

**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
www.wwf.org.uk; <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals>, <http://www.caritas.org/2016/09/un-failing>
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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...

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

QUESTIONS

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

