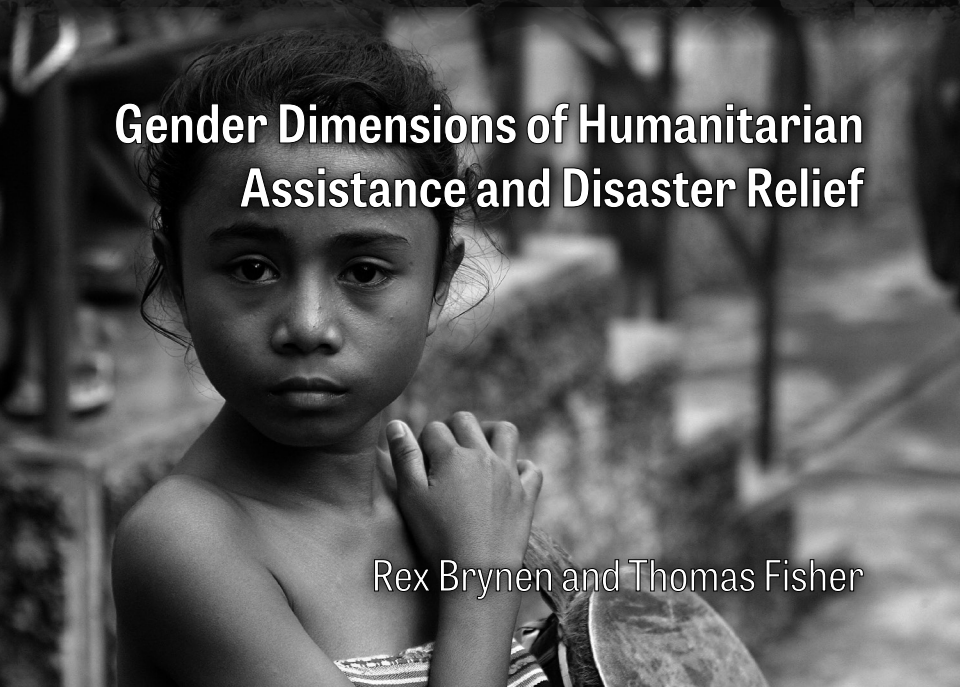
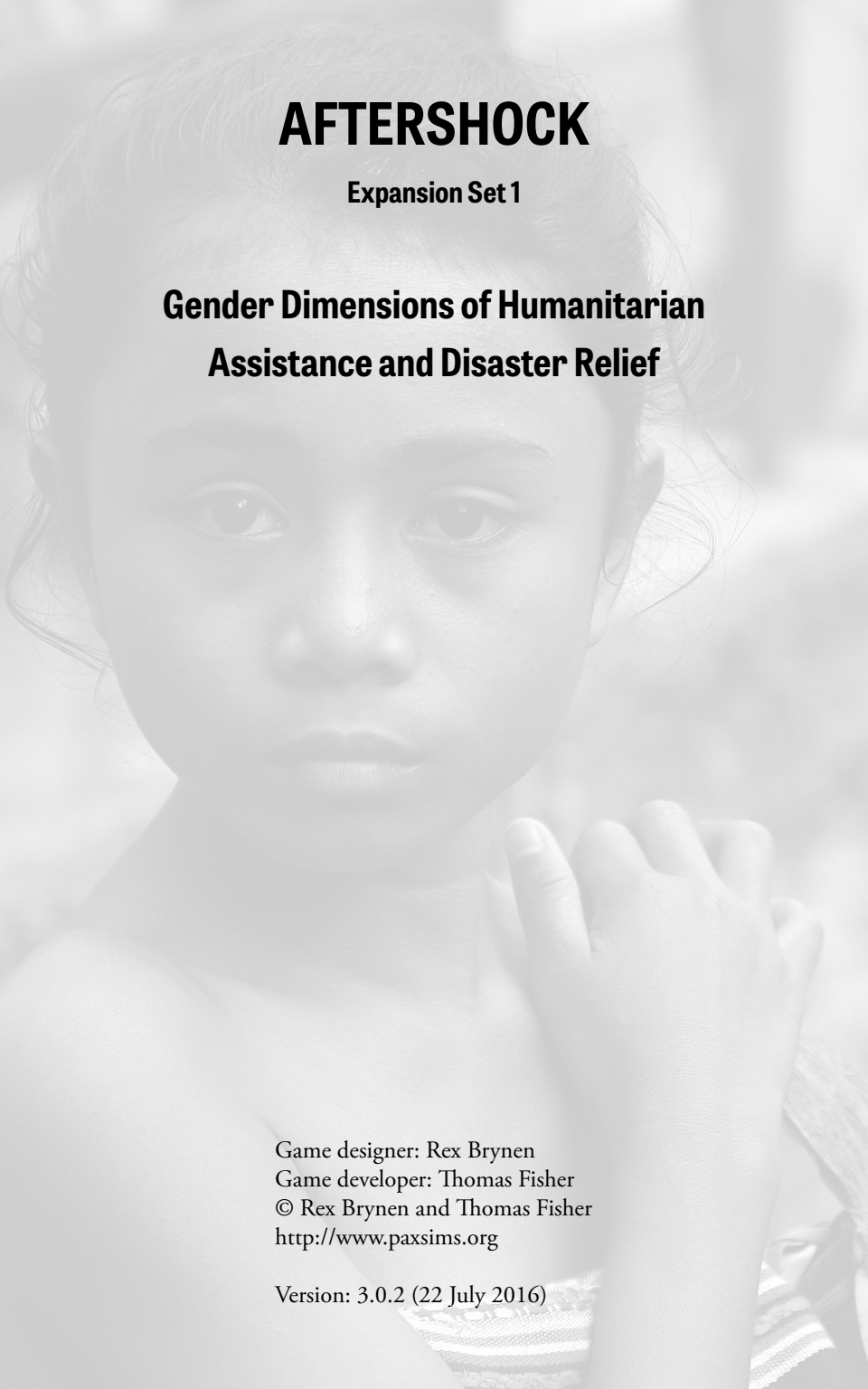
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COMPONENTS

