

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

POPULATION^c

7 664 993

INCOME GROUP^d

Lower middle income

GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA

2 120

^c UN World Population Prospects (2023)^d World Bank Income Groups

REPORTED FATALITIES (YEAR)^a:

No data

WHO ESTIMATED DROWNING FATALITIES (YEAR)^b: 570 (2021)

WHO ESTIMATED DEATH RATE PER 100 000 POPULATION (YEAR)^b:

7.7 (2021)

^a No data^b Data from WHO Global Health Estimates. Numbers of deaths have been rounded according to the following scheme: < 100 rounded to nearest 1; 100–999 rounded to nearest 10; 1000–9999 rounded to nearest 100; and ≥ 10 000 rounded to nearest 1000.

GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATION

NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR DROWNING PREVENTION



NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION STRATEGY



NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR DROWNING PREVENTION



GOVERNMENT SECTORS CONTRIBUTING TO DROWNING PREVENTION:

Health | Police | Transport | Maritime Safety | Disaster Risk Reduction | Education | Tourism | Meteorology Department | Ministry of National Defense | Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare | Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism

NON-GOVERNMENT SECTORS CONTRIBUTING TO DROWNING PREVENTION:

POLICY AND LEGISLATION

Policy for disaster risk management which specifies drowning	NO
Legislation for fencing around private swimming pools	NO
Legislation for fencing around public swimming pools	NO
Legislation to ensure safety of domestic passenger water transport	NO
Legislation mandating lifejacket use when boating	SUB-NATIONAL
Regulations preventing alcohol consumption and/or sales near public waterbodies	NO

DATA

DROWNING DEATHS CAPTURED IN VITAL REGISTRY SYSTEM



MOST DETAILED NATIONAL DATA SOURCE CAPTURES:

Age of victim		Sex of victim	
Type of water body		Activity at time of drowning	

INTERVENTIONS

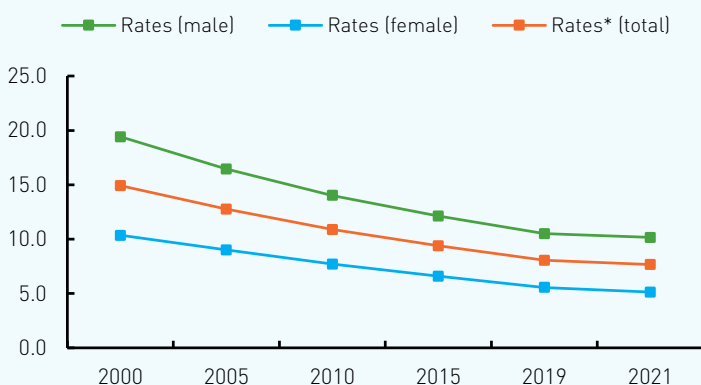
Daycare services provided for pre-school children	
Swimming and water safety included in school curriculum	
Barriers installed to limit access to water	
Lifeguards present at public swimming venues	
Rescue and resuscitation training programmes available	
Operational search and rescue service present	
Free weather alerts available	
Operational disaster warning systems	
Community resilience for managing flood risk exists	
Community disaster resilience programs exist which specify drowning	

AWARENESS RAISING

Drowning prevention mass media campaigns	
Campaigns on child safety	
Campaigns highlighting the dangers of consuming alcohol before or during aquatic activities	

	National coverage
	Sub-national with extensive coverage
	Sub-national levels with limited coverage
	Not implemented
	Don't know / did not provide

RATE OF DROWNING DEATHS OVER TIME



* Rate = age standardized death rate

Source: Global Health Estimates Data, 2000–2021

SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP AND SEX

No data