

## 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.

**SDG 5 is the subject of this pamphlet.**

***“Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.”<sup>1</sup>***



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

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.unicef.ie/2017/01/13/>

## GLOBAL FACTS...

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

- An estimated 15.5 million child domestic workers, mostly girls, face many hazards<sup>3</sup>

- 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.<sup>4</sup>

- 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.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.iwpr.org/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.unicef.org/protection>

<sup>4</sup> [www.globalcitizen.org](http://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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. <sup>5</sup>

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

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

[www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org)

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## MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION GLOBAL ACTION



## GOAL 5

*"Achieve Gender Equality and Empower all women and Girls."*



