

# **Against A Tide of Evil:** **The responsibility to protect**

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# Historical mortality

Scourges of humanity	In millions +/-
Famines	100
Wars	200
Acute pestilences	300
Mass atrocities	400

# Comparative mortality rates (sub Saharan Africa)

Year	Cause	Mortality rate /100,000/ year
1994	Genocide	12,100
1999	HIV/AIDS	553
1997	Malaria	165

Source: WHO

# What are mass atrocities?

- Violence and coercion to kill, terrorise, degrade, cause pain & suffering on large scale
- Doing the same to a smaller group targeted on grounds of identity

## INCLUDES:

- ◆ Genocide and ethnic cleansing
- ◆ Crimes against humanity
- ◆ War crimes

# Are we getting more quarrelsome and cruel?

	<u>More Quarrelsome?</u> War deaths	<u>More Cruel?</u> Genocide deaths
5000BC - AD1900	40 m <i>290 /100,000/year</i>	133 m <i>970/100,000/year</i>
20 <sup>th</sup> Century	111m <i>4,440 /100,000/yr</i>	192m <i>7,700 /100,000/yr</i>
	<b>x15</b>	<b>x8</b>

# What is Genocide?

**Actions with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, through:**

- Killing members of the group
- Causing them serious bodily/mental harm
- Deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part
- Imposing measures to prevent births within the group
- Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

# Risk factors for genocide

<b>Risk factor</b>	<b>Relative risk</b>
History of prior genocide	3.1
Autocratic regime	3.0
Openness (measured by trade exports/imports)	2.5
Elite represents a minority in a multi-ethnic society	2.3
Elite rulers promote exclusionary doctrines	2.3
High magnitude of internal war and regime crises	1.6

# The pathogenesis of genocide

- **Dehumanisation**
- **Distancing**
- **Desensitisation**



# The public health approach

**Primary prevention**

**Secondary prevention**

**Tertiary prevention**

# Why “never again” becomes “ever again”

1. **Cynicism**
2. **Helplessness**
3. **Denial**
4. **Ambiguity**
5. **Prevarication**
6. **Risk aversion**
7. **Distraction**
8. **Buck passing**
9. **Purity**
10. **Specificity aversion**
11. **Calculated Naivety**
12. **Empathy deficit**



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**HOW ONE MAN BECAME THE  
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**'In this personal and moving plea, Kapila forces  
us to look directly into the face of genocide'**

*LT General the Hon. Roméo A. Dallaire,  
author of *Shake Hands with the Devil**