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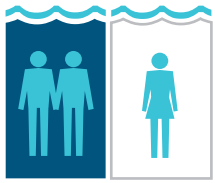
GLOBAL REPORT ON DROWNING

KEY FACTS

372 000
people die
from drowning
EVERY YEAR

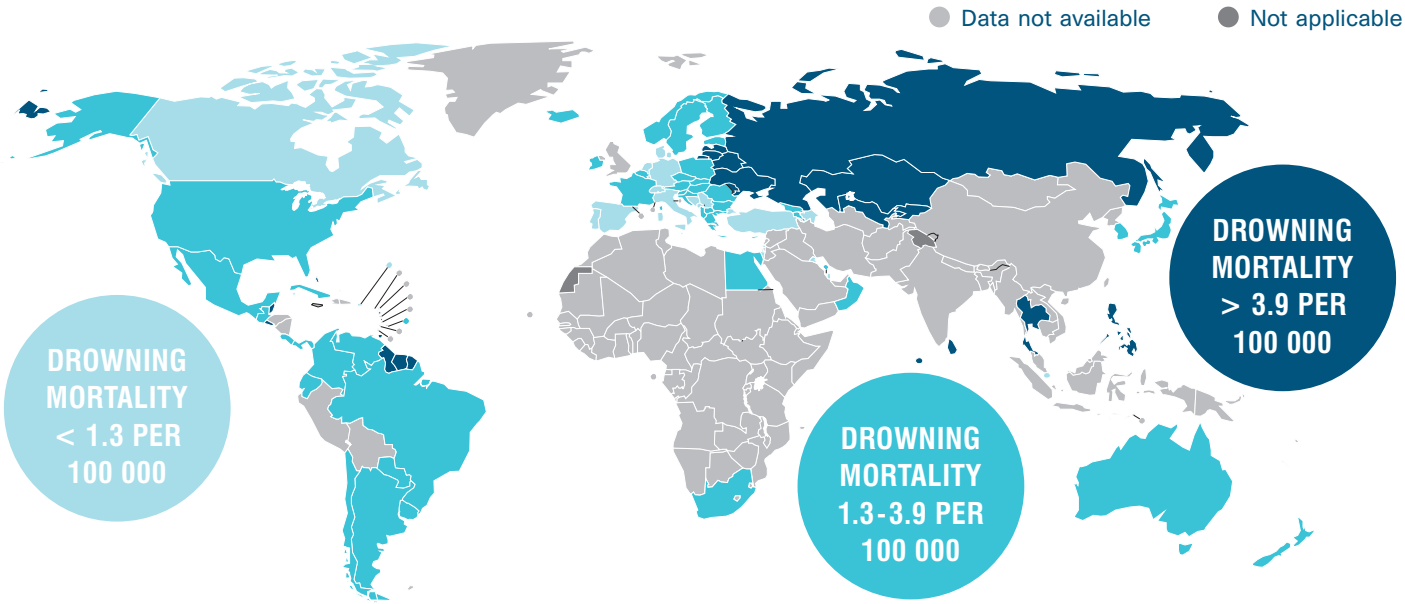
OVER HALF
of all drowning
deaths are among
those aged
UNDER 25 YEARS

MALES ARE TWICE AS LIKELY
to drown
as females



Drowning is
one of the
10 LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH
for people aged
1-24 years

DROWNING RATES



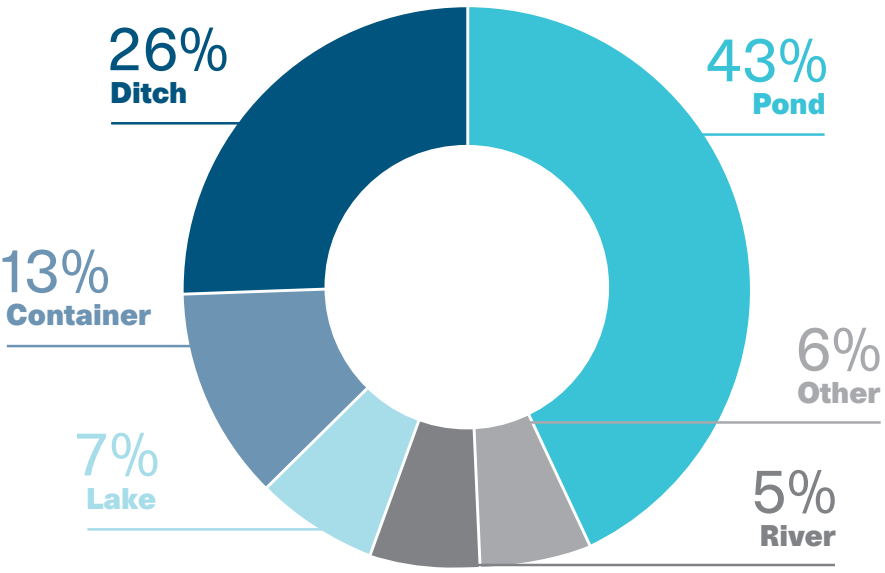
A LEADING KILLER OF CHILDREN

Number of deaths for children under 15 years

RISK FACTORS

LIVING AROUND WATER

Wherever there is water, there is the threat of drowning



Place of drowning of Bangladeshi children under 5 years

YOUNG CHILDREN

The highest drowning rates are among children aged 1-4 years

FLOOD DISASTERS

Extreme rain fall, storm surges, tsunamis or cyclones

TRANSPORT ON WATER

Especially on overcrowded or poorly maintained vessels

PREVENTIVE ACTIONS

Install
BARRIERS
controlling access to water

Provide
SAFE PLACES
(for example, a crèche) away from water for pre-school children, with capable child care

TEACH
school-age children basic
SWIMMING, WATER SAFETY AND SAFE RESCUE SKILLS

TRAIN
bystanders in
SAFE RESCUE AND RESUSCITATION

Set and enforce safe
BOATING, SHIPPING AND FERRY REGULATIONS

IMPROVE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT
locally and nationally

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