

## 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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[www.unwomen.org/en](http://www.unwomen.org/en)

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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.



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

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## INTRODUCTION TO SDGs MIA – MERCY GLOBAL ACTION



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

Pope Francis.

## MERCY GLOBAL ACTION (MGA) advocates a:

Participatory,  
people-centred,  
just, inclusive and  
rights-based approach to  
sustainable development.

### To achieve this, the MGA focus is to:

1. Advocate for equal rights for women and children.
2. Advocate for the human right to water and sanitation for each person in every country.
3. Address the root causes underpinning human trafficking (HT), whilst supporting survivors and working to eliminate HT and modern slavery.
4. Advocate for the protection of Earth and the rights of nature.
5. Campaign against the ecological violations and human rights abuse, associated with different forms of mining.
6. Collaborate to address the refugee and migration issue. This entails highlighting root causes or drivers underpinning this.

**"You may never know  
what results come from  
your actions, but if you do  
nothing, there will be no  
results." Mahatma Gandhi**

## As advocates for justice, MGA members will aim to;

- a. Network extensively, to monitor a rights- based implementation of SDGs nationally.
- b. Ensure a person-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 underpinning injustice.
  - Highlight the dangers associated with the privatization of the SDGs.
  - Work with civil society to monitor ongoing progress towards sustainability.
  - Promote a development model that is just for both Peoples and Mother Earth.



Resources: [www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org)  
[www.wwf.org.uk](http://www.wwf.org.uk); <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals>, <http://www.caritas.org/2016/09/un-failing>  
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## MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION (MIA)

## MERCY GLOBAL ACTION (MGA)



### GOAL 1

*END POVERTY FOR ALL*

### GOAL 2

*FREEDOM FROM  
HUNGER*

*"In all places and  
circumstances, we are called  
to hear the cry of the poor."*

Pope Francis, Ev Gaudium #191

## WHAT ARE THE SDGS?

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 'UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' were unanimously adopted by world leaders and came into force on January 1st, 2016.

These 17 SDGs and 169 targets address poverty, sustainable development, inequality and climate change. Every country has a national plan to achieve sustainable development in 15 years.

Mercy Global Action (MGA) members are engaging in this participatory process, to ensure that 'no-one is left behind!'



In this pamphlet, MGA is focussing on two of the SDGs relevant to the ministry of the global Mercy Family:

**SDG 1: 'End Poverty in all its forms everywhere.'**

**SDG 2: 'End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.'**

## FACTS...

836 million people live in extreme poverty, most live in Southern Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

War and conflict results in mass migration, deprivation and environmental degradation.

Women and children are most vulnerable when there is little food and no social protection.

One in four of the world's children suffer stunted growth, which also inhibits learning.

500 million small farms worldwide provide 80% of the food consumed in developing countries.

A THIRD of the World's food supply could be saved by reducing waste - enough to feed 3 billion people!

## COLLECTIVE ACTION...

Campaign for water and sanitation rights for all, and for access to education and adequate housing.

Lobby for policies to ensure the safety of the vulnerable exposed to extreme climate events.

Encourage sustainable food production by sound agricultural practices that are not market driven.

Support farmers to maintain the genetic diversity of seeds, cultivated plants and domesticated animals.

Lobby for investment in smallholder farms to increase food security and nutrition for the poorest.

## PERSONAL CHALLENGES

### I will...

- A. Pray in support of the vulnerable and those accompanying them.
- B. Make a commitment to live more simply. Take the 'carbon footprint questionnaire.'
- C. Eat more simply on certain days, without extras. Donate what you save to a charity.
- D. Commit to not wasting food at home or when you eat out. One meat free day?
- E. Purchase only what **I need** when shopping!
- F. Join a local group to implement the SDG national plan in my community.

## QUESTIONS

- 1. Which fact struck me most, and why?
- 2. Is there one action I want to get involved in?
- 3. Am I ready to say I want to live more simply? How?





## 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.**

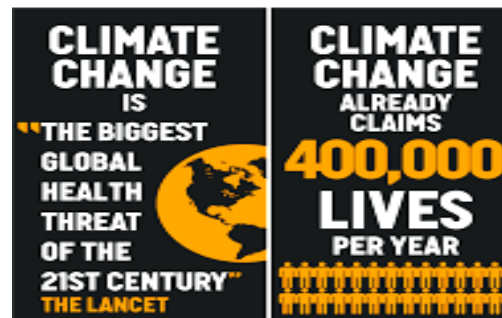
**Goal 3** targets the elimination of epidemics like AIDS, malaria and tropical diseases. It also addresses hepatitis and water-borne diseases that flourish where there is endemic poverty, often leading to death.

**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



## 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.

## MGA is committed to:

- (a) **Work** to implement the SDGs, to ensure 'no-one is left behind'.
- (b) **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.



## Resources

<https://www.huffpost.com/entry/healthy-planet-essential>; [www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org);

Pixabay free images

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

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## MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION GLOBAL ACTION

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

### GOAL 3

Ensure healthy lives and  
promote well-being for  
ALL.



A Healthy Planet  
is Essential  
for Global Health...

*Shirin Ebadi*

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## To Achieve Goal 4 MGA will:

- i. **Support** and work in partnership with NGOs and organisations to promote equitable education for all.
- ii. **Sign** petitions to raise awareness on deficiencies in education systems worldwide.
- iii. **Advocate** for improved educational systems for vulnerable adults and children.

## MGA is committed to:

- I. **Work** to implement the SDGs, to ensure 'no-one is left behind'.
- II. **Model** a rights-based and person-centred approach, in all Mercy ministries.

