

**IWD 2011**

**Celebrating 100 years  
of women's achievements**

**On the First International  
Women's day 100 years ago,  
people marched across  
Europe campaigning for  
women's rights to vote,  
work, be trained and hold  
public office. Much has  
changed since then.**

**These basic rights are taken for granted in large parts of the world. Women have risen to pole political positions in many countries, including the UK.**

**Yet  
discrimination  
persists.**

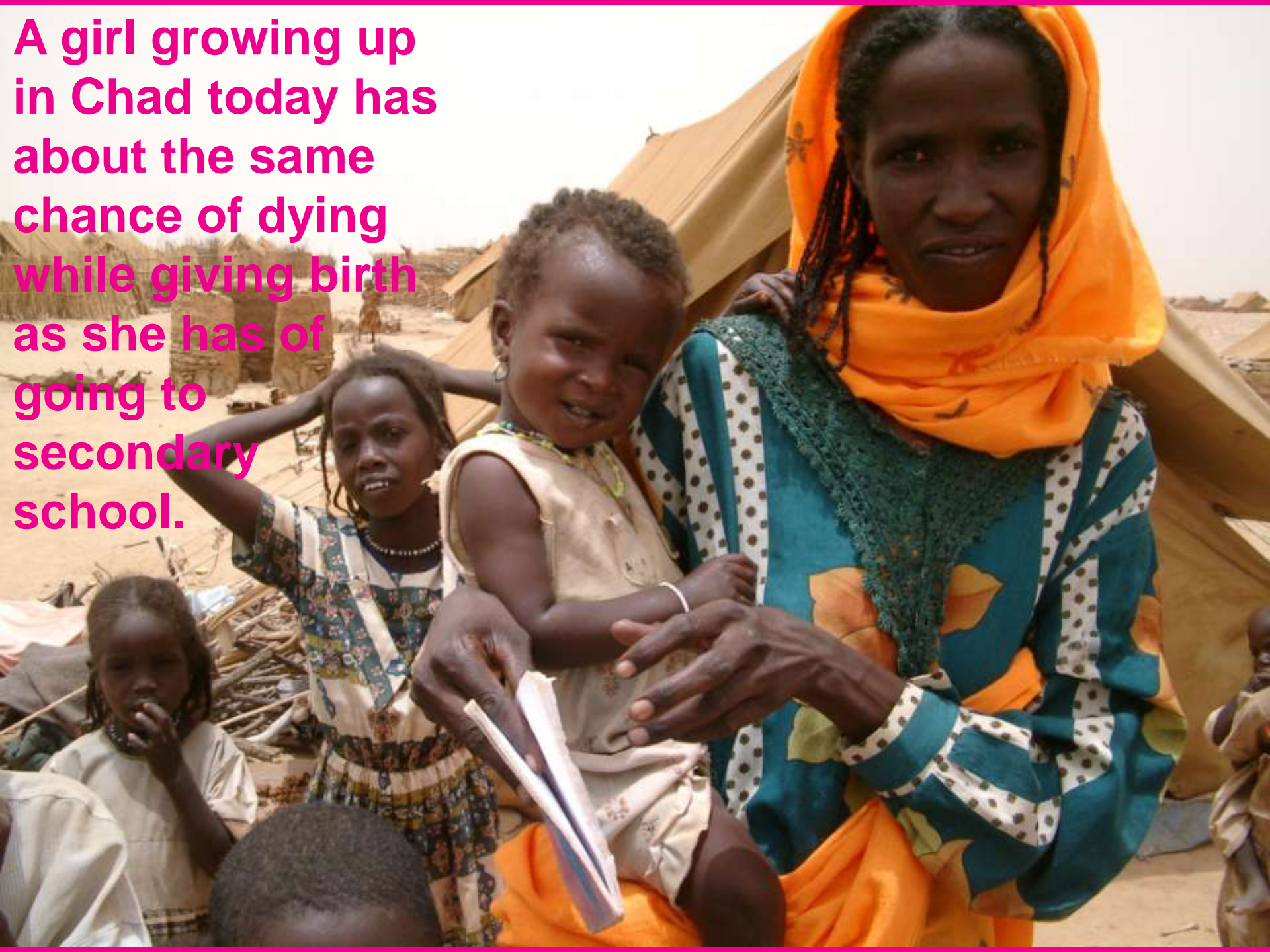


**Women make up between 70% and 80% of the world's poor, illiterate and refugee populations, and sexual and domestic violence continues to cause alarm.**





A girl growing up  
in Chad today has  
about the same  
chance of dying  
while giving birth  
as she has of  
going to  
secondary  
school.





