



COMMONWEALTH DROWNING PREVENTION

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NOTICE OF DIPLOMA AWARD

Job Kania, Kenya

Diploma Award Recipient

The Royal Life Saving Society is very pleased to announce that Job Kania, from Kenya, has been honoured with the Diploma Award for his contribution to our knowledge in the areas of drowning, near drowning, lifesaving and lifeguarding, through impactful study about the implementation and compliance of public aquatic requirements in Kenya.

The Diploma is one of the Society's oldest and most prestigious international awards. The RLSS Diploma is awarded to individuals and groups who have added to our knowledge in ways that can save lives and prevent drowning.

Job Kania has contributed to our understanding of voluntary and discretionary implementation of public aquatic safety standards in public pools in Kenya, by undertaking a mixed methods program evaluation that looked at implementation and compliance, using an online survey, questionnaires and oral interviews.

His study led to a shared understanding that the voluntary, discretionary public aquatic facilities' safety requirement Standards were quite often integrated, with most (63%) exceeding the minimum requirements and others compliance in some components. All responding supported a legislated approach to the standards. Interestingly, the level of compliance to the voluntary Standards was statistically significant for pool location, with public pools in large and medium size urban areas more likely to meet the KS 2595 recommendations.

Mr. Kania's study has contributed to the role and impact of voluntary, discretionary public aquatic facilities' safety requirement Standards in Kenya and the very high readiness for a legislated approach among study participants.

The Royal Life Saving Society commends Job Kania for his contribution and his commitment to drowning prevention.