## MGA will continue to:

- I. **Promote** equality and fairness in all aspects of education.
- II. **Work** with civil society to ensure that marginalized communities are included in developing education policies.

*Education is a human right with immense power to transform. On its foundation rest the cornerstones of freedom, democracy and sustainable human development.*

*Kofi Annan*

Links. [www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org), <https://un.org/sdgs>  
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## MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION GLOBAL ACTION



## GOAL 4

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use, to change the world.*

Nelson Mandela

## WHAT ARE THE SDGS?

The UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), supported by all countries, 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 inform and encourage members, to monitor the progress of the SDGs in their countries



**SDG 4 is the focus of this pamphlet: To ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.**

**Goal 4** aims to eliminate gender disparities and ensure equal access to education for all. It promotes vocational training for indigenous peoples, the marginalised, including persons with disabilities, and children in vulnerable situations. As with the other 16 SDGs, the target year to achieve this goal is 2030.

## GLOBAL FACTS

Globally, 750 million adults are unable to read and write. Females comprise 65% of this total.

Almost half of the world's adults who are illiterate live in Southern Asia; whilst 27% live in sub-Saharan Africa. (UNESCO)

Over 8 million children are living as refugees in Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt, most without access to education.

Conflict, poverty, slave labour and child marriage keep 130 million girls out of school.

An educated female fuels economic growth - countries lose more than \$1 billion a year by not educating girls to the same level as boys.



<https://camfed.org/latest-news/day-african-child-protecting-16000-girls/> <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco>

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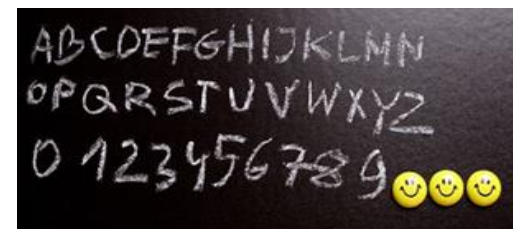
## COLLECTIVE ACTION

**Advocate** with organisations that campaign for the equal right to education for the girl child e.g. Malala campaign.

**Ensure** governments provide language and appropriate classes, for all refugees and migrants

**Encourage** all schools to provide education in human rights and the rights of nature.

**Promote** the development of best practice for children with special needs in all schools.



## PERSONAL ACTION

**Support** efforts to promote inclusion education for indigenous/first nation peoples.

**Volunteer** to work with adult/children's language groups and help those challenged in reading and writing.

**Avail** of opportunities for further learning. i.e. climate education.

**Question: What are the concerns you have about education in your country?**

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**SDG 5 is the subject of this pamphlet.**

***“Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.”<sup>1</sup>***



***Goal 5 contains a target to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls, including trafficking and sexual or labour exploitation.***

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.unicef.ie/2017/01/13/>

## GLOBAL FACTS...

- In the USA, there is a 33% wage gap between women and men.<sup>2</sup>

- An estimated 15.5 million child domestic workers, mostly girls, face many hazards<sup>3</sup>

- In 2015 globally there were only 21 female heads of State versus 175 male leaders.

- 25,800 unaccompanied migrant children arrived in Italy by sea in 2016

- 70% of all victims of Human Trafficking worldwide are women and girls

- Only 13% of countries investigate gender discrepancy through a study of statistics.

- Gender equality is the most persistent form of human rights abuse.

- Globally 15 million girls are married every year.<sup>4</sup>

- 1 in 3 women have experienced physical or sexual violence at some point in their lifetime

- Worldwide there are 520 million women who are illiterate.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.iwpr.org/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.unicef.org/protection>

<sup>4</sup> [www.globalcitizen.org](http://www.globalcitizen.org)

## COLLECTIVE ACTION...

**Work with others** to address every form of gender inequality....

**Actively campaign against** honour killing, female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriages

**Advocate** with others to end human trafficking and modern slavery in all its forms.

**Treat all** children as equals, helping them to value and respect their differences.

**Redress** the injustice that women have less access to education, training and recruitment.

**Make your voices heard** – every voice counts!



## PERSONAL ACTION....

**Join** campaigns working towards equal pay for women and men, doing the same work.

**Promote** women's leadership through trade unions, civil society, and feminist organizations.

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

**Take steps** to be a more peace-full person by being welcoming, honest, non-judgemental and respecting difference.



Reed & Latonio "I Have A Voice: Trafficked Women-in their own words." 2015

*Every Government should combat the plague of human trafficking, paying particular attention to trafficking in children....* Pope Francis, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017,

## MGA is committed to:

**Implementing** the SDG goals to ensure that 'no-one is left behind'

**Lobby** governments to pass legislation to eliminate all forms of gender violence.

**Work** with women who have experienced domestic violence, to redress this crime.

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

**Network** with others, to implement the 2030 SDG Agenda in every country.

## To achieve Goal 5 MGA will:

**Advocate** for equal rights for all women and children.

**Address** the root causes underpinning human trafficking (HT), whilst supporting survivors and working to eliminate HT.

**Ensure** women have equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making, in political, economic and public life.

**Support** those advocating for women and children's rights at every level.

**Support** and work with 16 Days of Activism, an annual Campaign working to end violence against women and girls around the world.<sup>5</sup>

*The 2030 Agenda represents a universal consensus on the crucial importance of GENDER EQUALITY and its contribution to the 17 SDGs.*

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/>

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

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## MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION GLOBAL ACTION



## GOAL 5

*"Achieve Gender Equality and Empower all women and Girls."*





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**Goal 6 is the focus of this pamphlet: Ensure Access to Water and Sanitation for All.**



[un.org/sustainabledevelopment/water-and-sanitation](https://un.org/sustainabledevelopment/water-and-sanitation)

## FACTS:

- There are at least 663 million people without access to safe drinking water.
- Nearly 1,000 children die daily from diarrhoea related illnesses.
- 40% of the global population live with the reality of water scarcity.
- At least 1.2 billion people use more water than the environment can naturally replenish.
- Water needed for the fracking process pollutes drinking water and often exhausts local supplies.



