

# THE CLIMATE RUN

YOUR RUN AGAINST TIME AND  
DANGEROUS CLIMATE IMPACTS



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# GAME IDEA

## KNOW YOUR PRIVILEGE



### THE BROAD IDEA OF THE GAME ...

is that players are randomly assigned a role. Their role card gives information about their passport, gender identity, health condition, education, profession, and age. These form their privileges and disadvantages for the game. The aim of the game is to win the race against time, the race against the destructive climate impacts.

### EVERY ROUND ...

the game master reads out an event, and depending on the players' preconditions, they can take a step forward. The person standing furthest upfront wins the Climate Run. Each round's event covers direct or indirect threats of the climate crisis. It encourages the players to reflect upon their role's vulnerability, resilience, and opportunities to adapt to the threats of the climate crisis.

### AT THE END ...

the players will stand at very different places in the room and the diverse inequalities between their roles become visible. Based on the game, the game master initiates a discussion about the different privileges and disadvantages people face. Ideally, the players learn about the manifold consequences of the climate crisis and understand that not every person can run from them. They recognize the urgency of immediate and comprehensive climate action and appreciate the need for intersectional perspectives of climate justice.



# RULES

## OF THE CLIMATE RUN



### GAME PREPARATION

#### Choose a game master

- you remain a neutral player
- you read out the Action Cards

#### Role Cards

- randomly draw a role card
- this forms your conditions for the Climate Run

#### Carefully read your Role Card

- anything unclear?  
lookup anything you need to
- anything unmentioned?  
Get creative and make it up

#### Shhhh...

- keep your identity to yourself for the duration of the game
- you will be able to discuss the roles at the end

### LET'S GET STARTED!

#### On your mark, get set, go!

- All players stand up
- Line up at one side of the wall, face the opposite side

#### Each round

- the game master draws a card and reads it out loud
- all players take a step forward ...**unless**, and here comes the catch: your role does not fit the described privilege

#### Numbered Decks

- go through the decks in the right order
- end with the reflection deck

*WITH THAT SAID:*

**RUN ! ... IF YOU CAN**

# ROLE CARDS

**DRAW A CARD**

**FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH  
YOUR ROLE, FILL THE GAPS,  
AND LOOKUP TERMS AND  
INFORMATION, IF NEEDED**

# NIUA (63)



TUVALU, ISLAND IN PACIFIC OCEAN



## MAIN CLIMATE EFFECTS

### Sea-Level-Rise

- islands submerge
- fertile land washed away



### Temperature rise

- coral reef extinction
- heatwaves



### Irregular Rain

- droughts
- water shortages



### Cyclones

- crop failure
- infrastructure damage



## KEY FACTS



TUVALUAN



ACCESS TO 93 COUNTRIES  
WITHOUT A VISA



PRIMARY SCHOOL



CAREWORK FOR FAMILY  
HUSBAND IS FISHER



A PALM TREE SHACK  
NEAR THE BEACH



HEART DISEASE



# ANUVA (27)



ISLAND ON RIVER PADMA, BANGLADESH



## MAIN CLIMATE EFFECTS

### Sea-Level-Rise



- submerge river delta and islands with housing

### Temperature Rise



- health risk for baby

### Cyclones and Floods



- damage infrastructure
- fertile land washed away
- drinking water salinated

### Marine biodiversity loss

- malnutrition
- food insecurity



## KEY FACTS



BENGALI



ACCESS TO 17 COUNTRIES WITHOUT A VISA (ONLY GLOBAL SOUTH COUNTRIES)



