Fatal child drownings in the Sundarbans, West Bengal, India

**How** big is the burden of drowning in children aged 1-9 years?

- 3 deaths per day in the Sundarbans
- 1.2 deaths per hour in West Bengal

**Who** is drowning?

- No gender differentiation found in drowning deaths among children (1-9 years)

**Where** does drowning occur?

- 90% of children (1-9 years) drown within 50 metres of their home

**What** is the context of child drowning?

- 81% of the time the child was unaccompanied

**When** does a child drown?

- 53% of deaths occur between 10am and 2pm
- 46% of deaths occur in the monsoon season (July to October)

**What** happens after a child drowns?

- 17% of children were taken for formal health consultation
- 27% received chest compressions
- 28% of all cases reported to Civil Registrations Office
- 1% of cases were issued a death certificate

This infographic reports findings from a 2019 household survey. For more information visit: www.tinyurl.com/DrowningSundarbans

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