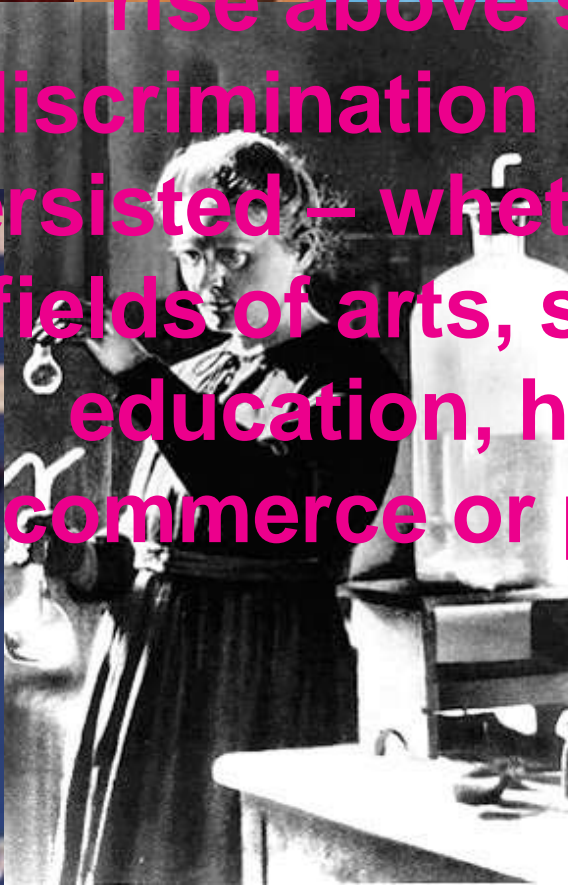
**Pregnancy is the  
biggest killer of  
women aged 15  
to 19 in the  
developing  
world.**



**While girls often do better than boys at school, women working full-time in the UK are paid on average less per hour than men – 40 years after the Equal Pay Act – and fill just 12.5% of boardroom posts in leading companies.**







Yet the ability of women to rise above such discrimination has also persisted – whether in the fields of arts, science, education, health, commerce or politics

Indeed, there are a number of women in positions of political authority from Angela Merkel in Germany to Dilma Rousseff in Brazil, and Michelle Bachelet – the first female Chilean president who became the United Nation's first executive director of women.



**There are stories  
that inspire...**







**From politics to  
humanitarianism  
to culture,  
women play a  
pivotal role in  
the world in  
which we live.**



Some are famous, some you may never have heard of. But their influence shapes ALL our lives.





**This isn't an all-  
inclusive list,  
please join in the  
conversation.**

# Emmeline Pankhurst

English  
political  
activist and  
leader of the  
British  
suffragette  
movement



# Shirin Ebadi

Human rights activist and first Muslim woman to win the Nobel prize



" We must not enable anyone to impose their personal view regarding religion on others by force, oppression, or pressure."



**An actress from a local theatre group wearing traditional Toukoulour make-up in Dakar**



# Members of Brazil's Kaiapo nation compete in a tug of war during the Indigenous Nations' Games in Pagagominas





# **Jordanian women from the civil defence department**

Since 2007, the Jordanian civil defence started working to integrate the female component of its work within the official crew. So far, 81 women have graduated in first aid from the Faculty of Civil Defence.





# Valentina Tereshkova



*"If women can  
be railroad  
workers in  
Russia, why  
can't they fly in  
space?"*

Out of more than four hundred applicants and then out of five finalists, she was selected to pilot Vostok 6 on the 16th of June 1963 and became the first woman to fly in space.

