



## WHO Global Status Report for Drowning Prevention

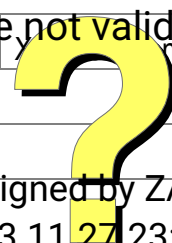
# Country Questionnaire

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF COUNTRY QUESTIONNAIRE

Over the past decade, over 2.5 million people have lost their lives to drowning. Drowning is in the top ten causes of death worldwide for children aged 5-14 years. Over 90% of drowning deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries, with rising poverty and vulnerabilities predicted to exacerbate inequalities in drowning risk over time.

In response to Member State requests, the World Health Organization (WHO) is coordinating the development and delivery of a first global assessment on drowning and its prevention. The resulting report will be the first of its kind to measure country specific magnitude of drowning, as well as to assess the implementation of evidence-based interventions to prevent and respond to drowning, at the global level. **It is critical to accurately understand the burden and context of drowning in order to develop and implement effective, localized drowning prevention solutions and to successfully advocate on the impact of this preventable public health issue.**

WHO anticipates this project will:

1. Improve knowledge at national, regional and global levels on the burden, context and impacts
2. Increase awareness and knowledge sharing on effective prevention
3. Improve implementation, monitoring and impact evaluation of prevention interventions
4. Strengthen national, regional and global coordination
5. Support national strategy development that is evidence informed and responds to national priorities

Due to the diversity of topics included in this questionnaire, a multisectoral approach is required to gather required information which involves representatives from both government and non-government organizations.

Relevant government sectors to involve may include health, education, law enforcement, transport, sport and leisure, disaster risk reduction, maritime safety, coastguard, tourism and/or fisheries, among others.

Relevant non-government organizations to involve may include universities, research organizations, search and rescue organizations, lifesaving organizations and/or swimming associations, among others.

**WHO requests that a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 respondents participate per country.**

We thank you for your contribution to this important body of work. If you have any further questions, please contact:

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## SECTION A: NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON DROWNING

Q1. Reflecting on the current situation in your country, please complete the following 4 sentences (Q1.1 – Q1.4) designed to capture perspectives on drowning risks at the national level.

These sentences will be used to develop a narrative which succinctly summarizes priorities for drowning prevention efforts in your country. This section can be used as a tool to initiate discussion among stakeholders contributing to this questionnaire as it aims to encourage conversation between sectors and agencies. The examples provided below the section titles are for illustration purposes only – feel free to finish each sentence as you wish. You may also combine several ideas from the example statements.

### A. LIFE STAGES

Different physical capabilities, interests and influences bring different challenges and risks associated with drowning.

Examples:

In our country, the highest rates of drowning are experienced by *children under five*

In our country, the highest rates of drowning are experienced by *workers*

In our country, the highest rates of drowning are experienced by *older adults aged over 55*

Q1.1 In our country, the highest rates of drowning are experienced by men between 50 to 59 years

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### B. KEY LOCATIONS

Specific locations where people interact with water can increase risk of drowning.

Examples:

In our country, drowning deaths frequently occur *off the coast, in the open sea*

In our country, drowning deaths frequently occur *in either private or public swimming pools*

In our country, drowning deaths frequently occur *at inland water bodies such as lakes, rivers or ponds*

Q1.2 In our country, drowning deaths frequently occur at inland water bodies such as lakes, rivers, gravel pits and backyard ponds.

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### C. KEY ACTIVITIES

Specific activities during which people are in close proximity to water can increase risk of drowning.

Examples:

In our country, drowning deaths often occur while people *go to rivers and ponds to bathe, wash clothes, fetch water etc.*

In our country, drowning deaths often occur while people *travel over water using small, unsafe boats*

In our country, drowning deaths often occur while people *swim recreationally and play in the water*

In our country, drowning deaths often occur while people *drink alcohol or use drugs while being near water*

In our country, drowning deaths often occur while people *work as fishermen, particularly during bad weather conditions*

Q1.3 In our country, drowning deaths often occur while relaxing and playing in the water.