ILLITERATE



SEX WORKER



HOME LOST TO A FLOOD

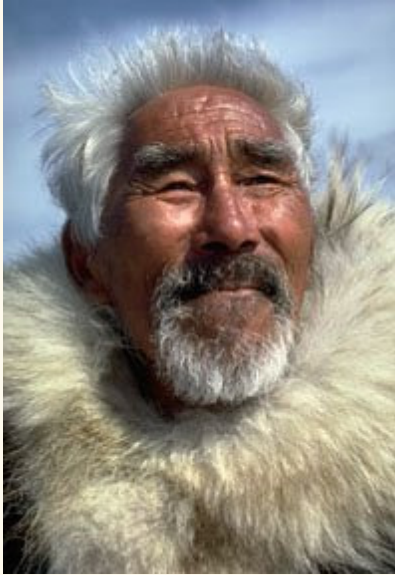


MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES



# MIIZUK (78)

INDIGENOUS LAND, ALASKA



## KEY FACTS



ESKALEUT, ENGLISH



ACCESS TO 129 COUNTRIES WITHOUT A VISA



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION



HUNTER, FISHER



CABIN NEAR ICECAPS



MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, ALCOHOL DEPENDENT



## MAIN CLIMATE EFFECTS

### Warming: Melting Ice-Caps

- loss of hunting grounds
- loss of ice infrastructure
- loss of coastal protection



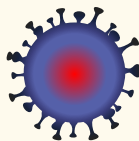
### Cyclones

- vulnerable housing



### Health

- warming allows new species to migrate into the arctic
- bear unknown diseases



### Marine Biodiversity

- food security





# FARIDA (24)



NYANKPALA, GHANA



## MAIN CLIMATE EFFECTS

### Temperature rise

- droughts + erosion
- crop failure / infertility
- increasing pest attacks
- food + economy security



### Irregular Rain

- floods or droughts
- water shortages



### Floods

- infrastructure damage
- access to schools/roads
- access to electricity



## KEY FACTS



GONJA, ENGLISH



ACCESS TO 42 COUNTRIES WITHOUT A VISA (ONLY GLOBAL SOUTH COUNTRIES)



SECONDARY EDUCATION



VEGETABLE FARMER, FOUNDER OF A NGO TO SUPPORT FARMERS



LOAM HOUSE



ABLE-BODIED AND HEALTHY





# SCOTT (31)

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND



## MAIN CLIMATE EFFECTS

### Temperature rise

- better conditions for agriculture
- more healthy outdoor activities possible



### Rainfall changes

- less rain
- summer droughts



### Sea-Level-Rise

- flood protection gets more expensive



## KEY FACTS



ENGLISH



ACCESS TO 136 COUNTRIES WITHOUT A VISA



UNIVERSITY DEGREE



ENGINEER IN THE OIL INDUSTRY



FLAT



DISABLED IN WHEELCHAIR AFTER A CAR ACCIDENT



# INUYUWA (18)



ABORIGINAL LANDS, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA



## MAIN CLIMATE EFFECTS

### Irregular Rain

- crop failure
- droughts / floods



### Temperature rise

- coral reef extinction
- vulnerability to storms
- increased heat stress



### Severe Bushfires

- loss of traditional habitat
- migration into cities
- loss of indigenous knowledge and culture
- trauma



## KEY FACTS



SIGN LANGUAGE



ACCESS TO 128 COUNTRIES WITHOUT A VISA



IN SECONDARY SCHOOL



PARENTS WERE INDIGENOUS FARMERS



LOST TO LAST BUSH FIRES



DEAF-MUTE, ASTHMA



# HASAN (57)



ISTANBUL, TURKEY



## MAIN CLIMATE EFFECTS

### Rainfall changes

- droughts
- water security



### Temperature Rise

- heat stress in cities
- new opportunities for agriculture



### Severe Forest Fires

- infrastructure damage
- investment in property riskier



### Marine Biodiversity

- increased fish prizes



## KEY FACTS



TURKISH, ENGLISH



ACCESS TO 65 COUNTRIES WITHOUT A VISA (MOSTLY GLOBAL SOUTH COUNTRIES)



APPRENTICESHIP



ESTATE AGENT FOR LUXURY APARTMENTS



APARTMENT IN CITY CENTRE



OBESE, BURNED-OUT



# DECK 1

## PRIVILEGE CARDS

THESE CARDS WILL HELP  
UNDERSTANDING YOUR PRE-  
CONDITIONS FOR THE RUN

# PRIVILEGE CARD

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOU HAVE  
UNRESTRICTED ACCESS  
TO THE LABOUR  
MARKET**

# PRIVILEGE CARD

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOUR SEX AND GENDER  
IDENTITY DO NOT LEAD  
TO ANY SOCIETAL  
DISADVANTAGES FOR  
YOU**

# PRIVILEGE CARD

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOU ARE LIKELY TO  
EASILY ACCESS  
HEALTH CARE WHEN  
YOU ARE SICK**



