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ISU students, faculty and staff have collaborated to create an educational experience involving women's health care.

Advocates for Choice and F.L.A.M.E. are pairing up for a showing of "No Woman, No Cry" at 7 p.m. on Monday in Schroeder 208.

Members of each group hope to raise awareness and support for women's health care needs throughout the world.

The film will consist of a discussion panel afterwards to acknowledge questions, concerns and thoughts in reference to the information presented in the film.

In the documentary, director Christy Turlington Burns shares the powerful stories of at-risk pregnant women from around the world and the various struggles they experience with limited health care.

Through her own inspirational experience, Christy suffered a serious complication following the delivery of her first child.

The film reveals four stories from a remote Maasai tribe in Tanzania, a slum of Bangladesh, a post-abortion care ward in Guatemala and a prenatal clinic in the United States, Charlotte Adams, F.L.A.M.E. president, said.

“I have seen the film before, but the reason I am excited to see it again is because of the rarity in which we get a close up look at women’s health care and needs,” Adams said.

The film first premiered in Tribeca in 2010 and then on the Oprah Winfrey Network in 2011.

Within the past several years, Burns has used her story to educate people worldwide and continues to spread the film within the collegiate world in hopes of inspiring others to further their education on the global issue.

Within the past two years, it has been shown on college campuses, global health conferences and various other events around the world.

“It is important to see the ways in which women’s health care and needs differ in various parts of the world,” Adams said.

AFC and F.L.A.M.E. encourage RSOs and collegiate groups to arrange private viewings of the film within their own organizations in order to spread Burns’s story to help educate more people.

The documentary is available for download on iTunes or can be purchased on DVD.

For more information of special accommodations, contact Charlotte Adams at mwszure@ilstu.edu.