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**Giselle Portenier Wins Award in Impact DOCS Awards Competition**

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Giselle Portenier has won a prestigious Award of Excellence from *The Impact DOCS Awards Competition*. The award was given for the film “In The Name Of Your Daughter,” about the most courageous girls in the world, children in Northern Tanzania who risk their lives to escape from female genital mutilation and child marriage.

“This means so much,” Portenier said. “Our goal with this film was to make an accessible documentary about a difficult topic that has the potential to be a real and lasting tool for change.”

Impact DOCS recognizes film, television, videography and new media professionals who demonstrate exceptional achievement in craft and creativity, and those whose films help create profound social change. Documentaries were received from 30 countries, including veteran award winning filmmakers and fresh new talent. Entries were judged by highly qualified and award winning professionals in the film and television industry.

In winning an Impact DOCS award, Portenier joins the ranks of other high-profile winners of this internationally respected award including the Oscar winning director Louie Psihoyos for his 2016 Best of Show – *Racing Extinction*, Oscar winner Yael Melamede for *(Dis)Honesty – The Truth About Lies*, and Emmy Award winner Gerald Rafshoon for *Endless Corridors* narrated by Oscar winner Jeremy Irons, and many more.

Rick Prickett, who chairs Impact DOCS, had this to say about the latest winners, “The judges and I were simply blown away by the variety and immensely important documentaries we screened. Impact DOCS is not an easy award to win. Entries are received from around the world from powerhouse companies to remarkable new talent. Impact DOCS helps set the standard for craft and creativity as well as power catalysts for global change. The goal of Impact DOCS is to help winners achieve the recognition they deserve for their dedication and work.”