# **Waris Dirie**



**Former supermodel she was born in nomadic Somalia. Since 1997 Dirie has been one of the most outspoken advocates against female genital mutilation, a dangerous and violent practice affecting more than 150 million girls and women worldwide, the majority in African nations.**

# Dorothy De Low

At 101, she is the oldest table tennis player in the world. She won the Senior World Championship in 1992.





Shop owner  
Gong Chui  
Zhen,  
Shanghai



# Mia Hamm

She has scored more international goals in her career than any other player, male or female.



*"I hope all you young girls see yourself up there... we were just like you."*

# Rosa Parks

The First Lady of Civil Rights



***“Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others.”***



# WASP

## Women Airforce Service Pilots

was a pioneer organizations of civilian female pilots employed to fly military aircraft under the direction of the United States Army Air Forces during WWII.

The WASP flew over 60 million miles in all.



# Dorothy Kenyon

She devoted her life to women's issues and civil rights.

A self-proclaimed feminist, she was a U.S. representative for the UN Commission on Women and on the board of the ACLU.



# **Dame Marjorie Morris Scardino**

**CEO of  
Pearson PLC.  
First female  
Chief  
Executive of  
a FTSE 100  
company.**





# **Ursula Burns**



**Chief  
Executive  
Officer of Xerox**

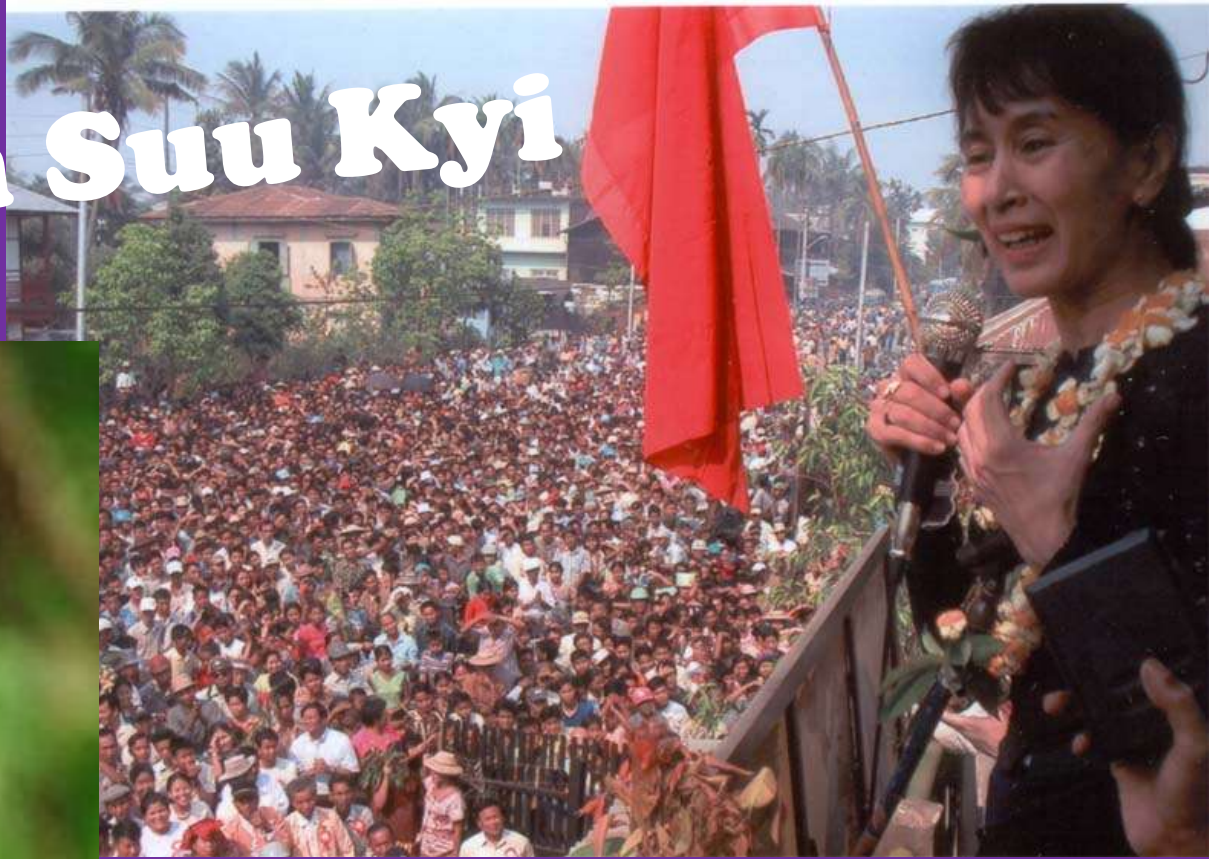
**First African-  
American  
woman CEO to  
head a S&P 100  
company.**

