

## 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: ANICA'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**

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

*When Anica was in her 80's she and her husband moved in with her son and his family. Despite loving her grandchildren, Anica 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 Anica'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. Anica and her husband felt trapped and blackmailed.*

*Anica 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.*

*Anica and i njen suprug žive u Australiji već 20 godina.*

*U Anicinim osamdesetim godinama, sa suprugom se preselila kod sina i njegove obitelji. Premda je jako voljela unuke, Anici je bio potreban mir i nije mogla podnijeti dječju igru i trčanje kući po cijeli dan.*

*Ona i muž su se odlučili iseliti i tražili su prikladan smještaj. Gospođa koja je došla iz iste zemlje kao i oni, pristala je iznajmiti im stambeni prostor na tri mjeseca, ali pod njenim uvjetima: bez uključivanja agencije za promet nekretninama i isključivo plaćanjem u gotovini. Odbila je provesti stambene modifikacije koje bi koristile*

*Anicinom suprugu kojemu su nakon pretrpljenog moždanog udara bili potrebni rukohvati i platforme. Rečeno im je da bi im se stanarina značajno povećala u slučaju da se odluče unajmljivati po normalnim uvjetima. Anica i njen suprug osjećali su se zarobljeni i ucijenjeni.*

*Anica ne zna što učiniti, a njen sin ne pokazuje nikakav interes da im pomogne. Nemaju dosta novaca i ne mogu si priuštiti povećanje stanarine, niti plaćati skuplju stanarinu negdje drugdje.*

#### 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 Anica's issue with regards to her new housing?
2. How would Anica approach this problem differently in Croatia, compared to Australia?
3. Where can Anica go for help?
4. Is private rental housing the only option for Anica?

#### Pitanja:

1. Koji su Anicini problemi u svezi novog stambenog smještaja?
2. Kako bi Anica pristupila ovom problemu u Hrvatskoj, u usporedbi s Australijom?
3. Gdje Anica može potražiti pomoć?
4. Da li je unajmljivanje stana na privatnom tržištu Anicina jedina opcija?

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## **CASE STUDY 2: ANA- 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.**

*Ana lived 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 Ana 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 Ana 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 Ana was placed into refuge accommodation. Ana didn't know where to turn.*

***Ana je sama živjela u društvenom stanu prije no što se njen sin uselio kod nje. Njihov je odnos bio relativno dobar, sve dok se sin nije oženio i dobio dijete sa svojom suprugom. Budući da je stan postao premali za četveročlanu obitelj, situacija je postajala sve napetija i Ana je postala izložena svakodnevnom zlostavljanju.***

***Namjeravala se iseliti, ali je njen sin insistirao da ostane živjeti s njima, jer bi u suprotnom izgubio doplatak za njegovatelja. Unatoč svemu, Ana je odlučila ostati misleći kako će je njen sin, kada nastavi primati doplatak, prestati zlostavljati.***

***Vremenom se verbalno zlostavljanje pretvorilo u fizičko nasilje pri čemu je policija morala intervenirati i Ana je smještena u utočište. Ana nije znala kome se obratiti.***

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

**Pitanja:**

1. Što se dogodilo Ani?
2. Kako mislite da se Ana osjećala dok ju je sin zlostavljao?
3. Kakav biste savjet dali Ani?
4. Mislite li da bi se Ana trebala preseliti negdje drugdje? Zašto?
5. Tko može pomoći Ani da dobije cijenom pristupačan smještaj?

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## **CASE STUDY 2: DAMIR AND HIS MOTHER**

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

**1. To discuss how to find help to find somewhere affordable to live**

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

*Ever since the partner has moved in, Damir'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.*

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

***Damir živi sa svojom starijom majkom. Damir je njen osnovni njegovatelj. Damir od majke krije svoju homoseksualnost i svog partnera, budući da njegova majka to ne bi mogla prihvatiti. Damirov partner se uselio k njima, ali Damirova majka vjeruje da je on samo Damirov bliski prijatelj.***

***Od kada se partner uselio, Damirova majka osjeća da ne dobiva dovoljno pažnje i da joj nije pružen dovoljan prioritet. Konflikti među članovima obitelji su se pogoršali otkada se Damirov partner uselio.***

***Damir majci želi pronaći prikladan smještaj u kojem bi ona mogla primati paket usluga za starije osobe. Damir i dalje želi biti majčin osnovni njegovatelj i kada se ona preseli u novi smještaj.***

**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*

**Questions:**

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

**Pitanja:**

- 1. S kojim osnovnim problemom se Damir susreće?**
- 2. Na koji način bi stvari bile drugačije u Hrvatskoj?**
- 3. Gdje možete dobiti pomoć i informacije o stambenom smještaju u Viktoriji?**
- 4. Kakav savjet biste dali Damiru u ovoj situaciji?**
- 5. Kakav savjet biste dali Damirovoj majci u ovoj situaciji?**