors

Ice-Related Drowning

Heatwaves

Flood-Related Drowning

Cold Open Waters

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Share your ideas,
suggestions, and
experiences

TAKK!

