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CDF OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE 06/2020

NZDF SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE – 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

References:

- A. Defence Act 1990
- B. The 2019-2020 NZDF Output Plan

Authority

1. Issued by the Chief of Defence Force pursuant to section 8 of the *Defence Act 1990*.

Situation

2. An outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (nCoV) has been ongoing in mainland China with the epicentre being Hubei Province. There have been variable numbers being reported, but the outbreak has continued to be largely geographically contained. As of 01 February 2020, approximately 11,953 confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV have been reported globally. Of the confirmed cases, the case fatality rate is approximately 2%. Russia, Spain and Sweden are the latest countries to report their first cases of 2019-nCoV. At the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee meeting on 31 January the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). The WHO has advised countries like New Zealand to expect imported cases. New Zealand's risk assessment is that the likelihood of one or more imported cases of 2019-nCoV infection in New Zealand is **high**. The likelihood of limited person-to-person transmission is **moderate** and the likelihood of sustained transmission, and widespread outbreaks, is **low**.

3. The Ministry of Health (MoH) have been assigned as lead agency for the All of Government response.

Mission

4. NZDF is to provide support to the AoG response to 2019-nCoV in order to minimise the impact of the virus and maintain the well-being of the New Zealand population.

Execution

5. **Intent:**

- a. **Purpose.** To support the AoG response, lead by MoH, in the efforts to minimise the impact of the 2019-nCoV to the population of New Zealand.
- b. **Method.** The NZDF will provide accommodation and support to establish an isolation facility at Tamaki Leadership Centre (TLC) for the management of returning NZers and AFNs being repatriated to NZ as part of the AoG response. Staff and liaison support to the response will also continue as required. Additional tasks may be required as this situation evolves.
- c. **Endstate.** The NZDF has provided support to the AoG response and enhanced its reputation within the inter-agency, and public, environments.

6. **Tasks:**

- a. **COMJFNZ** is to:
 - (1) coordinate the NZDF support to the AoG response;
 - (2) provide HQ/Staff support to the AoG response;
 - (3) provide liaison officers to OGAs;
 - (4) provide tracking, reporting and oversight of NZDF personnel deployed for support;
 - (5) provide regular sitreps of past and future activities in support of the AoG response.
- b. **Chief of Navy** is to
 - (1) provide COMJFNZ with FE as requested;
 - (2) provide TLC as facility for directed accommodation;
 - (3) provide a security assessment of TLC.
- c. **Chief of Army** is to provide COMJFNZ with FE as requested.
- d. **Chief of Air Force** is to provide COMJFNZ with FE as requested.
- e. **AC SCE** is to maintain strategic liaison between NZDF and OGAs.
- f. **CDI** is to be prepared to provide intelligence support as required.
- g. **DDLS** is to:
 - (1) Draft a letter of agreement between MoH/NZDF covering, but not limited to:
 - (a) the recovery of marginal costs for the provision of accommodation and support to the isolation facility,
 - (b) health & safety, and
 - (c) general liability matters; and
 - (2) BPT provide legal advice and support to COMJFNZ and deployed FE if required.

- h. **DDPA** is to develop key NZDF media messages relating to NZDF support to the nCoV response.
- i. **CFO** is to recover marginal costs for the provision of support to the nCoV response.
- j. **HDEI** is to provide an assessment of salient health and safety risks at TLC / Whangaparoa area and facilities.

7. **Coordinating Instructions:**

a. **Planning Guidance:**

- (1) Likely tasks include:
 - (a) provision of accommodation facilities; and
 - (b) logistic support including; catering, laundry, facility maintenance, provision of water, and waste removal.
- (2) Be prepared to tasks include; facility improvement, decontamination, pastoral care, medical support, and security.
- (3) Contractual arrangements may be explored/utilised for the provision of support. If such arrangements incur additional cost, where feasible they should be made between MoH and the contractor directly, rather than NZDF conducting cost recovery.

b. **Freedoms and Constraints:**

- (1) **Tasks outside the scope of the isolation facility.** At present the NZDF support (excluding LOs and staff engagement) is limited to assist in the provision of an isolation facility for the management of returning NZers and AFNs being repatriated to NZ as part of the AoG response. Tasks requested outside the intended scope of this Directive are to be redirected to SCE Branch to be considered separately.

Administration and Logistics

- 8. **Category of Service.** Support to the 2019-nCoV response is an Output 4.3 activity and is Non-Operational Service IAW DFO 3.
- 9. **Veterans' Affairs.** Personnel deployed to support the nCoV response will be covered by the Accident Compensation Corporation Act 2001. This support is not currently qualifying service for the purposes of the Veterans' Support Act 2014.
- 10. **Medical and Dental.** NZDF military personnel are to be medically fit for service and vaccinated IAW the NZDF vaccination schedule. Personal with pre-existing medical conditions likely to be exacerbated by, or make them more susceptible, to respiratory illness should not be used in role where they are likely to come into contact with persons that have not been medically cleared.
- 11. **Public Information and Public Affairs.** The HQNZDF point of contact for public and media enquiries is DPA. DPA will develop key NZDF media messages and provide these to HQJFNZ prior to deployment commencing.

12. **Legal.**

- a. The legal basis for NZDF support to the nCoV response is provided in s9(1)(a) of ref A.
- b. All operations conducted by NZDF in support of the nCoV response are to be conducted IAW domestic and international law.

13. **Discipline.** All NZDF personnel remain subject to the Armed Forces Discipline Act 1971.

14. **Finance.**

- a. All marginal costs associated with support to the 2019-nCoV response covered by this directive are to be attributed to Output 4.3.
- b. Costs are to be captured under unit cost centres with s. 9(2)(k) to allow subsequent recovery of marginal costs.
- c. Where costs are able to be recovered, these are to be refunded to the cost centres incurring the costs.

Command and Control

15. **Command Status.** NZDF personnel assigned to support the nCoV response remain under the Full Command of CDF, and are deployed under the OPCOM of COMJFNZ.

16. **Reporting.** HQJFNZ is to establish reporting lines as appropriate, including EARLLS.


17. **Liaison Authority.** Direct liaison authority is granted between HQJFNZ, MoH and the NZ Police.

18. **Points of Contact.** Contact details are detailed below:

a. **SCE Br, HQNZDF.**


Primary:

s. 9(2)(a) & 9(2)(k)




Secondary:

s. 9(2)(a) & 9(2)(k)



b. **HQJFNZ.**

s. 9(2)(a) & 9(2)(k)



c. **Ministry of Health.**

s. 9(2)(a) & 9(2)(k)

Acknowledge Instructions

19. Action addressees are to **acknowledge** receipt of this directive to DDSC(D)
s. 9(2)(k)

Cancellation

20. This Directive is cancelled on completion of the operation or on order of CDF.



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