

WHAT ARE THE SDGS?

The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with 17 goals (SDGs) was approved by 193 countries to come into force in January 2016. Through the SDGs the key issues of poverty, sustainable development, inequality and climate change are addressed.



SDG 3 is the subject of this pamphlet.

Ensure healthy lives and promote Well being for all, at every age.

Goal 3 targets the elimination of epidemics like AIDS, malaria and tropical diseases. It also addresses hepatitis and water-borne diseases that flourish where there is endemic poverty, often leading to death.

Good health of Earth and Peoples is essential for sustainable development. SDG 3 links with each of the other 16 SDGs.

Healthcare can be defined as the activities and treatments that help someone recover from sickness and move towards well being.

GLOBAL FACTS...

- **Annually**, poverty contributes to the death of five million children under the age of 5
- **In 2017**, approximately 37 million people were living with HIV.
- **Worldwide**, 70% of trafficked victims are women and girls, many need medical care.
- **There is a huge discrepancy** between the healthcare provided in rich vs poorer nations
- **The UN reports** that health risks related to climate change are on the rise worldwide.



- **During their lives**, 1 in 3 women have experienced physical or sexual violence, often resulting in serious health problems.

“A healthcare organization that is efficient and capable of addressing inequalities, cannot forget its raison d’être, which is compassion,”

Pope Francis, 2017

COLLECTIVE ACTION...

Work with others to address every form of inequality regarding provision of healthcare.

Actively campaign against honour killing, female genital mutilation and child marriages

Advocate for the right to clean water and adequate sanitation in every country.

Lobby government officials to address climate change, as an urgent, national issue that needs legislation and strong enforcement.

PERSONAL ACTION....

Support campaigns working towards good health and well-being for all

Work with community services to promote health, education and equality for women.

Actively work towards being a healthy person and support those trying to live a healthier lifestyle.

Strive to live a balanced life of harmony, in good relationship with people and earth.

Q1. How could I live a healthier life?

Q2. Do I believe climate change is a health hazard? Why?

In pursuit of the SDGs, MGA advocates:

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



MGA is committed to:

- Work** to implement the SDGs, to ensure 'no-one is left behind'.
- Advocate** for women and children's rights at every level.

MGA will continue to:

Address the root causes of injustice whilst supporting those denied their rights.

Incorporate the ideas and concerns of those most affected by development inequality.

Highlight the dangers associated with the privatization of the SDGs.

To achieve Goal 3 MGA will:

Work to eliminate poverty, through the provision of education for everyone.

Lobby governments to ensure there is equal access to health facilities for every person.

Network to promote healthy, productive living, in harmony with nature

Advocate for the outlawing of traditional practices that deny the rights of women.

Support all initiatives, at local and national levels, to address climate change.



Resources

<https://www.huffpost.com/entry/healthy-planet-essential>; www.mercyworld.org;

Pixabay free images

<https://unfccc.int/news/climate-change-impacts-human-health>

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

GOAL 3

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for ALL.



A Healthy Planet
is Essential
for Global Health...

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