

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 Reduce Economic Inequality MGA
will lobby Governments to:

1. Invest in education
2. Increase the minimum wage.
3. Ensure the wealthy pay income tax.
4. Provide social housing for the homeless
5. Address climate change as a critical issue.
6. Identify the root causes of inequality and work to address them.

MGA is committed to:

- I. **Work** to implement the SDGs, to ensure “no-one is left behind”.
- II. **Advocate** for women and children’s rights at every level.
- III. **Model** a rights-based, person-centred approach in all Mercy ministries.

MGA will continue to:

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

Highlight the dangers associated with the privatisation of the SDGs.

Work with marginalised communities who are living in poverty.

Lobby national governments, to ensure the wealthy pay their taxes



Links: www.mercyworld.org; www.pixabay.com
<https://www.globalpartnership.org/blog/5-reasons-why-girls-education>; www.unesco.org
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg10>

MERCY INTERNATIONAL
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SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS

GOAL 10

Reduce inequality
within and among
countries.



Pope Francis spoke of the
'invisible' - the hungry, sick,
foreign, detained; who live on
the margin of society and are
excluded... December 10th 2018

WHAT ARE THE SDGS?

The UN 2030 Agenda with 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), came into force 1st January 2016. It addresses poverty, sustainable development, inequality and climate change.



SDG 10 aims to: Reduce Inequality within and among countries....

Inequality is evident across nations:

- In gender issues,
- Education,
- Public health,
- Housing,
- State services, including provision of water and sanitation
- Response to climate change

A root cause of inequality in many countries, stems from large mining operations generating big profits for foreign companies; with little financial return for the people...

GLOBAL FACTS

- **Poverty fuels inequality**, weakens the economy and compromises democracy
- **The richest 1% claimed 82%** of all the global wealth generated in 2018!
- **South Africa** is the most unequal of all countries an 'enduring legacy of apartheid'*
- **If all girls** completed secondary education it could eliminate child marriage.
- **A family's income can double**, if both parents are educated and able to work.
- **A just land reform** programme empowers people to become self sufficient.
- **A society's health and well-being** is proportionate to levels of inequality.
- **In the US** it takes a CEO just 1 day, to earn an ordinary worker's annual pay!



Imbalance between rich and poor

* World Bank Report 2018

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COLLECTIVE ACTION

Lobby to boycott sports teams and events sponsored by fossil-fuel energy companies

Network to support those who are working to eliminate poverty at every level.



OXFAM Report

Advocate for 'green cities' and support for those involved in sustainable development.

Vote for politicians who recognise that climate change is a national/global crisis.

PERSONAL ACTION

Work with others to address the needs of homeless people.

Sign petitions seeking justice for those who are marginalised and forgotten.

Offer to assist migrants learning to speak English and those seeking legal assistance.