# **Mother Theresa**

**“We can do no great things – only  
small things with great love”**



# Aung San Suu Kyi



***"Please Use Your  
Liberty to Promote  
Ours"***



# Kathryn Bigelow

In 2009, with *The Hurt Locker*, she became the first woman to win the Academy Award for Best Director.

Only took the Academy 83 years....



# Annie Lennox

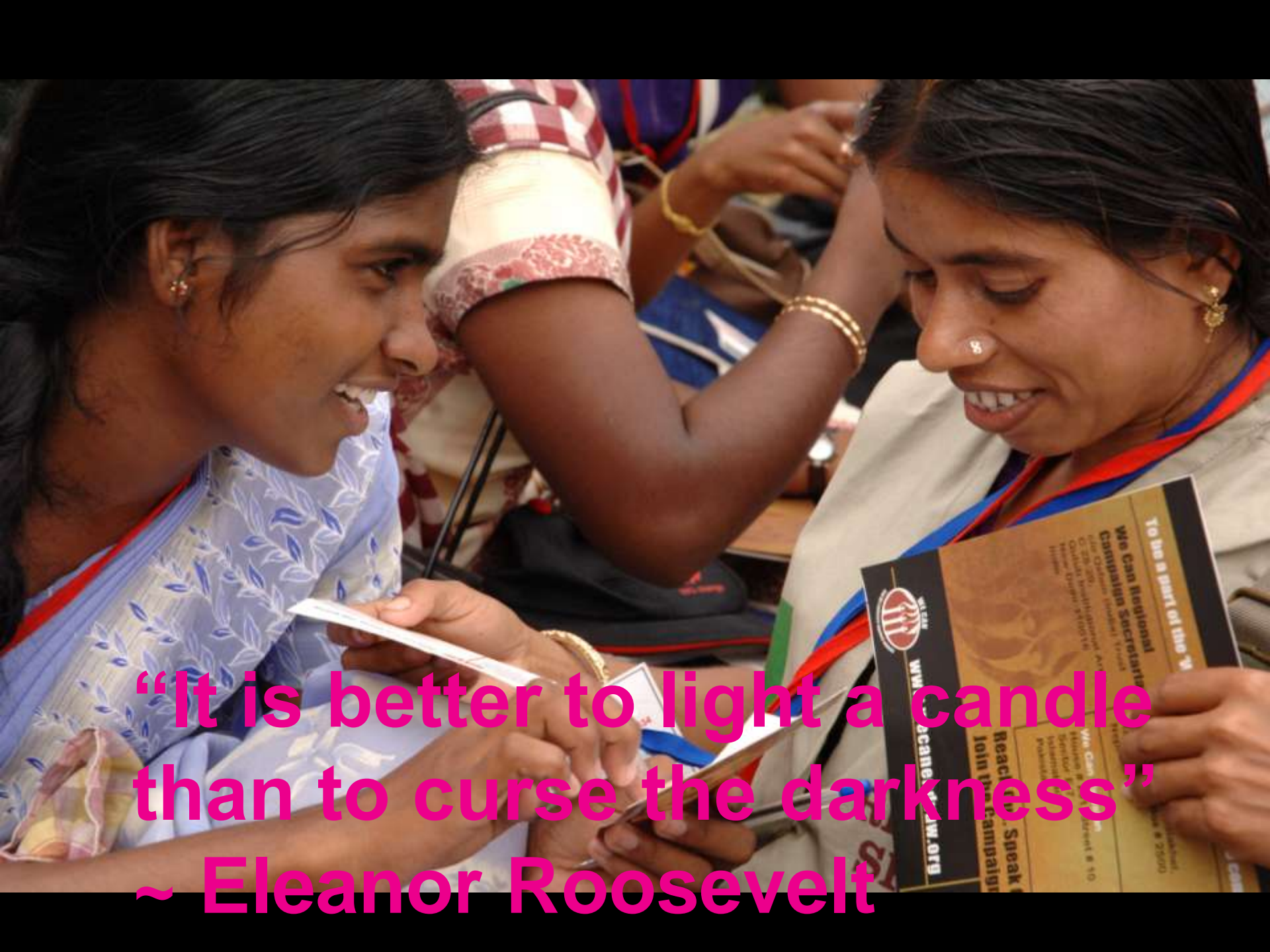
**‘Feminism  
means having a  
sense of duty to  
other mothers,  
sisters and  
daughters  
across the  
world’**