# PRIVILEGE CARD

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOUR HOME IS A  
SAFE SPACE FOR YOU**

# PRIVILEGE CARD

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOUR OR YOUR  
FAMILIES JOB IS  
SOCIALY ACCEPTED  
AND GIVES YOU  
FINANCIAL STABILITY**

# PRIVILEGE CARD

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**PEOPLE LIKE YOU  
ARE LIKELY TO BE  
REPRESENTED IN YOUR  
NATIONAL PARLIAMENT**

# PRIVILEGE CARD

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**CLIMATE CHANGE DOES**

**NOT AFFECT TO WHAT**

**DEGREE YOU CAN**

**CARRY OUT YOUR**

**PROFESSION**

# DECK 2

## CLIMATE EVENTS

THESE ACTION CARDS SHOW A CLIMATE EVENT AND WHAT THAT MIGHT MEAN FOR YOU

# CLIMATE EVENT

After a long period of drought in summer, heavy rainfall and storms hit your country. People near the coast and in vulnerable housing are especially affected.

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOUR HOUSING SITUATION IS  
LIKELY TO PROVIDE YOU  
ADEQUATE PROTECTION FROM  
THE RAINFALL AND STORM**

# CLIMATE EVENT

Extreme rainfall, droughts, and water shortages lead to crop failure and make food production costlier. Not everyone can afford the increased prices.

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOU ARE LIKELY TO STILL  
AFFORD A BALANCED DIET FOR  
YOU AND THOSE YOU HAVE CARE  
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR**



# CLIMATE EVENT

Extreme heat, fires, and heavy rains can destroy important infrastructures such as roads, schools, and healthcare. Especially those in remote areas and need for medication are vulnerable.

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOU HAVE FALLBACK OPTIONS IN  
CASE OF INFRASTRUCTURE  
FAILURE**

# CLIMATE EVENT

**Sea acidification!** The Ocean absorbs around 30% of emitted CO<sub>2</sub>. This slows down global warming but causes seawater to acidify. Coral reefs bleach and eventually die. One of their functions is to protect coastal areas from storms and waves.

**DO NOT STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOU LIVE IN A COASTAL AREA  
AND ARE LIKELY TO BE EXPOSED  
TO EXTREME SEA-LEVEL RISE.**

# CLIMATE EVENT

**Heatwave!** This summer is outstandingly hot. Some pre-conditions make people more likely to suffer from extreme heat. This includes the elderly, young children, and people with health conditions like obesity, heart issues, or those taking antidepressant medication.

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOU ARE NOT PARTICULARLY  
VULNERABLE TO HEATWAVES OR  
CAN PROTECT YOURSELF  
THROUGH AIR CONDITIONING**

# CLIMATE EVENT

**Heavy Bushfires!** The ongoing drought has led to heavy bushfires in areas with high tree volumes. Especially populations working outside or with health conditions such as asthma are vulnerable to fires.

**DO NOT STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOU ARE LIKELY TO SUFFER  
FROM HEAVY BUSHFIRES  
IN YOUR REGION**

# CLIMATE EVENT

**Water shortage!** Rainfall outages, salination of groundwater, and drying up mountain springs can cause dangerous water shortages. Particularly farmers and poor populations are vulnerable.

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOU ARE LIKELY TO HAVE  
UNLIMITED ACCESS TO CLEAN  
DRINKING WATER EVEN DURING  
A DROUGHT**

# CLIMATE EVENT

Taking all these events into consideration, imagine your life in 10 years.

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOU THINK YOU WILL HAVE A  
UNBURDENED FUTURE**

# DECK 3

## ADAPTION CARDS

**CAN YOU ADAPT TO THE  
MANIFOLD CLIMATE IMPACTS  
OR WILL YOU FALL BEHIND IN  
THE RUN?**



# ADAPTION CARD

**DO NOT STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOU ARE LIKELY TO**

**EXPERIENCE FOOD**

**SCARCITY OR**

**MALNUTRITION DUE TO**

**CLIMATE EVENTS**

# ADAPTION CARD

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**YOU COULD AFFORD  
CLIMATE INSURANCE  
TO INSURE YOU IN  
CASE OF A CLIMATE  
DISASTER**

