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TCP/IP	Transfer Control Protocol/ Internet Protocol
HTML	Hipper Text Makeup Language
CSS	Cascading Style Sheet
LED	Light Emitting Diode
RF	Radio Frequency
IOT	Internet Of Things
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
JSON	JavaScript Object Notation

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#### ABSTRACT

Drowning is one of the leading causes of unintentional injury and death globally. Drowning occurs in the oceans, beaches, lakes, ponds, rivers, irrigation canals, animal feeders, swimming pools, spas and bathtubs. Heavy thunderstorms, rain, being frustrated, confused, chocking actions, loss of balance, distress, fear and strong waves strongly lead to drowning in open waters even though when wearing a life jacket. Due to cold waters, a victim can suffer from hypothermia which causes death rapidly even when wearing a lifejacket. The lifesavers who are the other alternative to rescue may not be aware of the drowning people and their locations. This is because drowning victims cannot give a signal to attract the lifesaver's attention.

Many drowning alert systems have been created for the last years but they all base on small ranges of communication. The systems mostly work in swimming pools and small recreation centers. For the sake of transportation, recreation activities in open waters, kayaking, fishing and so many occasions that lead to drowning are not catered for.

The existing systems us infrared signals to communicate to the life savers which cannot cover a wide area of communication for example in waterbodies. Some others use cameras to show the picture of what is happening in water. These cameras cannot be used in large open waters but work properly in swimming pools.

These faults can all be solved by the use of drowning alert system which determines the body status of the victim, detects drowning automatically and uses GSM to communicate to the software interface of the life savers. The software interface is being held in the command center of the lifesavers.

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#### CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION.

#### 1.1 Background.

Drowning is one of the leading causes of unintentional injuries and death globally. It was estimated that in 2000, 449000 people drowned worldwide. Drowning occurs in the oceans, beaches, lakes, ponds, rivers, irrigation canals, animal feeders, swimming pools, spas and bathtubs[1]. In water, beginners often have difficulty in breathing which causes chocking actions, loss of balance and distress resulting in a drowning accident. Some special circumstances such as cramps, collision of victims with each other, mental stress and so on, also lead to drowning[2]. Adult drowning occurs mostly during water transport, recreational activities such as boating, swimming and diving in open waters[1].

To protect the swimmers, it is recommended to have lifesavers monitoring the waterbody using boats or helicopters. However, these people face challenges like being distracted by other things, lack of the position where victims are when they are in danger among other. This can lead to wastage of time and fuel by the lifesavers while monitoring the waterbody and also its a tiresome action[3]. Even when glare is not an issue, it is likely to be difficult for a lifesaver on one side to see objects beneath the water on the far side[4].

Apart from actual drowning, many deaths in water occur due to hypothermia and cardiac rest. Even though a victim can stay floating with the help of a life vest in cold water, hypothermia can cause death rapidly[1]. Heavy thunderstorms, rain and strong waves can also lead to drowning of a person in open waters even while wearing a lifejacket[5].

In a place called Phuket in china, people drowned to death from a boating incident. Phuket's Governor Norapat Plodthong said rescuers had retrieved at least 32 bodies from the waters while 23 others were missing. 49 were rescued and many victims of the accident drowned despite wearing lifejackets. Many were found floating face-down, a situation life-jackets are meant to prevent[6].

At least 30 people died when a boat capsized in a poor weather of Lake Victoria near the Ugandan capital, Kampala[7]. It took much time for the lifesavers to know the situation and arriving to help in time. Victims would have been saved but since the arrival and the notification to the divers/lifesavers was poor, it led to the drowning of the victims[7]. The ferry, MV Nyerere, sank

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