This expansion set includes the following items:

1 Coordination card*
3 Event cards*
12 Challenge cards



*additional blank cards have been added for customization.

EVENT, COORDINATION, AND CHALLENGE CARDS

Remove the *Preparedness* card from the Coordination deck. It is no longer used. Add the new Coordination card included in this expansion (*Gender Focal Point*) in its place.

Remove the *Protection* card from the Event deck and set it aside. It now enters play via a Challenge card. Also remove the *Now Longer News* and *Landslides* cards.

Add the three new Event cards included with this expansion to the existing deck.

Shuffle the Challenge deck and place the cards face-down near the Calendar display.

CHALLENGE PHASE

This expansion introduces a Challenge Phase at the end of each game turn. This takes place immediately after the NGO player has completed their player turn, and before the turn track is advanced.

Each Challenge card lists a series of requirements to be met during the forthcoming game turn. These conditions might involve:

- assigning a team to the card (by placing the team on top of the Challenge card during a player's Human Resource Phase). The card will indicate on the right side of the Requirements box which players are eligible to place such a team.
- allocating a relief supply to the card (by moving it from a local warehouse to the Challenge card during a player's Relief Phase). The card will indicate the type (color) of relief supply required. If a grey cube is shown a supply of any type may be used.

During each Challenge Phase, players collectively undertake the following two steps:

First, check to see if the requirements of the current face-up Challenge card have been met. (Skip this step on Days 1-2, since no card will yet be face up.)

- If the requirements have been met, follow the instructions listed under SUCCESS. In some cases the player who assigned the team to the card will be permitted to retain the card and use any capabilities listed on it for the remainder of the game. Otherwise, set the card aside in a discard pile.
- If the listed conditions are not met, follow the instructions listed under FAILURE. Set the card aside in a discard pile.
- Any team that was assigned to the card is returned to the owning player, and may be reassigned to a new task during their next human resource phase. (The only exceptions to this are the *Protection* and *Gender-Sensitive Needs Assessment* cards, both of which require that a team remain assigned to them for the duration of the game.) Any supplies assigned to the card are returned to the container.

Second, the players together draw the top face-down Challenge card and place it face-up beside the deck. This will be the challenge they face during the next game turn.

EXAMPLE:

During the Challenge Phase at the end of Days 1-2 the players draw the top face-down card from the Challenge deck and place it face-up. The card in this case is *Community Food Kitchen Initiative*.

Next game turn Carana allocates a food supply to the card during their Relief Phase. Later, the NGO player assigns a team to the card during their Human Resources Phase.

During the Challenge Phase at the end of Days 3-4, the players check the Challenge card. In this case, the card requires one team and one food supply. Since those requirements have been met, the SUCCESS effects of the card are applied. The players then draws a single new Challenge card for Days 5-7.



