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Congo war-driven crisis kills 45,000 a month-study

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KINSHASA, Jan 22 (Reuters) - War, disease and malnutrition are killing 45,000 Congolese every month in an enduring conflict-driven humanitarian crisis that has claimed 5.4 million victims in nearly a decade, a survey released on Tuesday said.

The International Rescue Committee (IRC), which carried out the study with Australia's Burnet Institute, said Democratic Republic of Congo's 1998-2003 war and its aftermath had caused more deaths than any other conflict since World War Two. (Reporting by Joe Bavier; Editing by Pascal Fletcher)

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