

Your Case Studies

Case Study (approximately 30 minutes including Questions)

The following case study can be read out or described to your group in your own words.

CASE STUDY 1: ESMA'S STORY- RENT IS UNAFFORDABLE AND HOUSING IS INSECURE

Aim: 1. To demonstrate that private rental housing can be unaffordable and insecure

1. To demonstrate that help is available to find affordable housing

Esma and her husband have been living in Australia for the past 20 years.

When Esma was in her 80's she and her husband moved in with her son and his family. Despite loving her grandchildren, Esma needed her peace and couldn't stand them playing and running around the house all the time.

She and her husband decided to move out and looked for an appropriate property. A lady who was from the same country as them agreed to rent them a property for three months but under her conditions; without a real estate agency being involved and accepting payment in cash only. She refused to do any modifications to the apartment to accommodate for Esma's husband, who needed hand rails to and ramps after having a stroke. They were told if they wish to go through regular channels the rent will significantly go up. Esma and her husband felt trapped and blackmailed.

Esma does not know what to do about this as her son doesn't show interest in helping them. They do not have a lot of money and won't be able to afford rent increase or pay higher rent somewhere else.

Esma i njen muž žive u Australiji zadnjih 20 godina.

Kad je Esma bila u osamdesetim godinama, zajedno s mužem preselila se kod sina i njegove porodice. Iako je mnogo voljela unučad, Esma je bio potreban mir i nije mogla da podnese njihovu igru i trčanje po kući cijeli dan.

Ona i njen muž su se odlučili iseliti i tražili su odgovarajući smještaj. Jedna gospođa koja je došla iz iste zemlje kao i oni, pristala je da im iznajmi stan na tri mjeseca, ali pod njenim uslovima: bez uključivanja agencije za iznajmljivanje

stambeni prostora i isključivo je tražila da se kirija plaća u gotovini. Odbila je provesti bilo koje modifikacije u stanu koje su bile potrebne Esminom mužu nakon pretrpljenog moždanog udara kao što su rukohvati i platforme. Rečeno im ukoliko se odluče iznajmljivati stan po normalnim uslovima kirija bi im se značajno povećala. Esma i njen muž osjećali su se zarobljeni i ucijenjeni.

Esma ne zna šta da uradi, a njen sin ne pokazuje nikakav interes da im pomogne. Oni nemaju mnogo novca i ne mogu si priuštiti povećanje kirije ili da plaćaju skuplju kiriju na nekom drugom mjestu.

Key Messages:

- ✓ Renting can be insecure
- ✓ If you live in private rental housing and you need modifications, the land lord does not have to install them.
- ✓ Home at Last can help you to get modifications if you need them.
- ✓ Public housing is a good alternative as it is suitable for people as they age. You can always get modifications done to the house if you need them.
- ✓ The wait time for public housing may be short if you are over 55.
- ✓ Home at Last can help you to find housing that is suitable to your needs.

These key messages will come out in your discussion with the group

Questions:

1. What is Esma's issue with regards to her new housing?
2. How would Esma approach his problem differently in Bosnia, compared to Australia?
3. Where can Esma go for help?
4. Is private rental housing the only option for Esma?

Pitanja:

- 1. Koji su Esmini problemi u vezi novog smještaja?**
- 2. Kako bi Esma pristupila ovom problemu u Bosni, u usporedbi s Australijom?**
- 3. Kome se Esma može obratiti da potraži pomoć?**
- 4. Da li je iznajmljivanje stana na privatnom tržištu jedina opcija za Esmu?**

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CASE STUDY 2: MINA - ELDER ABUSE AND HOUSING ISSUES

Aim: 1. To discuss housing options

- 1. To demonstrate that family can also mistreat one another, and this is not acceptable.**

Mina lived in a public housing flat on her own before her son moved in to live with her. Their relationship was relatively good until he got married and had a child with his wife. As the flat was getting too small for a family of four tension started to rise and Mina was exposed to regular abuse.

She was looking to leave but her son insisted she should stay as he would lose the carers allowance payment. Despite everything Mina decided to stay as she thought if she stayed, her son will keep receiving the allowance and that will keep her safe from abuse.