In our country, drowning deaths often occur when driving boats without using life jackets - when fishing using a navigational device or when fishing on ice.

In our country, drowning deaths often occur when people are under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on the water.

In our country, drowning deaths often occur when people go swimming outside the designated swimming areas in the country, in adverse weather conditions.

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### D. KEY EVENTS

Drowning risk can rise during key events which expose people to water in unanticipated circumstances.

Examples:

In our country, drowning deaths often occur as a result of *flooding*

In our country, drowning deaths often occur as a result of *large-scale ferry disasters*

In our country, drowning deaths often occur as a result of *migration*

**OR** In our country, drowning deaths often occur as a result of *simple acts of daily living and do not usually involve the large-scale events mentioned here*

- Q1.4 In our country, drowning deaths often occurs as a result of simple daily activities and is usually not related to the large-scale events mentioned here.  
In our country, drowning deaths often occur when people are relaxing near water bodies during the warm months of the year (summer).  
In our country, drowning deaths often occurs because the population has low swimming skills, safety conditions are not observed and public waters are widely available.

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**- END OF SECTION A -**

## SECTION B. STAKEHOLDERS AND STRATEGIES FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

**Recommended contributors:** stakeholders who play a leading role in coordinating national drowning prevention efforts. This may include health, police, transport, sport and leisure, disaster risk reduction, maritime safety and non-government organizations.

Q2 Which **Government Sectors** have specific programmes, initiatives or responsibilities which directly contribute to reducing the likelihood of drowning in your country? Please check all that apply:

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|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Police                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military forces/Coast guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transport                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety of navigation     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (1) (specify) _____              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Risk Reduction             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (2) (specify) _____              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment / Climate               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (3) (specify) _____              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sports and entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (4) (specify) _____              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (5) (specify) _____              |

Q3. Which **Non-Government Organizations** operate to provide specific programmes or initiatives which directly contribute to reducing the likelihood of drowning in your country? Please check all that apply:

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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life-saving organisations                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (1) (specify) _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming associations                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (2) (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research organisations and other academic institutions | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (3) (specify) _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search and rescue organisations             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (4) (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fisher associations                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (5) (specify) _____ |

Q4. In your country, do stakeholders from 2 or more sectors meet on at least an annual basis to coordinate their implementation of activities which directly contribute to reducing the likelihood of drowning? (*For example, a national drowning prevention committee, or a national drowning prevention council?*)

- Yes, stakeholders are from the government only  
 Yes, stakeholders are non-governmental actors only  
 Yes, stakeholders include governmental and non-governmental actors  
 No. Such meetings were only held pursuant to the initiative of NGOs, they are irregular  
 Don't know

If **yes**, please attach relevant documents which describe the purpose, operation and function of the mechanism.

Q5. Is there a government-designated national focal point (government agency, organization, committee or individual) for drowning prevention in your country?

- Yes  No  Don't know

If **yes**, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE!** At the request of the NGO sector, on 10 August 2022, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia issued resolution 2022-1.1.1/28-32, which stipulates that the Cross-Sectoral Coordination Centre (Secretariat of the Centre for Demographic Affairs) in cooperation with the Ministry of Welfare (Secretariat of the Demographic Affairs Council) is to prepare and submit a report on measures to reduce mortality from death by external causes by 15 December 2022 for consideration by the Demographic Affairs Council. 01.03.2023. The Cross-Sectoral Coordination Centre was integrated into the State Chancellery on 01.03.2023. As of November 2023, the resolution has not been implemented. The draft Action Plan of the new Government, when approved, will mandate the State Chancellery to submit the report on death by external causes to the Cabinet of Ministers by March 31, 2024.