- Privatisation of water and sewer systems is irresponsible, as it gives government officials and private companies total control over a vital public resource.

## PERSONAL CHALLENGES:

Reflect on our daily water use. Could I make choices and changes in my lifestyle that makes use of water sustainable. What about the workplace? Could improvements be made for more sustainable water use?

If I have access to daily clean water ... pray in gratitude for the water our community has.



## COLLECTIVE ACTION:

**Campaign** for the human right to water and sanitation for every person worldwide.

**Lobby** for policies that protect rivers and streams to produce clean, potable water.

**Lobby actively** against privatisation of water resources at national and international level.

**Don't allow water** to be treated as a commodity, but as a natural resource for all.

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## TO ACHIEVE GOAL 6, MERCY GLOBAL ACTION (MGA) WILL:

1. **Advocate** for the human right to water and sanitation for each person in every country.
2. **Advocate** for the protection of Earth and the rights of nature.
3. **Campaign** against the ecological violations and human rights abuse, associated with different forms of mining.
4. **Re-affirm** the indivisible and integrated nature of all SDGs



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## AS ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE, MGA MEMBERS WILL AIM TO;

- a. **Network extensively**, to monitor a rights-based implementation of SDGs in our own country.
- b. **Ensure** a person-centred model of development in the delivery of SDGs
- c. **Integrate** the ideas and concerns of those most affected by development inequality.

### Continue to:

- ✓ Address root causes underpinning all forms of injustice
- ✓ Highlight the dangers associated with the privatisation of the SDGs
- ✓ Work with civil society to monitor ongoing progress towards sustainability.
- ✓ Campaign against fracking and other forms of mining that deplete and contaminate our water resources.
- ✓ Promote a development model that is just for both Peoples and Earth.



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## GOAL 6

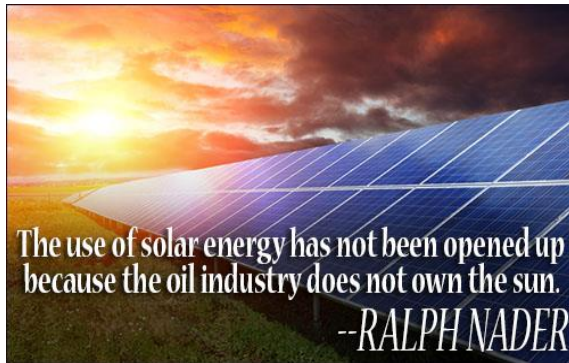
**“Ensure Access to Water and Sanitation for all”**

*Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights...*

*Pope Francis, Laudato Si #30*

## In Pursuit of the SDGs, MGA Advocates:

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



## 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)  
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## *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.**

## 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!



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### To Achieve Goal 8 MGA will:

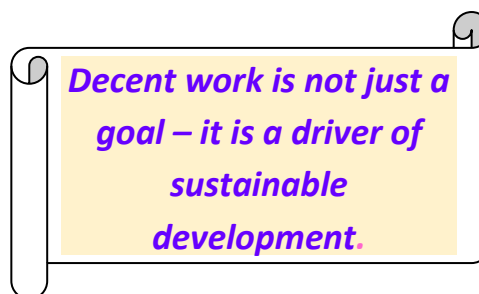
- i. Support and work in partnership with NGOs, businesses and academics to end inequalities in the labour force.
- ii. Lobby national governments to ensure they have signed up to all international agreements regarding labour rights.
- iii. Sign petitions to raise awareness about unjust work practices, like zero-hour contracts.

### MGA is committed to:

- (a) **Work** to implement the SDGs, to ensure 'no-one is left behind'.
- (b) **Model** a rights-based and person-centred approach, in all our Mercy ministries.
- (c) **Promote** standards and fundamental principles and rights at work.

### MGA will continue to

- ✓ **Address** the root causes underpinning modern slavery whilst supporting survivors and working to eliminate modern slavery in all its forms.
- ✓ **Promote** equality and fairness in the workplace at both national and international levels.
- ✓ **Take action** by taking personal responsibility on the services and goods we use. Ensure no child labour is used.



**Links:** UN SDGs: <https://un.org/sdgs>  
Mercy World: [www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org) :  
[www.pixabay.com](http://www.pixabay.com) free photos  
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### GOAL 8

Promote sustained  
economic growth  
and  
decent work for all.



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*"Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfilment."* Pope Francis Laudato Si 128



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**SDG 8 is the focus of this pamphlet: “Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all”.**

**Goal 8** aims to separate economic growth from environmental degradation through global resource efficiency. It also aims to eradicate forced labour, modern slavery, the use of child labour and child soldiers. Sustainable tourism is encouraged as it creates jobs and promotes pride in local culture and artefacts.

## GLOBAL FACTS

- Sustainable tourism entails tourists trying to make a positive impact on the environment, society, and economy.
- Labour exploitation has overtaken sexual exploitation, as the primary reason for human trafficking (HT) in Europe.\*
- Children account for one-third of HT victims, primarily for sexual exploitation.+
- Around 40.3 million people were caught up in modern slavery in 2018.



