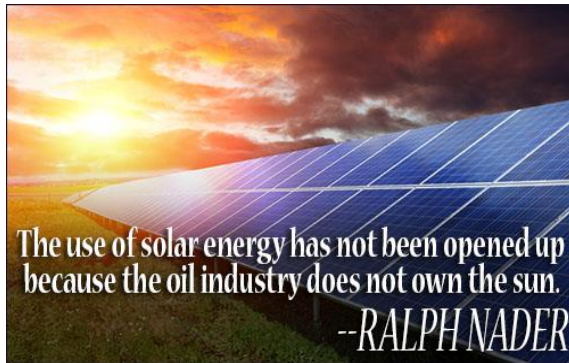


## In Pursuit of the SDGs, MGA Advocates:

**A rights-based approach,  
through justice and development  
for all Peoples and Earth...**



### To achieve Goal 7 MGA will:

**Advocate** for Governments to invest in and to promote renewable energy.

**Campaign** for governments to honour their commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement.

**Advocate** for action on behalf of those most vulnerable to climate change i.e. flooding.

**Network** with national groups to oppose the mining of fossil fuels.

**Promote** advances in sustainable energy that offer greatest benefit for the vulnerable.

**Lobby** for maximum energy saving in all public services like transport, hospitals and schools.

## 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:

**Collaborate** to improve the lives of the marginalised.

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

**Highlight** the dangers associated with the privatisation of the SDGs



**Links:** [www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org); [www.pixabay.com](http://www.pixabay.com)  
<https://www.globalpartnership.org/blog/5-reasons-why-girls-education>; [www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org),  
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**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS**

## *SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy*



*Enough sunlight touches the Earth  
every 24 hours, to provide  
the energy needs of the entire  
planet for 24 years!*

## 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.



**GOAL 7: 'Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.'**

If each country is to access affordable, clean energy by 2030, it means they must invest in solar, wind and thermal energy sources.

**This is critical for our planet!**

Currently energy sourced from fossil fuels is contributing 60% of total greenhouse gas emissions; a major factor of climate change.

Millions are benefitting from the achievements of SDG 7. New technological advancements are providing educational opportunities that empower women, children and youth....

## FACTS...

1. All of Portugal's energy needs can be powered through sustainable, clean energy.
2. About 40% or 3 billion people, rely on unhealthy, polluting fuels for cooking.
3. Sub Saharan Africa and South Asia have the greatest energy deficit.
4. Globally nearly one billion people continue to live without electricity. (UN-DESA)
5. Renewable energy has a positive impact on agriculture, water availability and health.
6. Advantages to businesses using renewable energy are reduced emissions and lower costs



**Goal 7 enables the achievement of other SDGs, especially SDG 13, climate action.**

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## COLLECTIVE ACTION...

**Lobby** governments to change from fossil fuels, to using renewable sources of energy.

**Promote the** positive impact of solar energy for Earth and those living in poverty.

**Work** with NGOs to address the negative impact of fossil fuels on peoples and Earth.

**"The choice before us is simple. Will we continue to subsidize the dirty fossil fuels of the past, or will we transition to 21st century clean, renewable energy?"**

**ELIZABETH WARREN, US Senator**

**Lobby** to keep 80% of fossil fuels in the ground

## PERSONAL CHALLENGES

**Limit** my use of electricity and turn off all appliances when not in use.

**Support** local, renewable energy businesses, who are competing with multinationals.

**Restrict** my car use, opting to walk or use public transport to reduce carbon emissions

**Commit** to live more simply, use the 'carbon footprint questionnaire' and take action!