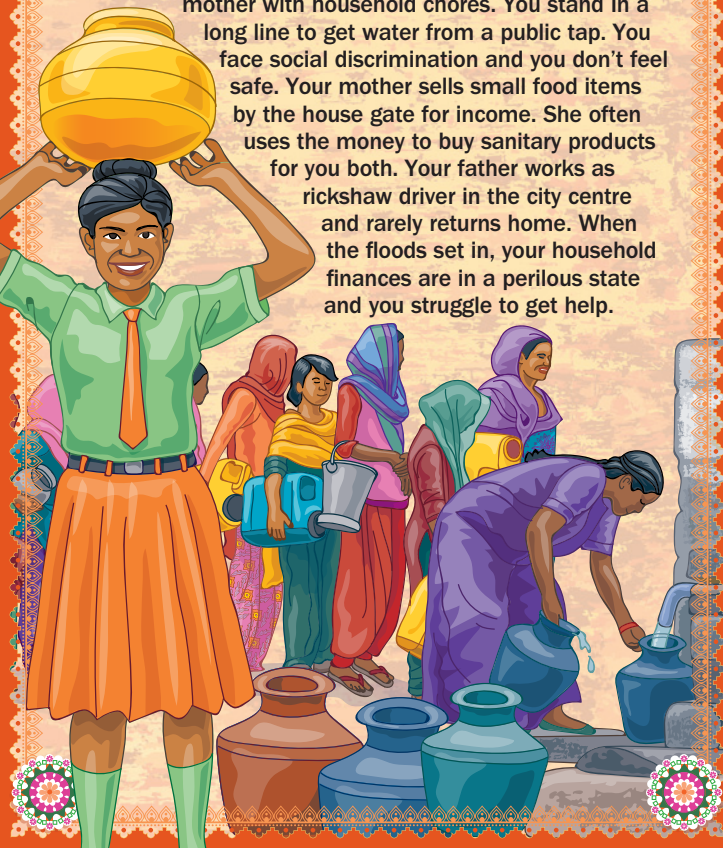




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The teenage girl student

You are a 13-year-old girl from a socially marginalised class. You go to school, and when you get back, you help your mother with household chores. You stand in a long line to get water from a public tap. You face social discrimination and you don't feel safe. Your mother sells small food items by the house gate for income. She often uses the money to buy sanitary products for you both. Your father works as a rickshaw driver in the city centre and rarely returns home. When the floods set in, your household finances are in a perilous state and you struggle to get help.



GAME PLAY INSTRUCTIONS

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



Round One

A Disaster Management Officer from the City Government comes knocking. She asks:

Why didn't you come to the neighbourhood meeting about the floods? You explain that you were helping your mother with household work. You need permission from your mother and a friend to accompany you if you are going out in the evening, as it's not safe.

How have the floods affected you and what would improve your situation? You skip school during water logging and heavy rains as you fear for your security. Your house is a *kuccha* (semi-permanent) house and you must help your mother to keep household items safe. Also, the floods are pushing up the price of food and you and your mother have no savings. If food gets any more expensive, how will you cope?



Round Two

This time, you manage to attend the neighbourhood meeting.

There are various ideas of new projects and programmes to prevent water contamination and appropriate technologies to save water. It sounds interesting to you if there is a way to stop worrying about where fresh water and food will come from ... But you are so stretched already with your household chores and your wish to keep up studies. You can only get involved in a new activity if your personal safety is guaranteed and if it will be worthwhile. You are too young for a loan, you will try to support your mother if she is able to participate.

Discuss with the group.

