

RESCUE IN FLOOD DISASTERS

Every year thousands of people die in floods. The death-toll would be much larger were it not for the work of rescue services and brave citizens who save people and animals at risk. Flood rescues occur when people find themselves trapped by floodwater, which can be too swift or too deep for them to escape to safety on their own.

Swift-moving-water Rescues

Slow-moving-water Rescues



Great Britain 9-1-2009



Hungary 1940



Algeria 11-15-1969



Laos 9-1-1973

Deep-water Rescues



Nicaragua 5-8-1983



Romania 9-25-1970



Czechoslovakia 9-6-1965

Goat Rescue



Albania 2-28-1977

Rescuers Who Lost Their Lives Saving Flood Victims

Manuelita de la Cruz drowned in 1955 floods in Columbia. A monument honors Russian sailors who died rescuing victims of the 1908 Messina tidal wave. Jin Hunhua died while trying to rescue a utility pole that floated off in a flood in north China in August 1968.



Colombia 11-2-1961



Russia 9-12-1978



China 1-1970

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