**THERE IS MANY INSPIRATIONAL  
WOMEN, AMAZING WOMEN,  
BRILLIANT WOMEN, FUNNY  
WOMEN, BEAUTIFUL WOMEN,  
TALENTED WOMEN....**

**....WHO IS YOURS?**





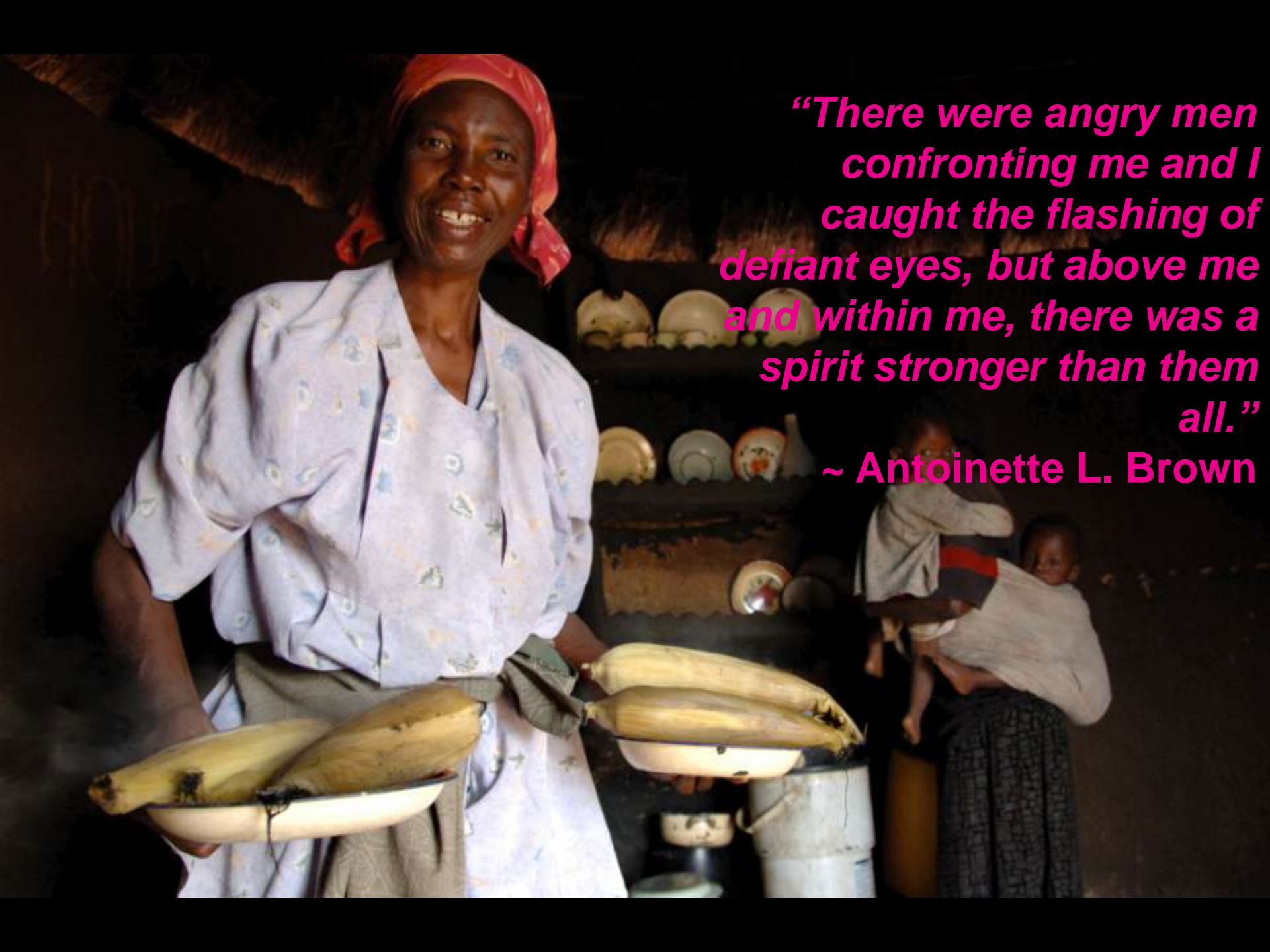
**“It is better to light a candle  
than to curse the darkness”  
~ Eleanor Roosevelt**

