

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 25th 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

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
www.mercyworld.org
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.



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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
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

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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?



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SDG 5 is the subject of this pamphlet.

“Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.”¹



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

¹ <https://www.unicef.ie/2017/01/13/>

GLOBAL FACTS...

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

- An estimated 15.5 million child domestic workers, mostly girls, face many hazards³

- 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.⁴

- 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.

² <http://www.iwpr.org/>

³ <https://www.unicef.org/protection>

⁴ 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 8th, 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. ⁵

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

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

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MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION GLOBAL ACTION

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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

FACTS:

- There are at least 663 million people without access to safe drinking water.
- Nearly 1,000 children die daily from diarrhoea related illness.
- 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.



Fracking Threatens Our Drinking Water – Ban Fracking Now¹²

- 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

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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 more peace-full person by being welcoming, honest, non-judgemental and respecting difference.

Q. What human rights abuse concerns you most?

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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