

The Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) and Pillar Two of the Responsibility to Protect  
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Of the three pillars of the **Responsibility to Protect (R2P)**, the measures that States, regional and sub-regional arrangements and the UN might take to exercise their pillar two responsibilities are least well understood. The range of possible assistance that might be provided to State extends from small scale bilateral partnerships to comprehensive assistance arrangements. ( )

In short, pillar two activities are primarily concerned with assisting the State to exercise its responsibility to protect. By doing so, pillar two actively strengthens the State and its sovereignty. In the past decade, there has been a flourishing of global partnerships aimed at strengthening States. Much of this activity makes a direct contribution to helping States exercise their **R2P** and should therefore be properly understood as pillar two activities. This case study report briefly considers one such example the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI). Although it has encountered many challenges, RAMSI provides an excellent example of pillar two engagement at work, and the lessons learned from RAMSI can inform the development and implementation of **R2P's** second pillar.

Full Report: <http://r2pasiapacific.org/images/stories/food/ramsi%20and%20pillar%20two.pdf>