

GLOBAL DROWNING PREVENTION

KEY FACTS

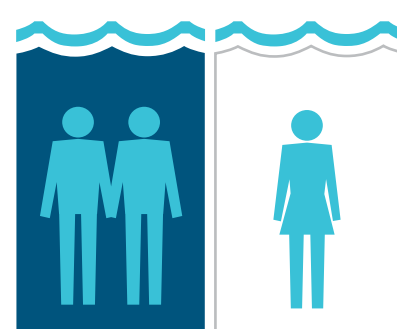
**AT LEAST
236,000**
people die
EVERY YEAR



OVER HALF
of all drowning
deaths are
among those
aged
**UNDER 30
YEARS**



**MALES
ARE TWICE
AS LIKELY**
to drown as
females



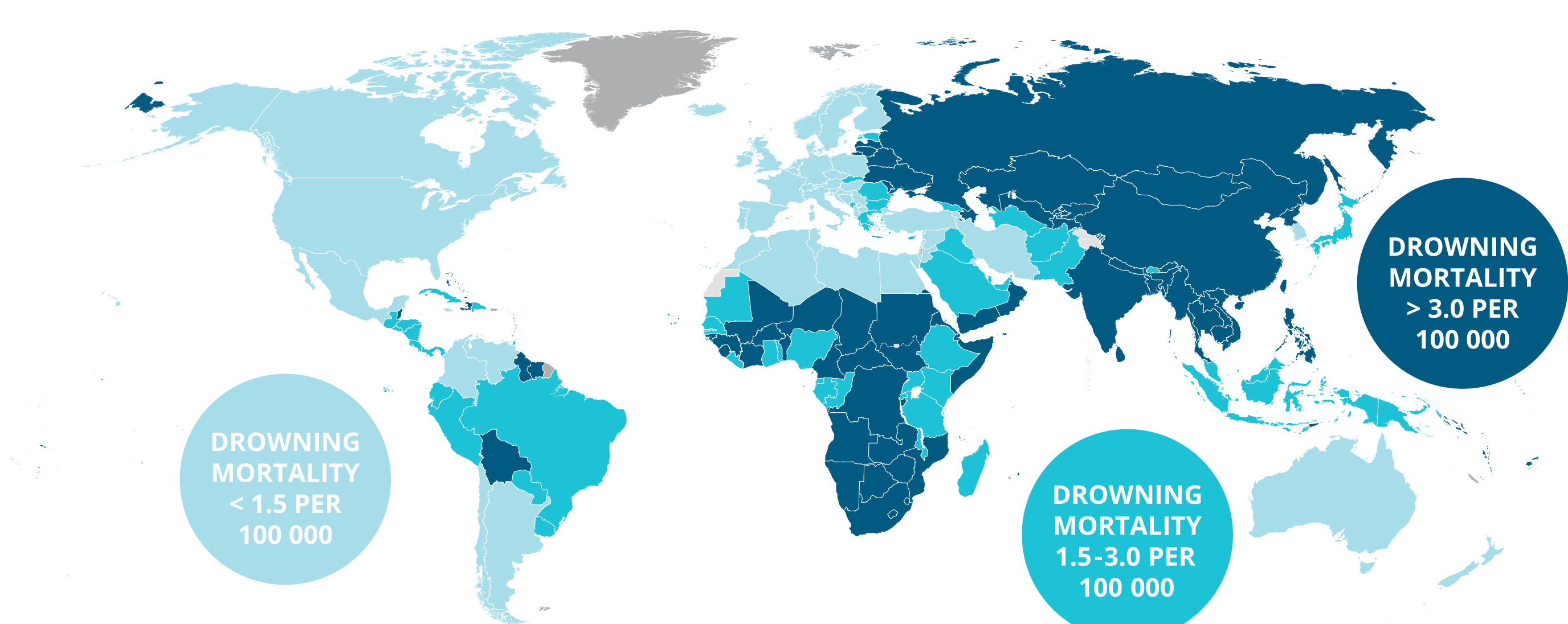
Drowning is one
of the
**10 LEADING
CAUSES OF
DEATH**
for people aged
1-24 years



DROWNING RATES*

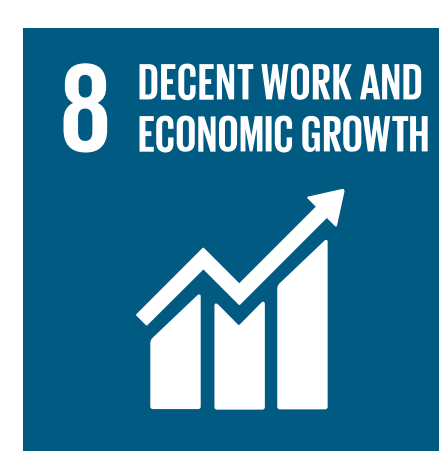
*Global Health Estimates 2019: Deaths by Cause, Age, Sex, by Country and by Region, 2019-2000. Geneva, World Health Organization; 2020.