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Q6. Are there national strategies, policies or plans for the prevention of drowning in your country? Please check all that apply:

- Yes, a **governmental** national strategy/policy/plan specific to drowning prevention  
 Yes, a **non-governmental** national strategy/policy/plan specific to drowning prevention  
 Yes, a **whole-of-society** (government and non-government) national strategy/policy/plan specific to drowning prevention  
 Yes, broader national strategy/policy/plan of the **government**, determining prevention of drowning  
 Yes, a broader **non-governmental** national strategy/policy/plan that specifies drowning prevention  
 Yes, subnational strategies (**governmental or non-governmental**) that specify drowning

x Other: the "Drowning Prevention Strategy for 20020-2024" developed by the Latvian Swimming Federation

No (skip to Q7)

If **yes**, please attach copy(ies) of the relevant documents.

Drowning prevention issues are diffusely addressed in several policy planning documents:

- Public Health Guidelines 2021–2027, Source: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/332751-sabiedribas-veselibas-pamatnostadnes-2021-2027-gadam>

- National Development Plan of Latvia for 2021–2027, Source: [https://pkc.gov.lv/sites/default/files/inline-files/NAP2027\\_apstiprin%C4%81ts%20Saeim%C4%81\\_1.pdf](https://pkc.gov.lv/sites/default/files/inline-files/NAP2027_apstiprin%C4%81ts%20Saeim%C4%81_1.pdf)

- Sports Policy Guidelines 2022–2027, Source: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/332897-par-sporta-politikas-pamatnostadnem-2022-2027-gadam>

6.1 Do any of these strategies, policies or plans set measurable targets to reduce the number of people drowning?

(For example, 50% reduction in drowning deaths by 2030, or 75% of children learn to swim by 14 years of age)

Yes

X No

Don't know

If the answer is "**yes**", please, specify the national target(-s) and deadline(-s):

6.2 Have any of these strategies, policies or plans been evaluated?

Yes

x No

Don't know

Q7. Are any national strategies, policies or plans for drowning prevention currently pending government endorsement, or currently pending implementation?

Yes

x No

Don't know

If yes, please provide details:

(What date was the strategy/policy/plan finalized? What have been key barriers to its endorsement/implementation?)

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**NOTE!** The Swimming Federation of Latvia (SFL), in cooperation with the organisation "Swim Safely", developed and presented a draft Drowning Prevention Strategy to public administration institutions. The organisations called for the strategy's approval as a holistic national action strategy, pending necessary improvements, but this has not happened.

**- END OF SECTION B -**

## SECTION C. DROWNING DATA

**Recommended contributors:** stakeholders who may routinely collect and report data on drowning deaths. This may include stakeholders from a range of sectors, including health, law enforcement, transport, maritime safety, research institutions and non-government organizations.

Q8. Complete the table below by first determining whether or not drowning data are collected by each listed source. For all sources which DO collect drowning data, tick the relevant boxes for whether that data collection is ongoing, whether it is compiled and reported at the national level, as well as ticking all relevant boxes regarding the level of detail recorded.

Source of data	Drowning data are not collected	Data is collected in an ongoing permanent manner		Data is compiled and reported at the national level		Level of detail recorded:			
		YES	NO	YES	NO	Age	Sex	Activity at time of drowning	Type of water body
Civil registration and vital statistics registers	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health sector ( <i>Database of the causes of death of the population of Latvia</i> ) <a href="https://statistika.spkc.gov.lv/pxweb/lv/Health/Health__Mirstiba/MOR10_ledzivotaju_naves_celoni_menesi.px/">https://statistika.spkc.gov.lv/pxweb/lv/Health/Health__Mirstiba/MOR10_ledzivotaju_naves_celoni_menesi.px/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X		X	X	X	X
Transport sector	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maritime Safety sector	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disaster Risk Management sector	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sport and Leisure sector	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourism sector	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Occupational Safety sector	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community surveys conducted/repeated within the past 5 years	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (1): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (2): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (3): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (4): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (5): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (6): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q9. Please complete the following data table to the best of your ability using at least 1 national data source which is considered to collect the most accurate counts of all drowning deaths in your country. It is possible to report multiple data sources, if required.

