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1. The Second Congo War (1998-2003) claimed an estimated **3.8 million lives** (source: International Rescue Committee), making it the single worst humanitarian disaster since World War II. This war, however, was only the culmination of **38 years of states of emergency**, of conflicts and crises, preceded by one of the **most ruthless and exploitative colonial rules** the world has ever witnessed.

2. **3 million** Congolese are **currently** in need of immediate assistance, the only alternative to which is a **preventable death from hunger or disease**. More than half of these are **children** (source: United Nations).



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3. An estimated **1,200 people die every day** as a result of ongoing conflict. Again, more than half of these are **children** (source: International Rescue Committee).

4. The DRC is home to up to **50,000 child soldiers** (source: Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict). This is **a sixth** of the world's 300,000 child soldiers (source: Amnesty International). In some areas especially in Eastern DRC, a 15-year-old boy is more likely to **have ever held in his hands an assault rifle than a pen**.

5. **Sexual abuse and slavery**, especially by armed groups, is probably **worse in the DRC than anywhere else in the world** (source: Jan Egeland, former UN Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator). The main targets of these abuses are **children**, in particular **young women**.

WE CAN NO LONGER IGNORE THESE CATASTROPHIC EVENTS!

I am currently hiking across the USA, covering 9,000 miles and 25 states in 4 ½ months with a maximum daily travel allowance of \$40 to raise funds for two projects in the DRC (to find out more, visit www.carsten-korfmacher.com):

Mobile School project: I will coordinate a mobile school project in the DR Congo's capital Kinshasa, run by California-based humanitarian organisation *Oneworld Works*. The school will be deployed in five communes and will provide food as well as basic education (HIV/AIDS, nutrition, literacy, basic calculation) to some of the many thousand homeless children and former child soldiers living on the streets of Kinshasa. Donations will secure the ongoing existence of this school.

Emergency Relief project: I will participate in an emergency relief mission with a Kinshasa-based (and army-backed) first responder team that travels to the Eastern provinces to provide food, medical supplies and shelter to those displaced by the ongoing conflicts. Donations will partially cover the costs of this project as well as covering the costs of food and medical supplies which I plan to deliver directly and in person to the people in need.

PLEASE HELP US HELPING THEM!

Donations towards the Mobile School and Emergency Relief projects above:

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