Down the track verbal abuse turned into physical violence where police had to intervene and Mina was placed into refuge accommodation. Mina didn't know where to turn.

Mina je sama živjela u državnom stanu prije nego što se njen sin uselio kod nje. Njihov odnos je bio prilično dobar, sve dok se njen sin nije oženio i dobio dijete sa svojom suprugom. Stan je postao premali za četveročlanu porodicu, i situacija je postajala sve više napeta i Mina je postala izložena svakodnevnom zlostavljanju.

Željela je da se iseli, ali njen sin je insistirao da ostane živjeti s njima, jer bi u suprotnom izgubio doplatak za njenog njegovatelja. Uprkos svemu, Mina je odlučila da ostane, mislila je kako će je njen sin, kada nastavi primati doplatak na osnovu nje, prestati da je zlostavlja.

Vremenom se verbalno zlostavljanje pretvorilo u fizičko nasilje pri čemu je policija morala intervenirati i Minu su smjestili u utočište. Mina nije znala kome da se obrati za pomoć.

Key Messages:

- ✓ All abuse is unacceptable and help is available
- ✓ If you are being abused or mistreated, Home at Last can help you to find somewhere else to live
- ✓ Home at Last can help you to find a house that is affordable and that you can stay in for your whole life if you wish

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Questions:

1. What happened to Mina?
2. How do you think Mina felt when her son was abusing her?
3. What advice would you give to Mina?
4. Do you think Mina should move somewhere else? Why?
5. Who can help Mina to get somewhere affordable to live?

Pitanja:

- 1. Šta se desilo Mini?**
- 2. Šta mislite, kako je se Mina osjećala dok ju je sin zlostavljao?**
- 3. Kakav savjet bi Vi dali Mini?**
- 4. Da li mislite da bi se Mina trebala preseliti negdje drugo? Zašto?**
- 5. Tko može pomoći Mini da dobije smještatj sa pristupačnom cijenom?**

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CASE STUDY 3: HARIS AND HIS MOTHER

Aim: 1. To discuss the issue of family conflict.

2. To discuss how to find help to find somewhere affordable to live

Haris lives with his elderly mother. Haris is his mother's primary carer. Haris is hiding his homosexuality and his partner from his mother as she would not approve. Haris's partner has moved in with the family; however the mother believes that the partner is just a close friend of Haris's.

Ever since the partner has moved in, Haris's mother is feeling as though she is not given enough attention and is not prioritized enough. Conflicts between the family members have worsened since the partner has moved in.

Haris wants to find appropriate accommodation for his mother, where she can get an aged care package. Haris still agrees to be his mother's primary care provider when she settles in her new accommodation.

Haris živi sa svojom starijom majkom. Haris je njen stalni njegovatelj. Haris od majke krije svoju homoseksualnost i svog partnera jer zna da njegova majka to ne bi mogla prihvatiti. Harisov partner se uselio kod njih, ali Harisova majka misli da je on samo Harisov dobar prijatelj.

Od kada se partner uselio, Harisova majka osjeća da ne prima dovoljno pažnje i da joj nije pružen odgovarajući prioritet. Sukobi među članovima porodice su se pogoršali otkada se Harisov partner uselio.

Haris želi svojoj majci pronaći prikladan smještaj u kojem bi ona mogla primati paket usluga za starije osobe. S time da Haris i dalje želi biti majčin osnovni njegovatelj i kada se ona preseli u novi smještaj.

Questions:

1. What is the main issue Haris is facing?
2. How would things be different in Bosnia?
3. Where can you get help and information about housing in Victoria?
4. What advice would you give Haris in this situation?
5. What advice would you give Haris's mother in this situation?

Key Messages:

- ✓ Your family situation may change as you age and there is no guarantee that you will always be able to live with your family.
- ✓ You or your family members may have to find somewhere else to live.
- ✓ Home at Last can help you to find housing that is suitable to your needs.

These key messages will come out in your discussion with the group

Pitanja:

- 1. S kojim osnovnim problemom se Haris susreće?**
- 2. Na koji način bi stvari bile drugačije u Bosni?**
- 3. Gdje možete dobiti pomoć i informacije o državnom smještaju u Viktoriji?**
- 4. Kakav savjet bi Vi dali Harisu u ovoj situaciji?**