

ICELAND

Support for NATO and non-NATO Operations in 2008

Iceland has contributed to Alliance operations in Afghanistan and Kosovo, as well as other operations (UN, EU) by providing civilian personnel as follows:

Commitments in Afghanistan in 2008

- ✓ Public Information Officer for the Senior Civil Representative's (SCR) office in Kabul from 2008.
- ✓ Development Advisor for the SCR office - later attached with COM ISAF office.
- ✓ Personal Assistant for SCR.
- ✓ Media coordinator, Media Office HQ
- ✓ Kabul airport - Support group, 6 positions.
- ✓ Development advisor with the Norwegian PRT in Meymanah.
- ✓ Construction Engineer with the Norwegian PRT in Meymanah.

Commitments in Balkans in 2008

- ✓ 2 police officers with EUPM in Bosnia.
- ✓ 2 gender advisers with UNIFEM in Serbia and Bosnia.
- ✓ Head of Office in Kosovo for the Council of Europe.
- ✓ Support and licensing for Pristina Airport and air operations with UNMIK.
- ✓ Public relations advisor with NATO mission in Kosovo.

Commitments in the Middle-East

- ✓ De-mining team in South Lebanon with UNIFIL.
- ✓ Medic training for Lebanese Medics, working with EOD teams within UNIFIL.
- ✓ Adviser with UNRWA in Lebanon, working on Palestine Refugee issues.
- ✓ Child protection officer with UNICEF, working in Jerusalem.
- ✓ 2 specialist working for UNHCR in Syria, working on Iraqis refugee issues.

Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission

- ✓ Mission terminated in February 2008 as a consequence of an abrogation of the Ceasefire Agreement.

UNICEF Media response roaster

- ✓ 2 media specialist deployed to Tajikistan and Georgia.

OSCE election observation

- ✓ Contributions to 5 election observation missions, deploying 13 short term observers and 4 long term observers.

In addition, Iceland set aside funds for various operations, including NATO operations, notably the UK-French Helicopter Initiative and the Post-Operation Humanitarian Relief Fund.