

# NZDF HIGHLIGHTS



HMNZS Wellington (foreground) and HMNZS Aotearoa (background) in Tonga

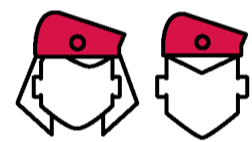
## OPERATION PROTECT

As at 28 January NZDF had **1,041** personnel supporting the All-of-Government response to COVID-19 in Auckland, Hamilton, Rotorua, Wellington and Christchurch. Support includes providing personnel in the following roles: Regional and facility-specific operational planning of Managed Isolation and Quarantine Facilities (MIQF), day-to-day running and management of MIQF, providing a security element for MIQF and a team that is responsible for allocating NZDF personnel around the different areas in New Zealand.

### NZ AND THE PACIFIC



A B757 aircraft deployed to Honiara, Solomon Islands following unrest in the region to conduct sustainment flights delivering stores and food.



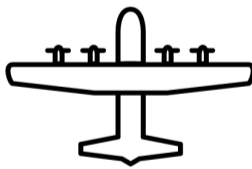
Soldiers conducted daily patrols in Solomon Islands as part of an international task force helping maintain stability and security



Six NZDF Firefighters deployed to Kaitiaki to assist with the Northland fires in support of Fire and Emergency New Zealand.



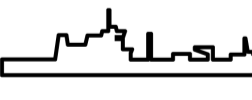
A P-3K2 Orion aircraft conducted reconnaissance flights over Tonga following the volcanic eruption and tsunami, to assess and report any damage, particularly to inhabited areas and key infrastructure such as ports and airports.



A C-130H aircraft transported relief supplies to Tonga including: food, water storage containers, family hygiene kits, chainsaw kits and other essential supplies.



HMNZS Wellington arrived in Tonga with the Hydrographic and Clearance Diving group which conducted surveys and physical checks of ports, wharves and maritime approaches to allow delivery of essential relief supplies, water and equipment.



HMNZS Aotearoa transported seven shipping containers of equipment and relief supplies and bulk water to Tonga. She refueled Wellington and Canterbury along with ships from US, UK and Tongan navies and produced 450,000 litres of fresh water for the Tongan community. HMNZS Canterbury is now operating in place of HMNZS Aotearoa.

Around 100 personnel are working with the Australian Defence Force and Pacific militaries. This includes RNZAF personnel embedded with the Royal Australian Air Force in Adelaide for training on the P-8A Poseidon aircraft.

### AROUND THE WORLD

Outside the Pacific, the NZDF routinely has 110 personnel working throughout the world. Of those 50 personnel are working with the United States and Canadian militaries and 40 personnel are working with the United Kingdom's Armed Forces in various roles. Around 20 personnel are working throughout Asia.

Additionally, in Esquimalt, Canada, 165 NZDF personnel are currently supporting the Frigate Systems Upgrade of HMNZS Te Mana.

Eight RNZAF P-8A crew trainees are embedded with the United States Navy in Jacksonville, Florida, for training on the new P-8A aircraft.

### OPERATIONS

Personnel deployed on major peace support operations, training missions and headquarters positions around the world:

**30** personnel to the Multinational Force and Observers in Egypt, including the Force Commander

**25** personnel to Antarctica to assist at Scott Base and McMurdo Station

**12** personnel to the United Nations Command and Military Armistice Commission in the Republic of Korea

**8** personnel to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation based in Golan Heights, Lebanon and Syria

**5** personnel to a multinational information sharing and intelligence mission based in Jordan

**3** personnel in the Middle East in roles associated with the Defeat-ISIS Coalition in Iraq

**3** personnel to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

**3** personnel to the Combined Maritime Forces Headquarters in Bahrain

MIQF security:

**471**

MIQF:

**322**

Regional Co-ordination Centres:

**23**

Joint Task Force HQ:

**13**

MIQF Operations:

**12**

Other support:

**200**



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## TRAINING EXERCISES



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**1** Soldiers from 3rd Combat Service Support Battalion have completed Helicopter Underwater Escape Training. The helicopter simulator is dropped into a pool from a 10m height recreating scenarios to learn procedures, impact preparations and escape and survival techniques in an emergency.

**2** Nine Navy personnel were invited to Iceland to participate in NATO's premier Improvised Explosive Device Disposal exercise which is designed to sharpen an operator's technical skills to effectively neutralise devices in complex real world scenarios

**3** Fifty-five soldiers from 2nd Engineer Regiment took part in the 10-day training course - Exercise Harbinger. The training included clearing the Urban Container Village, live assault demolitions and creating engineer obstacles and dummy enemy positions giving junior leaders the chance to lead their people and practise their skills.



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