



## **GREEN-PINK PARTY DISCUSSION GUIDE**

Below is a guide to help you facilitate a meaningful conversation among your guests on the interconnectedness of women's rights, global health and the environment. Remember that you don't have to be an expert on these issues—all it takes is a desire to make a difference!

### **Introduction (5 minutes)**

Present the issue and discuss your relation to the Green-Pink Project and interest in women's and environmental issues.

### **"Finding Balance" Film Screening (10 minutes)**

#### **Discussion (10 minutes)**

Discuss the DVD and the connection between women and the environment. Use the fact sheet, the following discussion questions, and participants' personal experience and knowledge of the issues.

- About 1.1 billion people around the world live in biodiversity hotspots, which are areas rich in ecological diversity, such as Madagascar in the video "Finding Balance." Why do you think population growth in these areas is of growing concern? (ex: stress on resources, more forested land cleared for agriculture, climate change)
- What is your impression of the access to health services in less developed areas? What impact do you think this has on the population and the environment?

### **"Love, Labor, Loss" Film Screening (10 minutes)**

#### **Discussion (10 minutes)**

Discuss the DVD just shown and continue analyzing connection between women and the environment, but with a focus on global health, specifically reproductive health and obstetric fistula.

- Why do you think poverty and obstetric fistula are so linked together? (ex: poor health services, low status of women, early childbirth)
- What can be done to treat and prevent not only obstetric fistula, but stress on natural resources and the environment? (ex: increasing access to health care and family planning, education, economic opportunity, improving women and girls' status and rights)

### **Re-cap (5 minutes)**

Give a brief conclusion to the two discussions. Make sure that the participants feel comfortable articulating the connections discussed.

### **Donations and Thank You's (10 minutes)**

- Asking for money can be difficult. One way to think of fundraising is as an *invitation*. By asking others to join you in making a donation, you provide them with the opportunity to feel good about the difference they are making. Remember: your comfort in asking others to give will affect how they feel about donating.
- If it feels appropriate, you can make your donations public. You may want to write up the amounts on a piece of paper, to stress that you are joining together to raise \$300 — enough money to transform a woman's life!
- Thank your guests and let them know how much their support means to you personally. If they have questions or want to get more involved, they can email the Green-Pink Project at [greenpink@fightfistula.org](mailto:greenpink@fightfistula.org).