- Boko Haram is using children as ‘suicide bombers’ with 203 children identified in Nigeria and Cameroon in 2017!
- 340 million workers with their families live on US\$1.90 per person per day

\* Greta 2017;  
+ECPAT

## COLLECTIVE ACTION

- ✓ **Support** groups like *Child Soldiers International*, who rescue child soldiers and protect children in war zones.
- ✓ **Network** with organisations to recognise, report and to prevent modern slavery.
- ✓ **Advocate** for an end to all forms of exploitation in the labour force.
- ✓ **Campaign** for best practice re sustainable development, in all forms of industry.



Sustainable development circle

## PERSONAL ACTION

- ✓ **Shop ethically** and check there is no exploitation of workers in the supply chain.
- ✓ **Support community-based tourism** to ensure locals share the benefits of tourism
- ✓ **When travelling** use accommodation and eating places, where the work force is treated well and receive a fair salary.
- ✓ **Report and take action** if you observe unjust work practices at any level.

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## To achieve Goal 9 MGA will:

**Lobby** for the right to safe, drinking water and adequate sanitation for everyone.

**Promote** education and scientific innovation at every level in society.

**Advocate** against injustice in any industry on grounds of rights, equality and sustainability.

**Support** local industry and small businesses.

**Work with authorities** to increase the provision and use of more public facilities, i.e. libraries, walkways and cycle paths.

## MGA is committed to:

**Promote a person centred model** of development in delivery of these goals.

**Work with civil society** to monitor progress in the implementation of the SDGs

**Integrate the ideas and concerns** of those most affected by the SDG under review.

## MGA will continue to

**Raise awareness** re new technology in relation to recycling and waste disposal.

**Network** with other NGOs and organisations to keep updated on all aspects of sustainable living.

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

*‘There is no such thing as away’.  
When we throw anything away,  
it must go somewhere’.*  
**Annie Leonard.**

**Resources:** [www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org);  
<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals>. <https://news.pq.com/press-release/pq-announces-new-environmental-sustainability-https://pixabay.com/en/>

## MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION GLOBAL ACTION

SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS

## GOAL 9

## Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure



***Innovation is the ability to  
see change as an opportunity,  
not a threat.*** Steve Jobs

## WHAT ARE THE SDGS?

The UN Sustainable Development Agenda, with the 17 Goals (SDGs) were implemented January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, to run through to 2030. They address inequality, poverty, sustainable development, protection of ecosystems and climate change.



## GOAL 9 IS THE FOCUS OF THIS PAMPHLET.

To build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive, sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation.

Central to implementation of Goal 9 is:

**Infrastructure** - provides the basic physical facilities essential for business and society;

**Industrialization** - powers economic growth and job creation, reducing income inequality;

**Innovation** - generates development of new skills and expands technological productivity.

## GLOBAL FACTS

- Inadequate infrastructure can cut businesses' productivity by 40 percent.
- Air travel and shipping is an important component of physical infrastructure, particularly for landlocked countries.
- Manufacturing underpins employment, social stability and a robust economy.
- Renewable energy sectors employ 2.3 million, this could be 20 million by 2030.
- 4 billion people have no internet access, 90% of these are in less developed areas.
- 1.1 billion people lack access to clean water; 2.6 billion lack adequate sanitation.
- Education is a critical means of fostering and promoting innovation



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## COLLECTIVE ACTION

**Promote innovation** to reduce waste i.e. design a plastics system in which this material never ends up as waste!

**Lobby government** for better roads, public transport, health, educational facilities etc.  
**Lobby** for an increase in government aid to poorer countries

**Support local industries /shops** that source goods locally and hire staff from the area.  
**Purchase** seasonal fruits and vegetables, thereby avoiding cargo air miles



## PERSONAL CHALLENGES

**Recycle, Reduce, Reuse, Renew.** Keep up to date on new methods of recycling  
**Think about sustainable travel** before deciding on the next holiday.  
**Use public transport** or opt to walk or cycle wherever possible.

**Q1.** Do I support local shops/industry? How?

**Q2.** How open am I do new ideas. Explain

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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](http://www.mercyworld.org); [www.pixabay.com](http://www.pixabay.com)  
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<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg10>

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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.

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## To Achieve Goal 11 MGA will:

**Support** and work in partnership with NGOs working to address the issue of homelessness.

**Network** extensively, welcome and support refugees and migrants. .

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

**Address the root causes** that result in a person being homeless.

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*“Cities can be the engine of social equity and economic opportunity. ....That is why it is so important that we work together to build 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 deprived of basic facilities such as water, sanitation and sufficient living space.

**Lobby** authorities to ensure marginalized communities are represented in all areas of city planning.

**Resources:** [www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org) [www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org),  
[www.citylab.com/equity/2017/07/solving-the-global-housing-crisis/533592/](http://www.citylab.com/equity/2017/07/solving-the-global-housing-crisis/533592/) <https://un.org/sdgs>

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## MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION GLOBAL ACTION

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

### GOAL 11

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



Vancouver, Canada – a Sustainable City

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

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

**Goal 11** focuses on cities in three critical areas:

**First**, ensuring the marginalized are included and protected.

**Second**, ensuring people have equal access to basic infrastructure and services. This means water, sanitation, utilities and transportation.

**Third**, overcoming the negative environmental aspects of modern cities, such as waste, air pollution and poor infrastructure..