USING EXPANSION SETS WITH AFTERSHOCK

Gender Dimensions of Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief is the first expansion set for AFTERSHOCK. It is possible to customize this expansion using the blank cards provided.

This expansion is also designed so that it can be combined in whole or part with other future expansions. If you use components from more than one expansion set, the players or game facilitator should decide which Event, Coordination, and Challenge cards will be added to the game:

- You may mix together any number of Challenge cards from different sets. Note that the Gender Focal Point coordination card only allows a player to pick a gender card from the Challenge deck, not a card from any of the other expansions (the type of card is noted on the reverse side).
- We recommend that you remove an Event card for each new one added. The Event cards that are removed should not be of the sort that requires a district to be resolved (E-9 to E-29, E-33).

Because of the additional phase introduced by the expansion set, 15 minutes should be added to overall game play time when using the timed game.

NOTE FOR INSTRUCTORS

The expansion sets for AFTERSHOCK are designed to highlight particular sets of issues without excessively complicating or lengthening game play. They are also designed to force players to think about priorities, trade-offs, and opportunity costs. It may not always be the case, for example, that meeting a gender challenge should be a player's top priority, especially when they face many other urgent demands on their time and resources. On the other hand, if players systematically fail to address the gender dimensions of humanitarian assistance their overall score will certainly suffer as the game progresses.

You may also find that, during a hectic game, players "forget" about the current gender challenge as they concentrate on other things. This should be seen as a teachable moment as to how gender issues may get lost in both the routine and turmoil of humanitarian operations. Moreover, players are sure to realize their mistake when the next challenge phase arrives and they face a penalty for their failure to address important gender-related needs!

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CARD	PHOTO CREDIT	COMMENT
Cover	UN Photo Evan Schneider	
CH-101	UN Photo Evan Schneider	Humanitarian crises often affect men, boys, women, and girls in different way. Female survivors may be especially vulnerable. Cultural norms may assign primary family care responsibility to women. Employment opportunities may vary too. For all of these reasons it is essential that needs assessments include a gender perspective.
CH-102	UNFPA Pirilani Semu-Banda	Maternal and infant health may be at particular risk in the aftermath of disaster. Moreover, support for family planning helps families manage their futures more effectively.
CH-103	UN Photo Olivier Chassot	In some contexts, women may be less directly involved in conflict and thus able to promote solutions.
CH-104	UN Photo Fred Noy	Failure to appreciate the complexities of local norms and culture—including those surrounding gender issues—can put operations at risk of mishap.
CH-105	UNDP Armenia	Local actors are the most important resource in any humanitarian disaster. Women's groups may be among those in the forefront of local response.

CARD	PHOTO CREDIT	COMMENT
CH-106	UN Photo Evan Schneider	In order to reduce problems of diversion, theft, or violence and to increase the likelihood that aid reaches families, it may be useful to target women for aid distribution.
CH-107	UN Photo Pasqual Gorriz	Sanitation facilities are essential to good health, but if poorly planned can put women and girls at risk.
CH-108	UN Photo Eskinder Debebe	Community food initiatives, often led by women, can be an important component of local self-help in a disaster. Outside actors can act to support these.
CH-109	UN Photo UNHCR	Individuals and families need more than a tent or roof for shelter: bedding, clothes, and safe heating/ cooking facilities are also important.
CH-110	Flickr André Thiel	With humanitarian crisis comes psychological stress, the fracturing of families, weakened rule of law, and the potential for greater sexual and gender-based violence.
CH-111	WFP Rein Skullerud	Protection is usually one of the clusters in the humanitarian cluster system. Here it has been depicted in a Challenge card to highlight its importance.

CARD	PHOTO CREDIT	COMMENT
CH-112	UN Photo Logan Abassi	The destruction of schools in a disaster not only hampers education and opportunities for healthy childhood development, but also places additional burdens on already overwhelmed parents.
CO-101	CDC Preetha Iyengar	A gender focal point can help to highlight the gender-related needs of women and girls (or men and boys).
E-101	UN Photo Ky Chung	Peace, stabilization, and aid operations have sometimes been marred by inappropriate behavior by personnel who exploit the vulnerabilities of disaster-affected women and girls. Training and sustained organizational attention to this issue are essential.
E-102	Flickr Michael Knapek	With humanitarian crisis comes psychological stress, the fracturing of families, weakened rule of law, and the potential for greater sexual and gender-based violence.
E-103	UN Photo/AFP	It hardly makes you or your organization more effective in the field if the local population thinks you are insensitive jerks.



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