HANDOUT 7.1 STRENGTHS-BASED PERSPECTIVE

Case Study:

You are working with a couple, 23 year-old Cesarine and her husband, 40 year-old Geoffroy. Cesarine and Geoffroy have been married for nearly 10 years; Cesarine’s family felt that it would be best for her to have a husband to provide for and protect her in the camps, especially at her age. Cesarine discloses to you that Geoffroy has been sexually and physically abusive from the beginning of their marriage. She tried to leave him once, but he threatened her sister so she was frightened and went back. She wants a divorce but her family doesn’t want her to shame them or herself. She is not working and never has worked. She generally stays home, cooks, cleans, and helps take care of children and the elderly in the camp. She sought mediation before through her church, supportive community members, and friends, but it did not result in any change which is why she is asking you for help. She says, *“I am scared that I will be blamed for these problems, named a bad woman, and be forced to stay with Geoffroy here.”*

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