## GLOBAL FACTS

**The world is projected** to have 43 megacities mostly in developing regions by 2030.

**In 2018 the urban population** of the world increased to 4.2 billion.

**Globally 900 million** people live in slums. It is estimated this will rise to 1.6 billion by 2025.

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

**Worldwide there are 66 million displaced people;** 22.5 of whom are refugees.

*Goal 11 is the charter encouraging local and national authorities to make investments in urban sustainability. This must include clean water, sanitation affordable and accessible public transport for everyone....*

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 every level for policy changes in provision of:

- housing
- clean water and sanitation
- education / employment opportunities

**Volunteer** with charities working to find accommodation for the homeless.

## PERSONAL ACTION

**Reduce** personal and household waste. Limit car usage and take public transport.

**Support** individuals struggling to find a home and to live a life that is their right.

**Reach out and welcome the stranger**



[www.sdgdata labs.org](http://www.sdgdata labs.org)



## MIA GLOBAL ACTION (MGA) advocates a:

Rights-based approach,  
for all People and Earth  
through justice and development!

## To achieve SDG 12, MGA will:

1. Lobby governments to legislate for adequate disposal of waste and accessible re-cycling facilities.
2. Advocate for the protection of Earth and the rights of nature
3. Advocate for equal rights for women and all children
4. Lobby for the human right to water and sanitation for all in every country.
5. Campaign against the ecological violations and human rights abuse, associated with different forms of mining.
6. Highlight the dangers associated with the use and disposal of plastics.



**Use glass water bottles instead of plastic.**

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- (b) Incorporate the ideas of those at the centre of development initiatives.
- (c) Model a rights-based and person centred approach, in all our Mercy ministries.

**DRIVE DEMAND!**  
Purchase responsibly  
produced and sustainable  
goods.

## Continue to:

- ✓ Promote a development model that is just for both Peoples and the Earth.
- ✓ Work with civil society to secure justice for all citizens, ensuring a peaceful society.
- ✓ Highlight the dangers associated with the privatization of the SDGs.

*“There is a nobility to care for creation through little daily actions....education can bring about real changes in lifestyle”*

*Pope Francis Laudato Si, # 211*

**References:** Mercy World: [www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org)  
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<https://www.ecowatch.com/fast-fashion> UNHCR:  
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## SDG 12

**ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION  
AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS**



*“Each year hundreds of millions of tons of Waste is generated..... The earth, our Home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.”*

*Pope Francis, Laudato Si.*



## WHAT ARE THE SDGS?

The UN [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) with [17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDG\)](#) came into force January 1st, 2016.

The SDGs address poverty, inequality, sustainable development, and climate change.

MIA Global Action (MGA) has been producing a series of pamphlets on the SDGs. The purpose is to inform and encourage the implementation and monitoring of the SDGs.



**SDG 12 is the focus of this pamphlet:**  
*“Ensure Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns.”*

The aim of SDG 12 is to achieve long-term sustainability for Earth and Peoples.

Each country must have a national framework for energy and resource efficiency; consumption and production patterns; sound business practices and sustainable waste management.

## GLOBAL FACTS

**Plastic use** -Since the 1950s, more than eight billion tons of plastic has been produced, of which only 20% has been recycled!

**The Mining** of gold, diamonds and precious metals has caused the deaths of thousands and displaced over a million people. (UNHCR)

**The Linear Economy** model of ‘source, make, dispose’ is not sustainable, because it relies on large quantities of cheap materials and energy.

**The Clothing Industry** producing 10% of carbon emissions, is the second largest polluter in the world, after oil.

**Cotton** production i.e. chemicals, washing and dyeing, is destroying river basins and seas.

**The farming of Palm Oil** for manufactured goods, cosmetics, cleaning products, crisps, is destroying huge tracts of tropical rainforests.

**Child Labour** is used in the textile and carpet industries. Approximately 170 million children are working to satisfy global demand.

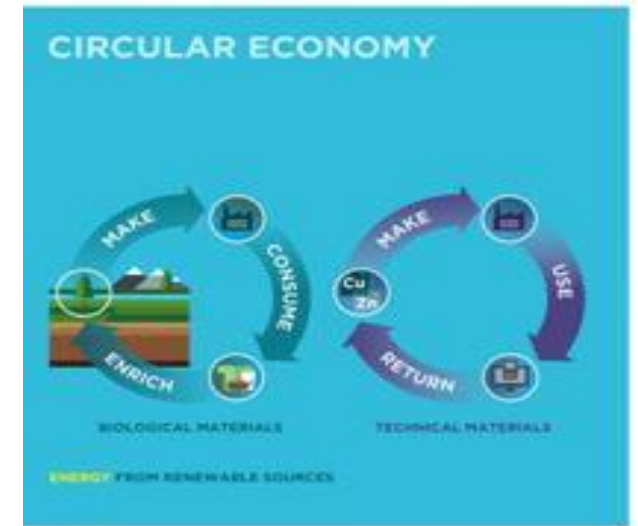
## COLLECTIVE ACTION

**Raise awareness** about plastic pollution - it takes up to a 1000 years for a plastic bottle to decompose!

**Campaign** against destructive mining practises, which contaminate drinking water sources.

**Check** supply lines of all goods, to ensure they are conflict / slave free and environmentally friendly.

**Promote** the circular economy, where we extract maximum use and value from all resources. Waste products are then recovered and regenerated, mirroring nature, where nothing is wasted!



## PERSONAL ACTION...

**Re-cycle** everything possible, thus supporting the circular economy and protecting the environment.

**Avoid using plastic** especially one-use i.e. straws, plastic packaging on vegetables / meat that pollute our seas, poisoning and destroying marine life.

