

Peace  
Support  
Operations

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## 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 valuable 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		NZ Police Contribution	New Zealand Aid Programme contribution 2008/09
		Multilateral			
		Regional			
		Bilateral			

3rd

(NZ\$ million)

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

Lebanon and  
Syria

Iraq *UNAMI* 1 2

Africa Sudan *UNMIS* 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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