(San Francisco, CA) - Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide,<http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/half-the-sky/> a Show of Force LLC and Fugitive Films production developed in association with the Independent Television Service (ITVS), is a special television event that uses in-the-moment investigations and emotionally explosive storytelling to confront the greatest moral challenge of our time: the oppression of women and girls around the world. Filmed in 10 countries and inspired by the best-selling book by Pulitzer Prize-winning authors Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, Half the Sky is driven by the growing awareness that empowering women is the best way to increase prosperity and stability around the globe. Six talented actress-advocates -- Eva Mendes, Meg Ryan, Gabrielle Union, Diane Lane, America Ferrera, and Olivia Wilde -- join Kristof as he travels to Asia and Africa to meet face-to-face with inspiring individuals working to bring about change and the women and girls who confront extreme gender inequality in their daily lives. Introduced by George Clooney, Half the Sky, which will broadcast nationally as a special presentation of Independent Lens, premieres on Monday, October 1 and Tuesday, October 2 from 9:00 PM-11:00 PM ET on PBS (check local listings).

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Women and girls around the globe face threats -- trafficking, prostitution, violence, and discrimination -- every day of their lives. Says WuDunn, "In the same way that slavery was a moral challenge for the 19th century and totalitarianism was a challenge for the 20th century, the challenge that women and girls face around the world is the moral challenge of our time." As we see in Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide, hope endures as fearless women and men are developing innovative ways to turn the tide.

Complete press information is here:

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