

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.

MGA is committed to:

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

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**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**

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.”

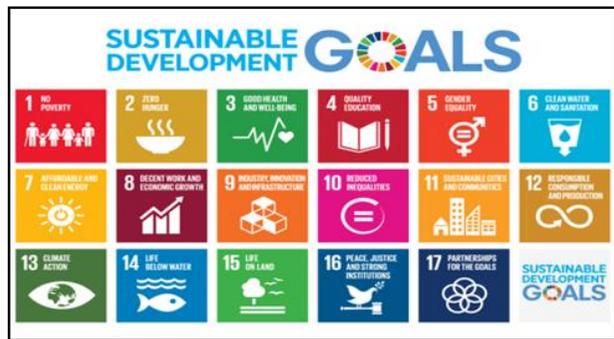
Pope Francis, Laudato Si.

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.