

## In pursuit of the SDGs, MGA advocates:

A rights-based approach,  
through justice and development  
for all People and the Earth



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## To Achieve Goal 11 MGA will:

**Support** and work in partnership with NGOs working in areas of homelessness.

**Sign** petitions to raise awareness on deficiencies in the provision of housing.

**Advocate** for improved living conditions for all vulnerable communities.

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*“Cities can be the engine of social equity and economic opportunity. They can help us reduce our carbon footprint and protect the global environment. That is why it is so important that we work together to build the capacity of mayors and all those concerned in planning and running sustainable cities”.*  
Ban Ki-moon.

### **MGA is committed to:**

**Work** to implement the SDGs, to ensure no-one is left behind’.

**Model** a rights-based and person- centred approach, in all Mercy ministries.

### **MGA will continue to:**

**Work** with marginalised communities living in slums, deprived of basic facilities such as water, sanitation and sufficient living space.

**Lobby** national governments with civil society, to ensure that marginalized communities are represented in all areas of city planning.

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## MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION GLOBAL ACTION

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## GOAL 11

**Make Cities Inclusive, Safe,  
Resilient and Sustainable**



*“Surely, we have a responsibility to leave for future generations a planet that is healthy and habitable by all species “.* Sir David Attenborough

## WHAT ARE THE SDGS?

The UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), came into force 1st January 2016, to run through to 2030. The SDGs address inequality, poverty, sustainable development, protection of ecosystems and climate change.

MIA Global Action (MGA) is producing a series of pamphlets to encourage members, to monitor the progress of the SDGs in their countries.



**SDG 11 is the focus of this leaflet. Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.**

**SDG 11** focuses on cities in three critical areas: **Firstly** by ensuring the marginalized are included and protected. **Secondly**, by ensuring people have equal access to basic infrastructure and services, including water, sanitation, utilities, and transportation. **Thirdly**, by overcoming the negative environmental aspects of modern cities, such as waste and air pollution.

## GLOBAL FACTS

By 2030, the world is projected to have 43 megacities with more than 10 million inhabitants, most of them in developing regions.

The urban population of the world has grown rapidly from 751 million in 1950 to 4.2 billion in 2018.

Globally, nearly 900 million people live in slums. By 2025 it is estimated this will rise to 1.6 billion.

Droughts, floods, hurricanes, and other disasters have displaced over 24 million people in 2016.

*Goal 11 is the charter which encourages local and national authorities to make positive investments in urban sustainability. This includes safe, affordable and accessible public transport with special emphasis on the elderly and persons with disabilities.*

By 2050, 70% of global population will live in cities. 60% of new urban settlements are yet to be built, representing a huge opportunity for building resilient cities.



## COLLECTIVE ACTION

**Advocate** — at local, national and international levels — for policy changes in respect of housing demand and quality.

**Volunteer** with charities working to improve the lives of the homeless.

## PERSONAL ACTION

**Reduce** car usage and take public transport where possible.

**Invest** in a bicycle and a good pair of walking shoes.

**Be grateful** for the living conditions we have and remember those who have to make do with so much less.



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