**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**

- **DROWNING MORTALITY**
  - **> 3.9 PER 100,000**
  - **1.3 - 3.9 PER 100,000**
  - **< 1.3 PER 100,000**

**A LEADING KILLER OF CHILDREN**

Number of deaths for children under 15 years

- **TUBERCULOSIS**: 69,648
- **MEASLES**: 125,813
- **DROWNING**: 140,219
- **HIV**: 199,071
- **MENINGITIS**: 217,580
RISK FACTORS

LIVING AROUND WATER
Wherever there is water, there is the threat of drowning

- 43% Pond
- 26% Ditch
- 13% Container
- 7% Lake
- 5% River
- 6% Other

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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