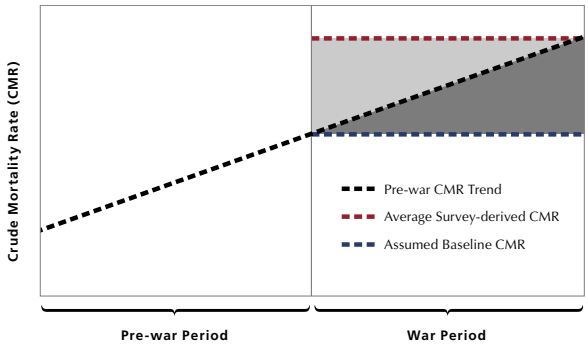
Figure 2.9 Calculating Excess Mortality with an Increasing Pre-war Mortality Rate



Source: Human Security Report Project.

If the mortality rate had been increasing in the pre-war period, and could be assumed to have continued to increase absent the onset of war, the light grey area will represent a measure of the total number of excess deaths. If the mortality rate immediately preceding the onset of the war is assumed to remain constant, the measure of excess deaths will be over-estimated to the extent shown by the dark grey area.