

## 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.

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

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