**Avoid** products that contain palm oil and check that they have been farmed sustainably

**Buy** garments from brands that are committed to the sustainable production of cotton.

**Check** before you purchase a product, that it did not entail the use of child labour.

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### To Achieve Goal 13 MGA will:

1. **Take action** to curb climate change and its negative impact on Earth and all Peoples.
2. **Network** to address the refugee explosion, due to war, injustice and climate change.
3. **Advocate** and work for the protection of Earth and the rights of nature.
4. **Collaborate** to highlight our responsibility to care for nature and take positive action to limit climate change, wherever we are.
5. **Lobby** to limit CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by keeping 80% of fossil fuel resources in the ground.
6. **Campaign** against the ecological violations, including contamination of water, associated with different forms of mining.

## MGA is committed to:

- a. **Work** for the implementation of the SDGs so 'no-one is left behind'.
- b. **Listen to** ideas and concerns of those at the centre of development initiatives.
- c. **Model** a person-centred and rights-based approach in all Mercy ministries.
- d. **Protect** bio-diversity. "Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species.... lost forever!" LS #33

### MGA will continue to...

- ✓ Promote a development model that is just for both Peoples and Planet.
- ✓ Work with civil society to secure justice for all citizens and peace in every country.
- ✓ Highlight the dangers associated with the privatization of SDGs i.e. SDG 6, water.



Links: UN SDGs: <https://un.org/sdgs>

Mercy World: [www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org)

Trócaire: [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org);

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UNHCR: <https://goo.gl/fXSqbc>;

<http://www.joboneforhumanity.org/>

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## GOAL 13 CLIMATE ACTION



Robert Van Waarden, Survival Media Agency. [CC2.0](https://www.c2o.org)

*"Climate change is contributing to the heart-rending refugee crisis. The world's poor, though least responsible for global warming... are suffering most from its impact."*

Pope Francis, Laudato Si

# WHAT ARE THE SDGS?

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SDG 13 is the focus of this pamphlet:

## ‘Take Urgent Action to Combat Climate Change and Its Impacts’

To address the climate change crisis, world leaders adopted the [Paris Agreement](#) at [COP21 in Paris](#), 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015. In the agreement leaders agreed to limit the rise in global temperature, to below 2 degrees Celsius.

# GLOBAL FACTS...

**Global warming** is changing our climate with irreversible consequences and at a huge cost! It negatively impacts people and planet causing:

- **An increase in earthquakes**, tsunamis, cyclones and flooding that cost billions.
- **The Death of thousands of people:** *“Between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause 250,000 additional deaths per year...”* (WHO 2016).
- **The Displacement of millions:** *“Annually, averages of 21.5 million people have been forcibly displaced by weather-related, sudden hazards.”* (UNHCR 2016)
- **A quarter of animals and plants** to face extinction, unless greenhouse gas emissions are severely reduced.



The burning of fossil fuels like coal and oil has caused a 50% increase in CO2 emissions.

In Paris governments pledged to raise \$100 billion by 2020, to assist developing countries minimise the impact of climate disasters.

# COLLECTIVE ACTION...

**Raise** awareness about the negative effects of climate change at local, national and international levels.

**Lobby** for nations to transfer to renewable energy and to divest from fossil fuels.

**Campaign** to integrate climate change measures, into national policies and planning

**Study** Pope Francis’ encyclical ‘Laudato Si’ in a group and work on the recommendations

# PERSONAL ACTION...

**Avoid wasting resources** including water, energy, natural resources and buy fair trade.

**Support** campaigns and activities that work against the negative impacts of climate change.

## Questions:

- a) What action will I take, to curb my contribution to global warming?.....
- b) What should our community do, to limit the local effects of climate change?.....

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## To Achieve Goal 14 MGA Will:

**Collaborate** to address the root causes that underpin the destruction of the biodiversity of our oceans, inland waterways and marine life

**Campaign** to prevent the ecological violations and human rights abuse associated with different forms of mining processes.

**Raise** awareness about the abuse of water, inland and coastal, carried out by the extractive industries.

**Advocate** for the human right to water and sanitation i.e. access for every person.

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## MGA is Committed to:

**Integrate** the ideas and concerns of those most affected by of water and oceans.

**Promote** a development model that is just for both peoples and all life below water.

**Highlight** the dangers associated with the privatization of water, especially for the vulnerable.

**Work** with civil society to monitor ongoing progress towards purity and sustainability of water.

## MGA will Continue to:

**Identify** and take action re root causes, where the right to water /sanitation is being abused or denied.

**Network** extensively, to monitor a rights-based implementation of the SDGs in every country.

**Ensure** a person-centred model of development in delivery of the SDGs

**"You may never know  
what results come from  
your actions, but if you do  
nothing, there will be no  
results." Mahatma Gandhi**

**Resources:** [www.mercyworld.org/](http://www.mercyworld.org/); [www.wwf.org.uk/](http://www.wwf.org.uk/);

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>;

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## GOAL 14

## Life below Water



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***"We cannot allow our seas and oceans to be littered by endless fields of floating plastic"***

Pope Francis , Earth Day, September 1, 2018



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**SDG 14** focuses on the conservation and sustainable use of our oceans, seas, rivers and the life they carry. This necessitates effective strategies and management, to combat the negative impact of overfishing, pollution and ocean acidification.

**The year 2025** is the target to prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, particularly from land-based activities.

*“Cherish the natural world because you are part of it and you depend on it”. Sir David Attenborough.*

## GLOBAL FACTS

**Oceans cover 71 percent of the Earth's surface** and contain 97% of the Earth's water. It exists as ice and vapour and is present in all living organisms

**Less than 1% is freshwater** with 2-3% trapped in glaciers and ice caps. Water is constantly moving from one form to another, due to the water cycle.

