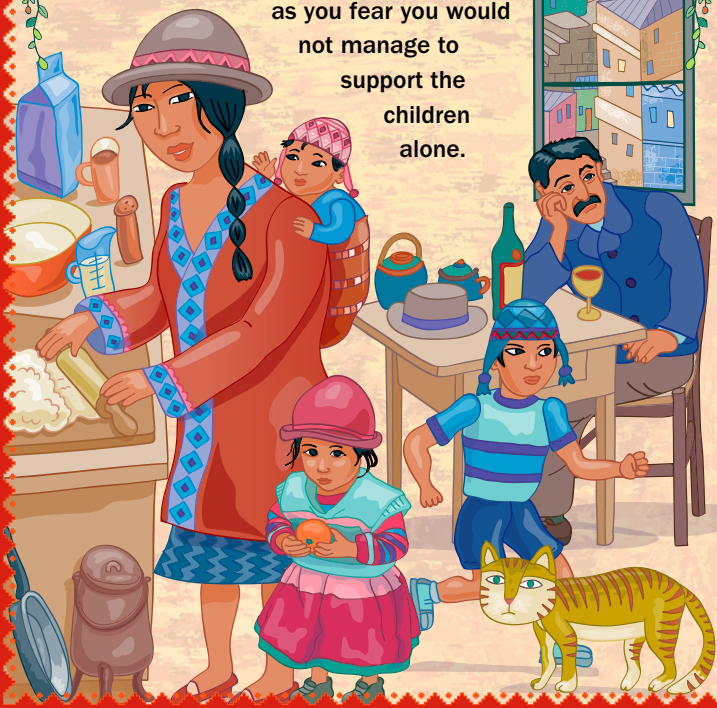


ADELINA

The indigenous stay-at-home mother

You are a 35-year-old indigenous woman, living with domestic violence at the hands of your husband. You do not have a job away from home and have only attained primary-level education. You have three children. You have not left your husband as you fear you would not manage to support the children alone.



GAME PLAY INSTRUCTIONS

Please elaborate your answers as you get into character! Share your character's thoughts and feelings with the group.



Round One

The Climate Change Officer comes to visit. She asks:

Why didn't you come to the neighbourhood meeting about the flooding? Your husband is very controlling and manipulative, he would never let you leave the house for a public meeting in the evening (in fact, the only reason you can speak now is because he left the house to smoke and drink with his friends). You are reluctant to share this reality with the young Officer. You just explain nervously: "I'm really busy, it's complicated, I wouldn't have anything to say anyway, I'm not educated ..."

How has the drought affected you and what would improve your situation? Water intrudes in the house, making everything stink and creating so much clean-up work. Your husband gets so angry, as though it is your fault! If only you had a way out of the situation. Divulge to the Officer that the burden of keeping the family healthy, fed, watered, and safe seems to fall to the women and it's very hard to cope.



Round Two

This time, you attend the climate change meeting.

There is an idea for an organised network of volunteers that would support residents who need practical help during future floods. This sounds promising to you – especially if there's a women-run volunteer group (your husband would be furious if he thought you were volunteering with other men). The consultation meeting divides into small groups and you sit with other women, so it is easier to speak your mind. Respond to the adaptation and resilience plans, and make gentle enquiries about access to services for people suffering from "troubles at home" ...

Discuss with the group.

