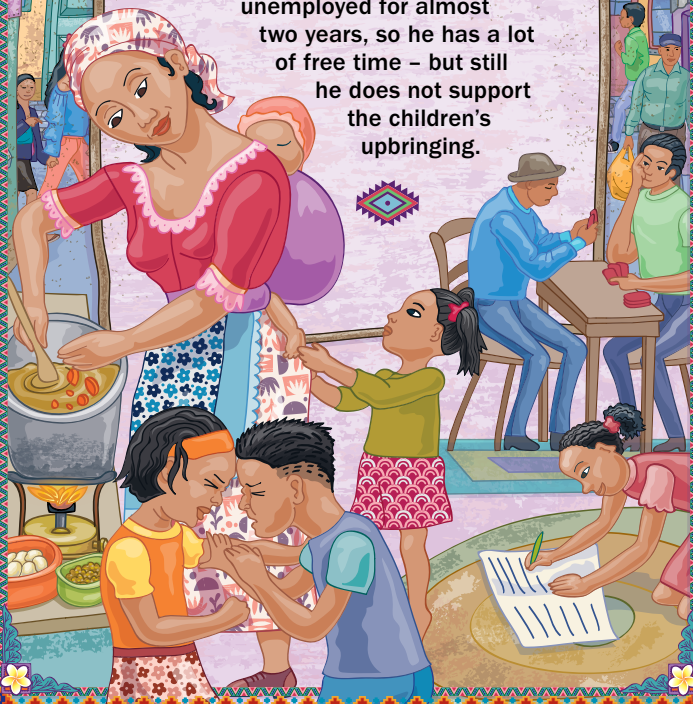


PAULA

The hard-working mother

You are a 32-year-old woman, married with six children. You are the the main breadwinner; the household income depends on your informal cleaning work done in several homes.

Your husband has been unemployed for almost two years, so he has a lot of free time – but still he does not support the children's upbringing.



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? You explain that you have no time and no childcare cover. Discuss how hard-working mothers like you could be more involved in consultations.

How has the neighbourhood flooding affected you and what would improve your situation?

You say you fear for the health and safety of your children but cannot leave your employers' houses in the daytime or you may be fired. You need help, and your husband doesn't provide much.



Round Two

This time, you attend the neighbourhood climate change meeting.

There is an idea for an organised network of volunteers that would support residents who need practical help during future floods. Maybe this network could provide a safety net for you and your children. It would need to involve people you trusted, though.

The idea of volunteering to build river flood defences may appeal to your husband ...

What else is on your mind?

Discuss with the group.