	Primary source of drowning data (provide name of data source below): <u>Database of the causes of death of the population of Latvia (SSK-10 W65-W74,Y21)</u>	Alternative source of data 1 (optional): Emergency medical assistance service, 2022, during the swimming season May-September	Alternative source of data 2 (optional): _____
Year for which most recent drowning death data is available:	2022	2022	
Total number of national drowning deaths	99	39	
Number of drowning deaths, males	76	32	
Number of drowning deaths, females	23	7	
Number of drowning deaths, 0-4 years*	0	0	
Number of drowning deaths, 5-14 years*	4	0	
Number of drowning deaths, 15-29 years*	9	1	
Number of drowning deaths, 30-49 years*	27	8	
Number of drowning deaths, 50-69 years*	46	23	
Number of drowning deaths, 70+ years*	13	7	

\* If different age structures are reported in routinely collected data, please attach copies of summary tables for national drowning mortality data.

Please note that even if drowning mortality data are provided above, for data uniformity and as per routine practice, WHO will be reporting Global Health Estimates for national drowning deaths within the WHO Global Status Report for Drowning Prevention. Additional drowning data are nevertheless requested to better understand capacity for, and extent of, national drowning mortality data systems. **Importantly, data provided by countries will contribute towards strengthening WHO Global Health Estimate modelling to better capture drowning burden.**

**- END OF SECTION C -**

**SECTION D. INTERVENTIONS AND LEGISLATION FOR DROWNING PREVENTION**

**SECTION D1. Interventions and legislation specific to children**

**Recommended contributors:** stakeholders responsible for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children (education, social welfare)

Q10. Select all interventions/programmes that are currently implemented in your country, indicating their reach:

Intervention name and description	Intervention has national coverage	Intervention is delivered at sub-national levels with <b>extensive reach</b>	Intervention is delivered at sub-national levels with <b>limited reach</b>	Intervention is not implemented
<b>Physical barriers:</b> Barriers are installed to control the access of children to water (For example: door barriers, covering of wells, swimming pool fencing etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Swimming and water safety in school curriculum:</b> Swimming and water safety are taught to children through schools as part of routine curriculum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Appropriate childcare:</b> Safe places are provided for pre-school children with structured arrangements for childcare provided by trained adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q11. Does your country have a law that requires the use of fencing to exclude unsupervised child access to public and/or private swimming pools?  
 Yes, at the national level       Yes, at subnational levels      x No       Don't know

If **yes**, please provide one sample of this legislation, with text of specific relevance highlighted.

**SECTION D2. Interventions and legislation specific to disaster risk reduction**

**Recommended contributors:** stakeholders who play a role in preparing for, and responding to, disasters such as flooding, cyclones and typhoons (disaster risk reduction, emergency response, meteorology, search and rescue)

Q12. Select all interventions/programmes that are currently implemented in your country, indicating their reach:

Intervention name and description	Intervention has national coverage	Intervention is delivered at sub-national levels with <b>extensive reach</b>	Intervention is delivered at sub-national levels with <b>limited reach</b>	Intervention is not implemented
<b>Manage flood risks:</b> Efforts are undertaken to build community resilience to disasters and to manage flood risks	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Disaster warning systems:</b> Advance cyclone/flood/tsunami warning systems are in place and are operational	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Weather alerts:</b> Weather alerts providing relevant information for safety on or near water bodies, or in direct relation to flooding risks, are freely available from a national meteorological service.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Community based disaster risk reduction:</b> Community resilience programs that include drowning prevention measures for example basic rescue, first aid, swim skills and other drowning prevention awareness.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Q13. Does your country have a dedicated strategy, policy or plan for disaster risk management that prioritizes drowning risk reduction and is tailored to your countries context?

- Yes, at the national level     Yes, at subnational levels     No     Don't know

If **yes**, please provide one sample of this strategy, policy or plan. with text of specific relevance highlighted.