A Black woman is lying in a hospital bed, partially covered by a light purple hospital gown. A healthcare worker, wearing blue scrubs and white gloves, is leaning over her, using a blue stethoscope to listen to her chest. The woman has a serious expression. The background shows a hospital room with a window and patterned curtains.

“The day will come when men will recognize women as his peer, not only at the fireside, but in councils of the nation. Then, and not until then, will there be the perfect comradeship, the ideal union between the sexes that shall result in the highest development of the race.”

~ Susan B. Anthony



A photograph of a woman in a red headscarf and a light-colored patterned shirt, smiling and holding two ears of corn over a pot. In the background, two children are visible, one being held by the other. The setting appears to be a kitchen or a similar indoor space with shelves holding various items.

***“There were angry men  
confronting me and I  
caught the flashing of  
defiant eyes, but above me  
and within me, there was a  
spirit stronger than them  
all.”***

***~ Antoinette L. Brown***





**“We’ve chosen the path to equality, don’t let them turn us around.” ~ Geraldine A. Ferraro**

*“Only you and I can help the sun rise each coming morning. If we don’t, it may drench itself in sorrow.”*

*~ Joan Baez*





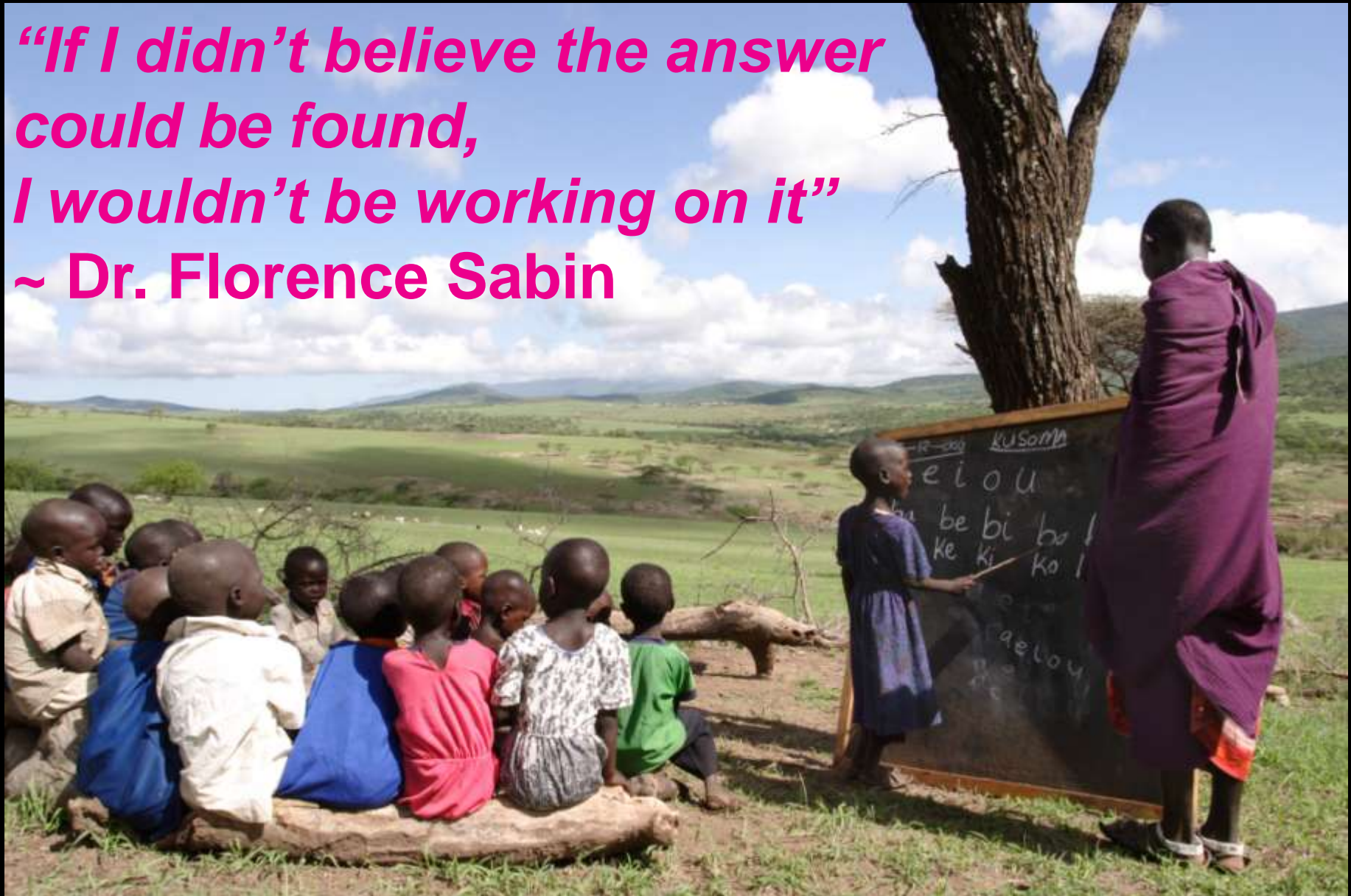
***“You cannot hope to build a better world without improving the individuals. To that need each of us must work for his own improvement, and at the same time share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those to whom we think we can be most useful.”***

***~ Marie Curie***





***“If I didn’t believe the answer  
could be found,  
I wouldn’t be working on it”  
~ Dr. Florence Sabin***





***“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain” ~ Dolly Parton***



***“We cannot expect in the immediate future that all women who seek it will achieve full equality of opportunity. But if women are to start moving towards that goal, we must believe in ourselves; we must match our aspirations with the competence, courage and determination to succeed.”***

***~ Rosalyn Sussman Yalow***







*“We all live with the objective of being happy;  
our lives are all different and yet the same.”*

*~ Anne Frank*





*“Far away there in the  
sunshine are my  
highest aspirations. I  
may not reach them,  
but I can look up and  
see their beauty,  
believe in them, and try  
to follow where they  
lead.”*

*~ Louisa May Alcott*



***“Tremendous amounts of talent are being lost to our society just because that talent wears a skirt.” ~ Shirley Chisholm***





