

## WHAT ARE THE SDGS?

The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) came into force January 1st, 2016.



The 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. Our aim is to inform and to ensure that 'no-one is left behind'. Bani ki –Moon.

**Goal 6 is the focus of this pamphlet: Ensure Access to Water and Sanitation for All.**



[un.org/sustainabledevelopment/water-and-sanitation](http://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 Now<sup>12</sup>

- 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*