**Up to 60% of the human adult body is water.** The **brain** and **heart** are 73% water and the **lungs** 83%

**Over 3 billion people depend** on marine and coastal biodiversity for their livelihoods

**Threats to marine and coastal ecosystems** include coastal development, global climate change invasive species, overfishing and pollution.

**30-35 % of global marine habitats** i.e. sea grasses, mangroves and coral reefs have been destroyed.

**Around 8 million tons of plastic waste** is dumped in oceans every year, causing the death of birds, sea creatures and destruction of marine life and coral.

**Plastic particles** flow through the global food chain, including humans, with unknown consequences...



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

## COLLECTIVE ACTION

Collaborate with others to ensure industries polluting water, must review their practices



**Don't purchase one-use plastic!**

Advocate for just national fishing rights and to end illegal and destructive fishing practices

Promote scientific-based management, to restore global fish stocks and ocean clean up.

## PERSONAL CHALLENGES

Be aware that our daily activities contribute to ocean pollution. Do not buy one-use plastic.

Purchase products that are micro-bead free e.g. shampoo, handwash, lotions and beauty products.

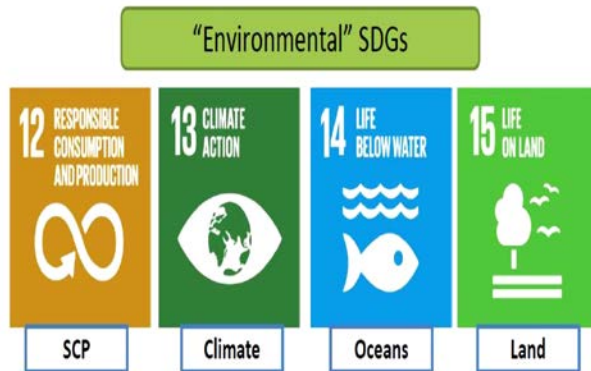
Join campaigns opposing mining practises like fracking that pollute local and ocean water.

## QUESTIONS

- **Is there one action I will commit to take?**
- **Am I willing to campaign against one-use plastic?**

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- ✓ Promote a development model that is just for both Peoples and the Earth.
- ✓ Work with civil society to secure justice for all citizens for a peaceful society.
- ✓ Highlight the dangers associated with the privatization of the SDGs.

## To Achieve Goal 15 MGA will:

- i. **Advocate** and work for the protection of Earth and the rights of nature.
- ii. **Lobby** governments to ensure protection of eco-systems and halt loss of biodiversity in all government planning.
- iii. **Support** agencies in their efforts to combat the poaching and trafficking of protected species of animals.
- iv. **Take action** to reduce degradation of natural habitats and halt the loss of biodiversity - flora and fauna species at risk.



**Links:** UN SDGs: <https://un.org/sdgs>  
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## GOAL 15

Protect, restore and  
promote sustainable  
land use...



*"Because all creatures are  
connected, each must be  
cherished with love and respect,  
for all of us as living creatures are  
dependent on one another...."*

Pope Francis Laudato Si

## WHAT ARE THE SDGS?

The UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), supported by all countries, came into force 1st January 2016, to run through to 2030.

The SDGs address poverty, sustainable development, protection of ecosystems, inequality and climate change. MIA Global Action (MGA) is producing a series of pamphlets to inform and encourage members, to monitor the progress of the SDGs in their countries



**SDG 15 is the focus of this pamphlet: Protect and restore sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss.**

**Biodiversity refers to the variety of life on Earth in all its forms and interactions. It is the most complex feature of our planet and it is the most vital. "To tell the story of a single particle we must tell the full story of the Universe." Brian Swimme and Thomas Berry, 'The Universe Story'**

## GLOBAL FACTS...

**Deforestation:** Every minute, the equivalent to 36 football fields worth of trees is destroyed.

**Desertification:** Annually, 12 million hectares of land becomes desert, affecting 1.5 billion people living in tropical areas.



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**Biodiversity:** Between 1970 - 2010 the planet lost 52 percent of its biodiversity! During this period, the human population doubled.

**Water** connects every aspect of life, yet 1 in 9 people lack access to safe water and 1 in 3 people have no access to a toilet.

### AIM of UN 2030 SDG Agenda is to:

Redress the above through conservation, restoration and sustainable use of land and freshwater.

**The protection of ecosystems in mountains, forests and land areas near deserts is critical. Governments must honour their obligations under international agreements.**

## COLLECTIVE ACTION....

**Go Green** Buy products that are fair trade and environment-friendly.

**Reduce, Re-use, Recycle** reflecting the Circular Economy, which mirrors nature.

**Raise Awareness** about the degradation of land and water in your area or country.

**Report Activities** like dumping waste in rivers / seas, or on land and burning plastic.

**Grow trees and plants** wherever possible in public spaces. Protect these spaces from commercial purchase for exploration.

## PERSONAL ACTION.....

**Grow** flowers and herbs even in containers when space is limited.

**Don't buy goods** manufactured in ways that pollute and degrade the environment.

**Join neighbourhood 'clean ups'** of common areas like rivers, road edges, and sea coast.

**Work towards** eliminating plastic items especially one-use e.g. straws, coffee cups, packaging.





# WHAT ARE THE SDGS?

The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) came into force January 1st, 2016.

These 17 SDGs with 169 targets address poverty, sustainable development, inequality and climate change. MIA Global Action (MGA) is producing a series of pamphlets on the SDGs. The purpose is to inform and encourage the implementation of the SDGs in every country.



SDG 16 is the focus of this pamphlet.