### SECTION D3. Interventions and legislation specific to boating, maritime, search and rescue

**Recommended contributors:** stakeholders who work to ensure the safety of people who travel over water or who work in close proximity to water (maritime administrations, coast guard, transport, fisheries, search and rescue organizations)

Q14. Select all interventions/programmes that are currently implemented in your country, indicating their reach:

Intervention name and description	Intervention has national coverage	Intervention is delivered at sub-national levels with <b>extensive reach</b>	Intervention is delivered at sub-national levels with <b>limited reach</b>	Intervention is not implemented
<b>Boating safety:</b> Boating safety regulations relevant to vessel seaworthiness, availability of safety equipment onboard vessels and other operational considerations such as operator certification, passenger capacity etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Lifejacket laws:</b> Regulations making lifejacket use compulsory during recreational boating and/or on passenger transport vessels.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Search and rescue:</b> A dedicated search and rescue service is fully operative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q15. Does your country have a law which sets out minimum safety requirements for the seaworthiness and operation (e.g. operator certification, passenger capacity etc.) of domestic passenger vessels?

- Yes, on the national level     Yes, at subnational levels     No     Don't know

If the answer is "**yes**", please, submit one sample of such legal acts, highlighting the relevant text.

<https://likumi.lv/ta/id/232186-noteikumi-par-drosibas-prasibam-vietejos-reisos-iesaititiem-pasazieru-kugiem>

<https://likumi.lv/ta/id/299319-noteikumi-par-meklesanu-un-glabsanu-jura-juras-meklesanas-un-glabsanas-koordinacijas-centra-mrcc-atbildibas-rajona-juras-un-aviacijas-nelaimes-gadijuma>

Section 11 of the Maritime Administration and Marine Safety Law and Cabinet Regulations issued on the basis of this Section:

1. Cabinet Regulation No. 201 "Regulations Regarding the Safety of Recreational Craft", adopted on 25 March 2008 – <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/173015-noteikumi-par-atputas-kugu-drosibu>;

2. Cabinet Regulation No. 451 "Regulations Regarding the Safety Requirements for Passenger Ships Engaged in Domestic Voyages, adopted on 16 June 2011 – <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/232186-noteikumi-par-drosibas-prasibam-vietejos-reisos-iesaititiem-pasazieru-kugiem>;

3. Cabinet Regulation No. 92 "Regulations Regarding Traffic of Vessels in Domestic Waters", adopted on 2 February 2016 – <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/280190-noteikumi-par-kugosanas-lidzeklu-satiksmi-ieksejos-udenos>;

4. Cabinet Regulation No. 619 "Regulations Regarding Training, Certification and Registration of Drivers of Recreational Craft", adopted on 4 September 2012 – <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/251330-noteikumi-par-atputas-kugu-vaditaju-apmacibu-sertificesanu-un-registraciju>;

5. Cabinet Regulation No. 895 "Regulations Regarding Certification of Seafarers", adopted on 22.11.2005 – <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/123870-jurnieku-sertificesanas-noteikumi>.

### SECTION D4. Interventions specific to public awareness and behaviour change campaigns

**Recommended contributors:** stakeholders who develop and disseminate materials which communicate risk of drowning and promote preventative measures (health, law enforcement, disaster risk reduction, academic institutions)

Q16. Select all interventions/programmes that are currently implemented in your country, indicating their reach:

Intervention name and description	Intervention has national coverage	Intervention is delivered at sub-national levels with <b>extensive reach</b>	Intervention is delivered at sub-national levels with <b>limited reach</b>	Intervention is not implemented
<b>Media:</b> Mass media communication campaigns are run with a specific focus to prevent drowning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Public awareness on risks associated with alcohol use and access to water:</b> Awareness campaigns are run to raise awareness on dangers of consuming alcohol before or during aquatic activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Child supervision around water:</b> Mass media communication campaigns are run with a specific focus on child drowning prevention, including the importance of child supervision around water.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In the Summer of 2022, the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control of Latvia (SPKC), implemented “The price of arrogance. Don’t jump!”, a public information campaign on safe recreation near and on the water and trauma prevention. Target audience: the population aged 15–30, especially males. The aim of the campaign was to prevent reckless and risky behaviour near water bodies by creating awareness in an emotional and visible way about the consequences of jumping headlong into the water and participating in reckless recreation near the water. <https://www.spkc.gov.lv/lv/pargalvibas-cena-nelec>; Source: <https://www.spkc.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/pasaules-noslikšanas-noversanas-diena-2022>

