

# THAI REPORT ON CHILD DROWNING

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### **KEY FACTS**

#### Drowning

is the first leading causes of death for children aged under 15 years

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1000 children

Children 1-4 years have the highest rate

**twice** as likely to drown

Males are

as females

Disability-Adjusted Life Year **(DALY)** (0-14 years) Male: 57,000 Female: 25,000

### **DROWNING RATES** (Children under 15 years)



# Number and Mortality Rate (per 100 000 children < 15 years) from Child Drowning in Thailand, 2000-2016



Source: Death Certificates, Strategy and Planning Division, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand.

Analyzed by: Bureau of Non-Communicable Diseases, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand.

Number and Mortality Rate (per 100 000 children < 15 years) from Child Drowning in Thailand by age group, 2003-2016



Source: Death Certificates, Strategy and Planning Division, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand. Analyzed by: Bureau of Non-Communicable Diseases, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand.

## A LEADING KILLER OF CHILDREN

#### Numbers of deaths for children under 15 years



**RISK FACTORS** 

Percentage of drowning death in children <15 years in Thailand by day of the week, 2012-2016



Source: Death Certificates, Strategy and Planning Division, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand. Analyzed by: Bureau of Non-Communicable Diseases, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand.



Percentage of severe drowning injuries\* in children <15 years by time period of the day, 2016

Bureau of Epidemiology, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health.

\*Severe injuries refer to injured individuals who die before arriving at hospital, injury patients who die in an emergency room, and injury patients who are admitted for observation and treatment at hospital

#### Percentage of drowning death in children <15 years in Thailand by month, 2012-2016



Source: Death Certificates, Strategy and Planning Division, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand. Analyzed by: Bureau of Non-Communicable Diseases, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand.

## Percentage of severe drowning injuries\* in children <15 years by age group and type of water source, 2016



Source: Sentinel sites. National Injury Surveillance System,

Bureau of Epidemiology, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health.



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## **PREVENTIVE ACTIONS**

#### **MERIT MAKER – Thai National Drowning Prevention Strategy**



#### **Distribution of MERIT MAKER team in Thailand**





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## MERIT MAKER AND WHO RECOMMENDATIONS

6 Key Drowning Prevention Intervention							
	WHO	Provide safe places for pre-school children	Install barriers controlling access to water	Teach school-age children (aged over 6 years) swimming and water skills			
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	MERIT MAKER	Kindergarten/Day care	Environment	Training			
			Education	(Survival Swimming)			
	Build resilience andWHOmanage flood risks	Train bystanders in safe rescue and resuscitation	Set and enforce safe boating, shipping and ferry regulations				
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	MERIT MAKER	Drowning Prevention Plan	Resuscitation	Drowning Prevention Plan			

## **Strategies to Support Drowning Prevention Interventions**

₩НΟ	Strengthen public awareness of drowning through strategic communications	Promote multisectoral collaboration	Develop a national water safety plan	Advance drowning prevention through data collection and well-designed studies
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MERIT MAKER	Education Media	Management	Advocacy/Policy	Information Research/Evaluation

## **DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE**



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