HANDOUT 16.1 INTRODUCE AND GET CONSENT

Case Studies:

Salma’s parents removed her from school at the age of 9 because they didn’t think school was important for girls. Her situation at home is very difficult. Salma is unable to talk to her parents about anything. Now that Salma is 11 her parents are planning her marriage. Salma wants to go back to school and does not want to get married. She often speaks with her old school teacher about learning on her own and her future.

Mariam has been married to her husband for just under 6 months. He has forced her to have sex with him since their wedding, when she was 13. Mariam doesn’t want to go home because she fears her husband. She often spends time with her mother, who understands that Mariam is unhappy. Mariam has a hard time understanding complex tasks and gets confused when multiple people are talking to her.

At the age of 16, Rokaiya continues to attend school while her parents prepare for her impending marriage, a plan that has been in place since Rokaiya was 3 years old. Rokaiya is apprehensive about the marriage, but she has arranged to continue her studies after she gets married and has made some money which she then saved for any emergencies should the marriage not go well.