The parents’ organisation “Mammamunteti.lv” in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, the Emergency Medical Service (NMPD), Center for Disease Prevention and Control, the Children’s Clinical University Hospital, etc. updated and reissued the book “HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD” for institutions/ The book includes practical advice on the safety of children up to the age of 6 (including safety measures at home and during recreation by the water) to help parents, grandparents and babysitters recognise and prevent possible risks. The booklet was also distributed to new parents, for example at the Riga Maternity Hospital, thus covering the target audience. Source: <https://www.mammamunteti.lv/zurnali/gramatas/02-2023>.

### SECTION D5. Interventions specific to public safety

**Recommended contributors:** stakeholders who play a role in reducing risk of drowning by improving public safety (health, law enforcement, lifesaving organizations, search and rescue)

Q17. Select all interventions/programmes that are currently implemented in your country, indicating their reach:

Intervention name and description	Intervention has national coverage	Intervention is delivered at sub-national levels with <b>extensive reach</b>	Intervention is delivered at sub-national levels with <b>limited reach</b>	Intervention is not implemented
<b>Lifeguards:</b> Lifeguard service presence is required at all designated public swimming venues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Restrictions on alcohol consumption and/or sales in close proximity to water:</b> Regulation of alcohol consumption and/or sales from vendors operating in close proximity to public waterbodies such as beaches and public swimming pools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Rescue and resuscitation:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Programmes with accredited trainers to train bystanders in safe rescue and resuscitation are provided regularly and are free or financially accessible				
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In Latvia, although first aid training programmes are publicly available and financially affordable, they are not tailored to address specific safe rescue issues regarding water safety.

**- END OF SECTION D -**

## SECTION E. FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

**Please note:** Section E will not be made publicly available and will not contribute to the WHO Global Status Report on Drowning Prevention. Information provided here will be used to inform future drowning prevention support offered to Member States. We greatly appreciate your guidance.

- Q18. What is the most strategic and effective way WHO can contribute to increasing national drowning prevention efforts in your country? Choose no more than 3 options
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide capacity development and training  | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide technical tools and written guidance                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Support advocacy activities and awareness raising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support coordination between multisectoral stakeholders   | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve data collection and strengthen data systems                | <input type="checkbox"/> Compile and report detailed drowning data         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperate with the state administration and local organisations for implementation of the intervention | <input type="checkbox"/> Support the development of a national drowning prevention strategy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                       |
- Q19. What current opportunities exist for WHO to provide technical support to your country for drowning prevention? Choose no more than 3 options
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support for approval or implementation of the existing strategies and plans related to drowning prevention | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy in the government to align or integrate drowning prevention with a broader cross-cutting agenda |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical support for assessment of the drowning situation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting with monitoring and evaluation of existing drowning prevention programmes                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Share experiences of other countries in the region and promote cross-country learning and collaboration               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |
- Q20. Please add any further comments regarding potential WHO support for drowning prevention efforts in your country:
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## SECTION F. CERTIFICATION

“The data and information contained in the questionnaire, collected by ZANE GEMZE, the National Data Focal Person, accurately reflects the status of drowning prevention in LATVIA.

Permission is hereby provided for WHO to use this information in the production of a global drowning report.”

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\_\_\_\_\_ Signed (and stamped) and dated

END OF SURVEY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE GLOBAL STATUS REPORT FOR  
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