

## What are the SDGs?

The 17 SDGs and 169 targets address sustainable development, poverty, inequality and climate change. Each goal seeks to integrate the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

Governments agreed to develop the SDGs as part of the broader *UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. On 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015, world leaders unanimously adopted the 2030 Agenda at the UN in New York. The SDGs need the participation of every country and all peoples, if the global community is to seek an end to poverty by 2030.



[www.unfoundation.org](http://www.unfoundation.org)

## Sustainable Development Goals

1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, plus promote sustainable agriculture.
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for everyone at all ages.
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all and promote lifelong learning opportunities.
5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for everyone.
8. Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.
9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive, sustainable industries and foster innovation.
10. Reduce inequality within and among countries.
11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.
12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.
13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources.
15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, manage forests, combat desertification, reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss.
16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at every level.
17. Strengthen the implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development.

## Questions

- A. What goal is most important for you?
- B. What SDG is a priority to work on now? Why?
- C. How should the SDGs be implemented in your country?

References: [www.sustainabledevelopment.un.org](http://www.sustainabledevelopment.un.org)  
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## Mercy Global Action (MGA) Advocates Rights Based Approach:

MGA advocates for a people-centred, just, inclusive and rights based approach to sustainable development. This means when working with the SDGs, our advocacy work is underpinned by human rights

To achieve this, the MGA focus is to:

1. Advocate for the human right to water and sanitation in every country and to enable positive action locally.
2. Address the root causes of poverty and other factors underpinning human trafficking (HT), whilst supporting survivors of HT.
3. Advocate for the protection of Earth and the rights of nature. This includes addressing human rights abuse and ecological violations associated with mining.
4. Collaborate with NGOs working on the refugee and migration issue.



<http://www.vita.ie/vitapartners>

## As Advocates for Justice, MGA Members will aim to:

- a. Network extensively, to monitor a rights based implementation of the SDGs by each government.
- b. Ensure a just, people centred model of development, in delivery of SDGs.
- c. Integrate the ideas and concerns of those most affected by development inequality.
- d. Continue to:
  - Address root causes
  - Highlight the dangers associated with the privatization of the SDGs;
  - Contribute to a development model that is just for both Peoples and Earth.



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## INTRODUCTION TO SDGs MIA – MERCY GLOBAL ACTION

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

*“The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes bringing the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development”.*

Pope Francis.