

ADF Involvement in Operation Render Safe

Operation render Safe 2016 was a joint and multinational operation for assistance to the Solomon Islands Government which was held over the period 05 September to 07 October 2016. The Operation entailed removing Explosive Remnants of War (ERW), promoting interoperability and enhancing relationships with the Solomon Islands.

An ADF Gender Advisor provided a country gender assessment to the CDR, met with key local leaders (Government, police, civil society and religious organisations), and provided daily briefings on changes/influences on the gender perspective that would assist or detract from achieving the mission, without creating or affecting vulnerabilities within the population.

The Gender Advisor also assisted the Community Engagement Team with activities to support Solomon Island government and civil society initiatives (for example, domestic violence and sexual based violence programs, support to care centres and education). In a peacetime context, maintaining a Gender Perspective through the operation enabled the CDR to link with local communities to achieve ongoing support for the mission, whilst also encouraging civil society, police and government agencies to achieve gender parity and increase the protection of vulnerable groups