***“Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at every level.”***

**Goal 16** is acknowledged as the central, transformational goal. It addresses: Violence, war, injustice, corruption within national institutions; human trafficking, and exploitation of Peoples and Earth.

# GLOBAL FACTS...

In 2014, there were 180,000 war deaths 60% of these occurred in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

61 million people worldwide are asylum-seekers, internally displaced, or refugees.

According to the UN, institutions most affected by corruption are the police and judiciary.

Worldwide at least \$1 trillion is paid out in bribes annually, depriving governments of tax.

One in four children under 5 does not have a birth certificate, denying them citizenship and protection of their basic rights, like education.

The greatest threat to global security is climate change - shortage of land, water and resources!

**Make your voices heard – every voice counts!**



# COLLECTIVE ACTION...

**Work with others** to address injustice; especially violence and institutional abuse.

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**Advocate** for an end to human trafficking and all forms of exploitation, especially of the vulnerable.

**With others** work for the independence of national legal and law enforcement agencies.

**Work for** participatory and representative decision-making at all levels in every country.

**Promote** sustainable development by campaigning for renewable energy and keeping 80% fossil fuels in the ground.

# PERSONAL ACTION...

**Assist those who need** birth certificates, visas and citizenship papers, to obtain them.

**Buy ‘fair trade’**, use bio-degradable packaging, recycle, re-use, don’t waste food or resources.



**Be** a responsible citizen, through voting and engaging in national consultation processes.

**Take steps** to be a peace-full person by being welcoming, honest and respect difference.

**Q. What human rights (HR) abuse concerns me most? .....**

**Q. What HR abuse could I take action on?.....**



## MIA GLOBAL ACTION (MGA) advocates a:

Rights-based approach,  
for all People and Earth  
through justice and development!

## To achieve Goal 16, MGA will:

1. Re-affirm the indivisible and integrated nature of all the SDGs
2. Advocate for the protection of Earth and the rights of nature.
3. Advocate for equal rights for women and all children.
4. Collaborate to address the refugee and migration explosion, by highlighting root causes underpinning conflict and injustice.
5. Advocate for the human right to water and sanitation for each person in all countries.
6. Address the root causes underpinning human trafficking (HT) whilst supporting survivors and working to eliminate HT.
7. Campaign against the ecological violations and human rights abuse, associated with different forms of mining.

*‘Whether we are talking about peace and security, development, humanitarian action... none of these challenges can be addressed in isolation from human rights.’*

Ban Ki-moon, U.N. Secretary-General

## MGA is committed to:

- a. **Work towards** SDG goals to ensure ‘no-one is left behind’.
- b. **Listen to** the ideas and concerns of those at the centre of development initiatives.
- c. **Model** a rights-based and person centred approach in all our Mercy ministries.
- d. **Network to** ensure implementation of the SDGs in our respective countries.

## Continue to:

- ✓ Promote a development model that is just for both Peoples and the Earth.
- ✓ Work with civil society to secure justice for all citizens, ensuring a peaceful society
- ✓ Highlight the dangers associated with the privatization of the SDGs.

OUR  
WORLD

...TO CARE FOR

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*‘If we want peace we  
must work for Justice.’*  
Pope Paul VI

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## In pursuit of SDGs MGA advocates:

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



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## To achieve Goal 17 MGA will:

**Lobby** Governments to be proactive in developing partnerships between countries.

**Promote** scientific innovation to strengthen cooperation and partnerships.

**Encourage** local industry and small businesses to network with other like-minded groups

**Support** rights based initiatives to promote justice, respect, equality and sustainability.

**Model** good practice in developing partnerships in present Mercy ministries.

## 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



**Resources:** [www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org);  
<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>  
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<https://pixabay.com/en/>;  
<https://www.globalpartnership.org/news>

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## GOAL 17 Partnerships for the Goals



Global Partnership for Education

*Globally there are 262 million  
children and youth, who do not  
attend school...*

## WHAT ARE THE SDGS?

The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with the 17 Goals (SDGs) came into force January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. The Agenda addresses inequality, poverty, sustainable development and climate change.

Mercy Global Action (MGA) has produced 17 leaflets, one for each SDG. These serve to raise awareness and to monitor the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.



**GOAL 17 is the focus of this leaflet:**  
**Strengthen and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development**

**Effective global partnerships need to incorporate:**

- finance,
- technology,
- capacity building
- systemic issues and
- climate change.

## GLOBAL FACTS

1. Overseas Development Aid from wealthy countries is 0.31% versus the 0.7% promised.
2. For developing countries, 79% of their imports enter developed countries duty-free.
3. Four billion people have no access to the internet, 90% are in developing countries.
4. Island Nations are most vulnerable to climate change - from unprecedented droughts, 'king tides' and typhoons.
5. Worldwide 150 million children are engaged in child labour, denying many the opportunity of education.
6. International NGO's are key drivers of inter-governmental negotiations e.g. elimination of slavery and global ban on land mines.



**VITA** fighting hunger and climate change in Africa

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## COLLECTIVE ACTION

**Campaign** for my country, to meet its commitment of 0.7% in overseas aid

**Promote** partnerships to implement the Paris Agreement on climate change.

**Question** the practices of multinationals who put profit above people and development

**Advocate for** Catholic Social Teaching to underpin the delivery of the SDG Agenda.



## Personal Action

**Lobby** for renewable energy to replace energy sourced from all fossil fuels.

**Support** partnerships that promote local initiatives and sharing of resources.

**Buy responsibly**, check supply lines for 'Fair Trade' labour and purchase practices.

**Ask politicians** about the progress of the implementation of the SDGs in my country."