
Role Play



The Case of Kathya

Age: 35
Nationality: Babalstan

“Kathya recalls having mixed feelings about her marriage; she was young and did not know the groom as the union was arranged by her parents. She states that her husband first started beating her two years after they married, sometime in 2005. The problems started when she wanted to buy furniture for the house such a children’s bed, chairs and cupboard. Her husband had sold several items to purchase the requested furniture but became angry and started hitting Kathya every time he thought of the items he sold.

Kathya’s husband continued to be physically abusive from then on, triggered by the said furniture or intoxication. The Applicant states that Roberto abused her as frequently as once a week, but usually beat her once a month with his hands, a stick or any object within reach. Roberto had stepped on the Applicant, beat her on her back, pulled her hair and banged her head against the wall to which she attributes her persistent headaches. At times, the Applicant was threatened with a knife against her throat. He used to abuse her in front of their two daughters. The Applicant states that she had first reported the abuse to her parents and siblings who attempted to speak to Roberto. Their efforts fell on deaf ears as her husband had little respect for the Applicant’s family; the Applicant adds that her relatives in her neighbourhood were too afraid to intervene and the local police were reluctant to interfere despite being aware of her situation as they saw it as a family/private matter. The Applicant tried to divorce her husband in several occasions. In one occasion she went to a neighbouring village after being severely beaten and was cared for by some friends. Two weeks later, she was visited by her sibling who persuaded her to go home. Left with no other alternative or option, the Applicant remained with her husband and followed him to a third country where they both sought asylum in 2017. After the asylum interview, the eligibility officer offered her a referral to SGBV services and she agreed”

Additional Information:

After an assessment of needs, the SGBV case manager developed an action plan with Kathya and started the implementation with relevant actors and service providers. During a follow-up intervention, the survivor requested additional support since violence has drastically escalated at home. This time her husband threatened her with a weapon and raped her. He also forced her daughter to beat Kathya up. In view of the situation, the case manager convened an emergency case management conference in consultation with the survivor

Instructions:

After dividing roles: case manager, service providers (e.g. health, legal, psychologist, director of safe shelter), UNHCR protection officer, and government protection/asylum/immigration officers), please discuss the below questions and develop a draft action plan to discuss it with Kathya. You can use the ACTION Planning template provided to you.

- 1) What are the most critical needs of Kathya?
- 2) What are the actions you would like to prioritize when implementing your action plan?
- 3) What are the actions you intend to take at long term?
- 4) Are you anticipating any risks during the implementation?