● Data not available ● Not applicable



DROWNING PREVENTION AND THE 2030 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

Drowning prevention helps achieve Sustainable Development Goals and targets



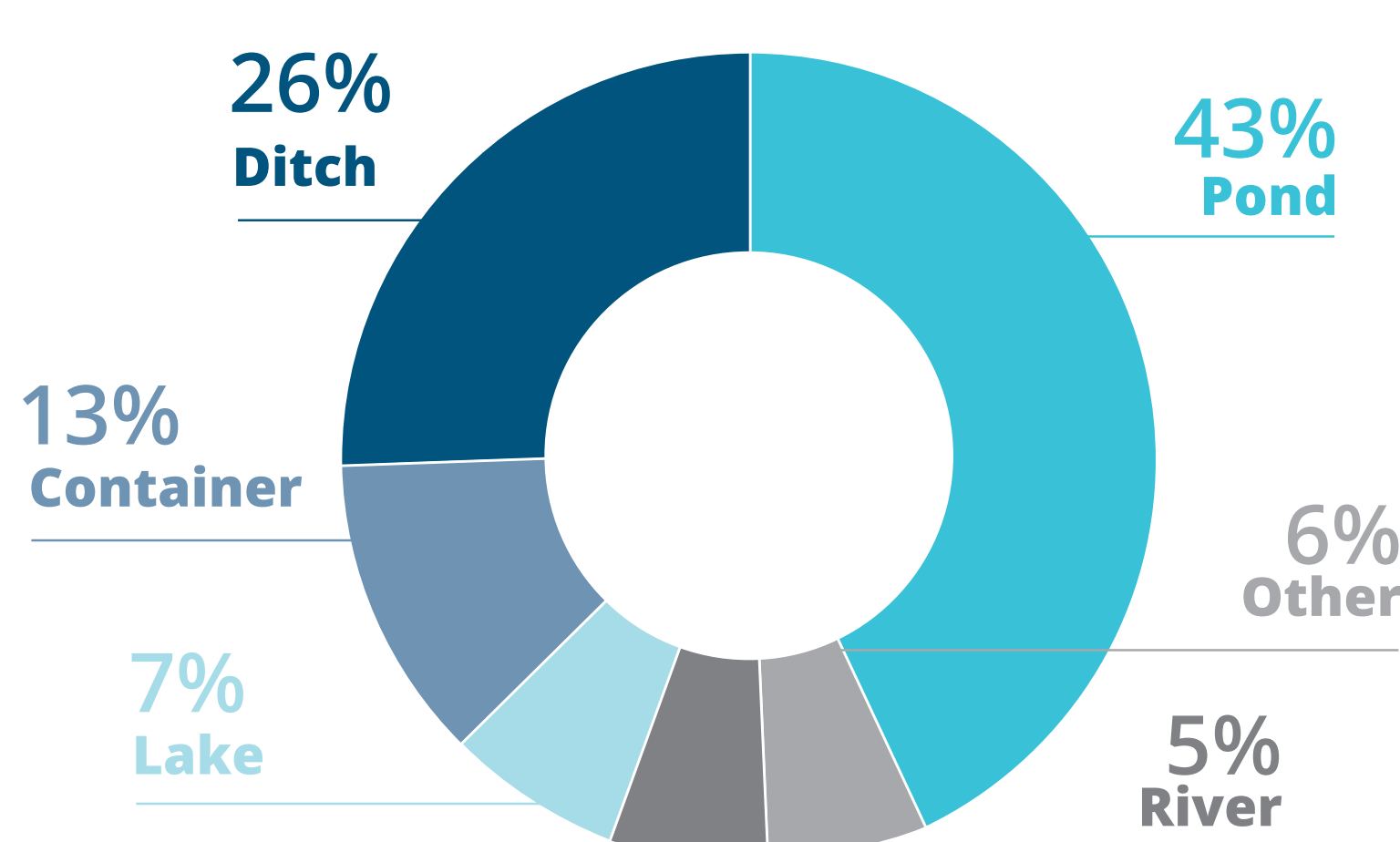
Anyone can drown,
no one should.



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



GLOBAL AGREEMENT FOR ACTION*

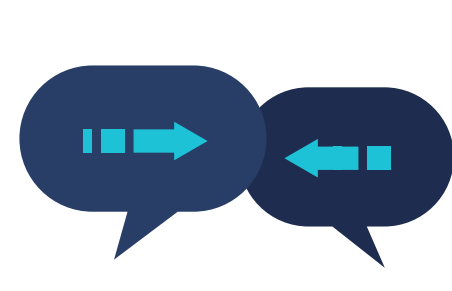
*<https://undocs.org/A/RES/75/273>



UN passes **HISTORIC RESOLUTION** for drowning prevention



81
countries sponsor
RESOLUTION



Resolution calls for
MULTISECTORAL
response



Asks WHO to coordinate
DROWNING PREVENTION
within UN system



Declares July 25
WORLD DROWNING PREVENTION
Day

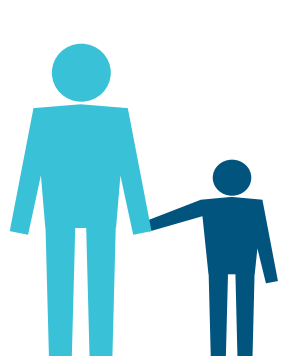


Encourages all countries to **IMPLEMENT DROWNING PREVENTION PROGRAMMING** in line with WHO-recommended interventions

Install
barriers
controlling access to water



Provide
safe places
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

