

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 Achieve Goal 8 MGA will:

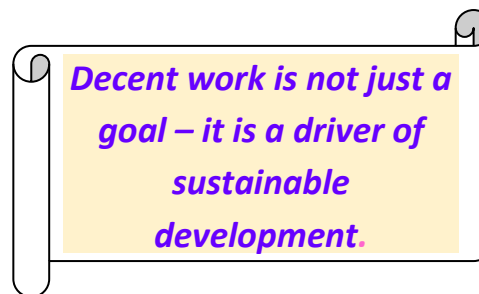
- i. Support and work in partnership with NGOs, businesses and academics to end inequalities in the labour force.
- ii. Lobby national governments to ensure they have signed up to all international agreements regarding labour rights.
- iii. Sign petitions to raise awareness about unjust work practices, 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 :
www.pixabay.com free photos
<https://www.globallslaveryindex.org/https://www.walkfreefoundation.org/>;

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**MERCY INTERNATIONAL
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**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**

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

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 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.

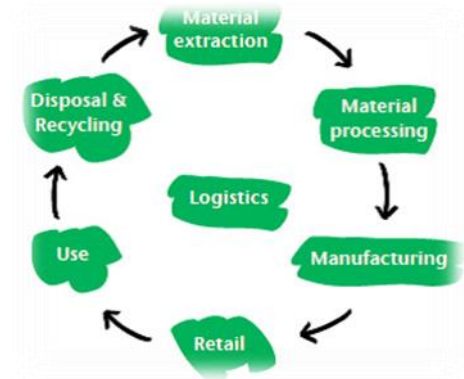


- Boko Haram is using children as ‘suicide bombers’ with 203 children identified in Nigeria and Cameroon in 2017!
- 340 million workers with their families live on US\$1.90 per person per day

* Greta 2017;
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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.