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## South Sudan

### United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)

South Sudan is one of the world's worst humanitarian crises, and violent conflict continues to occur. The United Nations plays an important role in the protection of civilians, peace-making and facilitating the delivery of humanitarian aid.

UNMISS was established in 2011 to consolidate peace and security and enable the newly-established Government of South Sudan to assume its functions. The mandate of the mission has since shifted to focus on the protection of civilians. Prior to South Sudan's independence and the creation of UNMISS; New Zealand contributed personnel to the United Nations Mission in Sudan from 2005 to 2011. Our participation in UNMISS contributes to our collective security responsibilities, addresses humanitarian concerns, and provides a small but tangible demonstration of New Zealand's commitment to peace and security in Africa.

The New Zealand Defence Force currently contributes five personnel to the Mission, including the Deputy Chief of Plans, Military Assistant to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, the Chief of Staff for the mission, and two Military Liason Officers. These roles are all based in the capital Juba, except the Military Liason Officers who are currently based in Yambio and Malakal.

The Force Chief of Staff deployment is for 12 months to May 2019. The mandate for the deployment of the Military Liason Officers, staff officer and Military Assistant expire in July 2020.

For more information about UNMISS go to: <https://unmiss.unmissions.org> (external link).

Copies of Cabinet papers and the associated minutes of discussion regarding the contribution are available on the [Ministry of Defence website](#).

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