# ADAPTION CARD

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**IN CASE OF A CLIMATE  
DISASTER, YOUR PASSPORT  
WOULD ALLOW YOU TO  
MIGRATE TO A SAFER  
GLOBAL NORTH COUNTRY**

# ADAPTION CARD

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**IN CASE OF A CLIMATE  
DISASTER, YOUR FINANCIAL  
BUDGED WOULD ALLOW YOU  
TO MIGRATE TO A SAFER  
COUNTRY**

# ADAPTION CARD

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**IN CASE YOU NEED TO SEEK  
CLIMATE REFUGE IN A  
FOREIGN COUNTRY, YOUR  
LANGUAGE SKILLS WOULD  
ENABLE YOU TO INTEGRATE**

# ADAPTION CARD

**DO NOT STEP FORWARD IF ...**

**THE CLIMATE CRISIS IS  
LIKELY TO LIMIT THE  
EXTEND TO WHICH YOU  
CAN PRACTISE YOUR  
CULTURE**

# ADAPTION CARD

**DO NOT GO FORWARD IF ...**

**CLIMATE ANXIETY IS  
LIKELY TO AFFECT  
YOUR MENTAL HEALTH**



# DECK 4

## REFLECTION CARDS

LET US REFLECT TOGETHER:  
HOW DID YOU DO IN THE RUN?  
AND WHY?

# REFLECTION CARD

**LOOK AROUND  
YOU. WHERE IN  
THE ROOM DID  
YOU END UP?  
DO YOU STAND  
FAR APART FROM  
OTHER PLAYERS?**

# REFLECTION CARD

**WHICH ROLE  
CHARACTERISTICS  
PARTICULARLY  
INFLUENCED YOUR  
POSITION IN THE  
ROOM?**

# REFLECTION CARD

**DID SOME OF YOUR  
CHARACTERISTICS  
INTERSECT WITH  
OTHERS?**

**IF SO, HOW?**

# REFLECTION CARD

**WHAT DID YOU  
LEARN THROUGH  
YOUR ROLE?**

**WHAT SURPRISED  
YOU THE MOST?**

# REFLECTION CARD

**IS THERE  
ANYTHING YOU  
WERE NOTABLE  
TO UNDERSTAND?**

# REFLECTION CARD

**CAN YOU  
IDENTIFY WITH  
YOUR ROLE?**

**IN HOW FAR DO  
YOU DIFFER?**

# REFLECTION CARD

**WHICH ROLE IN  
THE GAME IS THE  
FURTHEST  
BEHIND?**

**WHY?**



# REFLECTION CARD

**WHICH ROLE IN THE  
GAME IS MOST  
PRIVILEGED?**

**WHAT MAKES THAT  
PERSON SO  
PRIVILEGED?**

# REFLECTION CARD

**IMAGINE PLAYING  
THE CLIMATE RUN  
WITH YOUR OWN  
IDENTITY.  
WHERE IN THE ROOM  
DO YOU THINK YOU  
WOULD STAND?**

# REFLECTION CARD

**WHAT DO YOU TAKE  
AWAY FROM THIS  
GAME?**

**IS THERE ANYTHING  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
DO?**

**WELL DONE!**

**THANK YOU FOR  
PLAYING THE  
CLIMATE RUN WITH  
US!**

**IT IS GREAT TO SEE YOU ALL  
ENGAGING WITH THESE  
IMPORTANT CHALLENGES.**

# **SOLIDARITY**

**LET US USE OUR VOICES  
TO MAKE THE VOICES OF  
THE MOST VULNERABLE  
HEARD!**

**NOT EVERYONE CAN DO THE  
CLIMATE RUN. LET US STAND  
IN SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT  
WITH THOSE WHO WOULD  
OTHERWISE BE LEFT BEHIND.**

# SUPPORT

**LEARNING ABOUT GLOBAL  
INJUSTICE AND CLIMATE  
CHANGE IMPACTS CAN BE  
SCARY.**

***IF YOU STRUGGLE WITH MENTAL  
HEALTH ISSUES TALK TO SOMEONE.***

**THE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BREATHING SPACE IS AVAILABLE  
UNDER 0800 83 85 87**

# STAND TOGETHER