***“The freer that women become, the freer will men be.  
Because when you enslave someone, you are enslaved.”***

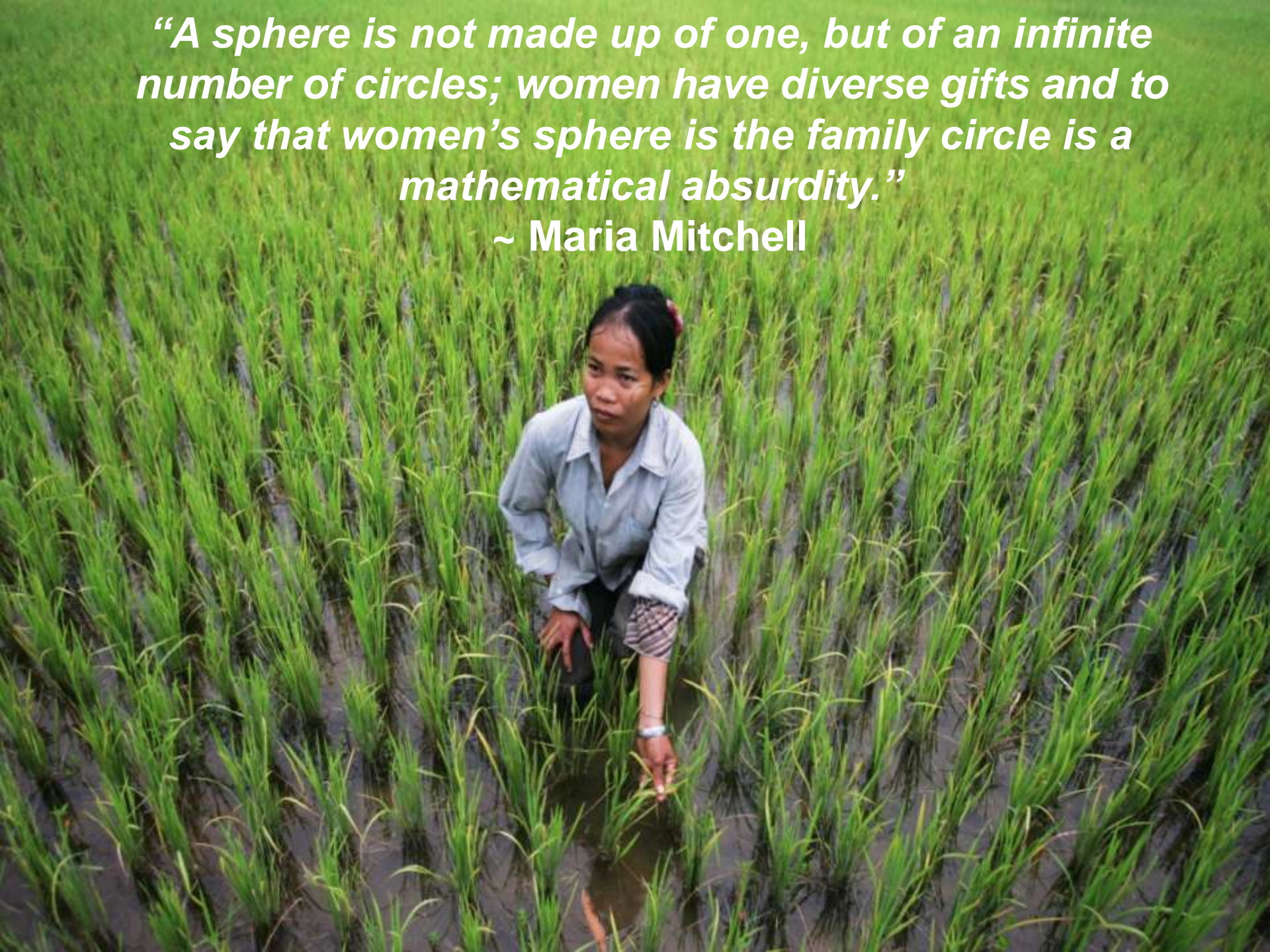
***~ Louise Nevelson***





***“A sphere is not made up of one, but of an infinite number of circles; women have diverse gifts and to say that women’s sphere is the family circle is a mathematical absurdity.”***

**~ Maria Mitchell**





***“I am angry at the condition of a society that creates problems for women. But I think there are ways anger can be turned into something positive.” ~ Jewel Plummer Cobb***



























