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Security

Peace Support Operations

International and regional peacekeeping operations are an important part of the modern security landscape. Conflict, post-conflict and fragile states that require international assistance are increasing. Peace support operations (PSOs) led or endorsed by the United Nations have expanded in response. **New Zealand's contributions to PSOs are one of New Zealand's most tangible commitments to collective security and the rule of law.** New Zealand is a strong supporter of United Nations' and regional peacekeeping and peace support efforts, playing a key role in the Pacific and elsewhere in the world. New Zealand also contributes to integrated state-building operations in Solomon Islands, Timor Leste and Afghanistan.

Before engaging in a PSO, New Zealand considers:

- strategic implications of the operation, including its effect on security, the humanitarian situation and New Zealand's relationships with other countries;
- the nature of the mission - the legality of the proposed mission and mandate under international law;
- repercussions for New Zealand agencies involved in the proposed PSO; and
- whether New Zealand can assist the fragile or post-conflict state in other ways.

Summary of New Zealand's Contributions to Peace Support Operations

New Zealand is involved, with nearly 400 NZDF and 75 NZ Police currently deployed, in PSOs in thirteen countries, three of which - Afghanistan, Timor-Leste and Solomon Islands - are complex operations with both civilian and military components. New Zealand also has significant humanitarian and development programmes in these three countries.

* There are also five civilians attached to RAMSI to assist capacity building and reconciliation in the Solomon Islands. These include two secondees from IRD, one from Treasury and two New Zealand High Court Judges.

* UNCMAC the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC) in Korea is officially under US Command, not the UN).

Region	Location	NZDF Contribution		New Zealand Aid Programme contribution 2008/09
		Multilateral	NZ Police Contribution	
		Regional		
		Bilateral		

(NZ\$ million)

	Solomon Islands	<i>RAMSI*</i>	42	38	43.1
	Bougainville			7	2.4
Pacific				2	2.2
	Tonga			(+ up to 6 short-term technical advisors)	
		<i>UNMIT</i>	1	25	12.2
				(UNPOL)	
Asia	Timor Leste	<i>Australia-led ISF</i>	146		
		<i>Bilateral</i>	5		
	Korea	<i>UNCMAC*</i>	3		
		<i>UNAMA</i>	1	3	7
				(EUPOL)	
		<i>ISAF</i>	12		
	Afghanistan*	<i>Bamyan PRT</i>	122		
		<i>NZSAS</i>	71		
Middle East		<i>Training Team/</i>	2		
		<i>Nil Medical</i>			
	Sinai (Egypt)	<i>MFO</i>	26		0.2 to UNDP Mine Action
	Israel,	<i>UNTSO</i>	8		

**Lebanon and
Syria**

	Iraq	<i>UNAMI</i>	1	2
Africa	Sudan	<i>UNMIS</i>	3	1.4
		TOTAL	443	75 70.5 million

(not including 6
short-term
technical
advisors in
Tonga)

Acronyms

RAMSI

**Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon
Islands**

UNMIT

UN Integrated Mission in Timor Leste

ISF

International Stabilisation Force

UNCMAC

UN Command Military Armistice Commission

UNAMA

UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan

ISAF

International Security Assistance Force

PRT

Provincial Reconstruction Team

MFO

Multinational Force and Observers

UNTSO

UN Truce Supervision Organization

UNAMI

UN Assistance Mission in Iraq

UNMIS

UN Mission in Sudan

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