

### *When:*

*12:00-2:00pm  
August 12, 2010*

### *Where:*

*Jhpiego  
Conference Room  
3A and 3B  
Brown's Wharf,  
1615 Thames St.  
Baltimore MD,  
21231*

## **The Taxi Takes on Terror**

**Vandana Sood**

Based on conversations between taxi drivers and passengers in Mumbai cabs about Modern Terrorism, this set of short films centers on the 26/11 Mumbai terrorist attacks of 2008 and related issues. The section, 'Women and Islam', focuses on a female taxi driver and the voices of her female passengers. At a time when the 'burkha' is being banned, **'Women and Islam'** explores identity, faith and fashion from exchanges in a taxi.

## **'Woman of Steel'**

**Priyanka Pruthi**

This film tells the story of an activist from a small village in Eastern India who led a movement against the world's largest steel company, ArcelorMittal. The company plans for a steel mill in her home state of Jharkhand that would have displaced more than 100,000 indigenous people.

The film weaves a compelling narrative of one woman's personal fight for human rights in context of India's rapid industrialization and the trail of destruction it continues to leave behind.



**Vandana Sood** received her Master's in Mass Communication from Jamia Mass Communication Research Centre in New Delhi, India. She started her career as a camerawoman for the British Council film, 'My Sister Myself' made for the Health Ministers summit in Geneva. In 2004 Vandana won the Commonwealth Vision Award from The Royal Commonwealth Society for her short film on education. In New York she worked with PBS's Emmy award winning program, 'In the Mix'. Her thesis project – "Taxi Takes on Terror" has received wide acclaim.



**Priyanka Pruthi** is a multimedia journalist and independent documentary filmmaker. She has a Master's degree in News and Documentary Journalism from New York University. Priyanka has worked with NDTV 24/7, India's premier English news channel, where she anchored prime time shows including 'Today's Breaking Stories', 'The Breakfast Show', 'Evening News' and 'Newsnight'. Priyanka began her reporting career with the Delhi serial blasts in 2005 and went on to produce stories about women and child rights, environment, public and private healthcare.

**Please RSVP to Tessa Burke by August 10, 2010**

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