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Search strategy and selection criteria

The document search aimed to identify the factors that shaped the prioritisation of drowning prevention and any evidence of drowning prevention within health and sustainable development literature.

We searched PubMed, The Cochrane Library, Web of Science, Embase (search terms: “drowning”, “drowning [MESH]” or “drowning, near [MESH]”), and the web databases of World Health Organization (WHO), Iris, World Bank, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) (search terms “drowning” or “water safety”), and the documents referenced in the Resolution.

The search covered the period from January 2000 to July 2021. Search results and extracted data were further screened for “policy” and “policy analysis” in the title, abstract or keywords for inclusion in the document review.

The search included reports, empirical studies, policies, strategies, and data broadly associated with drowning prevention actors. We included global and regional level documents, published by global level actors including UN agencies and other multilaterals, international NGOs, and development agencies reporting on multiple countries or a region. National and sub-national reports were excluded as they were not relevant to the study objectives. We included English language articles only.

Documents were also identified as relevant to the aims of this study through cross-referencing of primary documents commencing with the Resolution, documents identified through previous studies, and by key informants.

The READ (Ready materials, Extract data, Analyse data, Distil) approach was used for document review to identify sectors and actors involved in drowning prevention, and the reporting of drowning prevention.¹

¹ Dalglish SL, Khalid H, McMahon SA. Document analysis in health policy research: the READ approach. Health Policy Plan. 2020.

Table 1: Key informant main constituency, location, WHO region, background, and gender classification, by interview number

Interview	Main Constituency	Location	Region (WHO)	Background	Gender
1	UN Agency	GLOBAL	Headquarters (Geneva)	Technical specialist, Investigator in LMIC programmes	Male
2	International NGO	HIC	Americas	Technical specialist, co-investigator in LMIC programmes	Male
3	National NGO	HIC	Europe	Advocacy specialist, independent secretariate for member state briefing	Female
4	Philanthropic Group	HIC	Americas	Funder of global programmes, funder of LMIC programmes	Female
5	Academic	LMIC	Africa	Investigator in LMIC programmes, government advisor	Female
6	Academic	LMIC	Southeast Asia	Investigator in LMIC programmes, government advisor	Male
7	UN Agency	GLOBAL	Headquarters (Geneva)	High level policy specialist	Male
8	UN Agency	GLOBAL	Headquarters (New York)	High level policy specialist	Male
9	International NGO	HIC	Western Pacific	Technical specialist, funder of LMIC programmes	Male
10	National NGO	HIC	Europe	Advocacy specialist, funder of LMIC programmes	Male
11	National Government (Development Agency)	HIC	Western Pacific	Government policy specialist, funder LMIC programmes	Male
12	Academic	HIC	Western Pacific	Technical specialist, Investigator in LMIC programmes	Female
13	Philanthropic Group	LMIC	Southeast Asia	Advocacy specialist, funder in LMIC programmes	Male
14	National NGO	HIC	Europe	Advocacy specialist, independent secretariate for member state briefing	Female
15	UN Agency	GLOBAL	Western Pacific	Government advisor, funder of LMIC programmes	Male

16	National Government (UN Mission Representative)	HIC	Europe	UN New York Mission based, and government policy specialist	Female
Refusal	UN Agency	HIC	Europe	Limited interest, expertise in drowning prevention	Female
Refusal	National Government	LMIC	Southeast Asia	Government rules required bureaucratic approvals	Female
No response	UN agency	HIC	Europe	Past LMIC experience, no response, changing roles	Male
No response	International NGO	LMIC	Western Pacific	No response likely due to COVID-19 impacts at the time of request	Female

Legend:

HIC = high income country. LMIC = low- and middle-income country. NGO = non-government organisation. UN = United Nations. WHO = World Health Organization.