HANDOUT 15A.1 IPV SAFETY ASSESSMENT

**Case Study:**

Mariam’s husband has been regularly beating her for years. Mariam has explained to you that he tends to become more violent after he has spent time drinking coffee and smoking with his friends, coming home late, hungry, and angry from the negative stories all of the men tell about their wives. Mariam spends much of her time in the kitchen and explains that she will often keep busy preparing food when her husband gets home from these late nights. Mariam sometimes calls out to her children when her husband is violent, trying to remind him that there are others in the home who should not see the violence. Additionally, Mariam sometimes talks to her friends who live near her home. They have told her to seek help from the Imam.

**SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROMPTS/ QUESTIONS**

**1. Assess survivor’s sense of safety in home**

**2. Identify patterns of abuse**

* Can you tell me about some of the times you have felt most unsafe around your husband/partner?
* What have you noticed about your husband/partner during those times when you feel unsafe? (What is he doing? What is his state of mind like?)
* What is happening around you during those times when you feel unsafe? (Are you in a particular place? Is it a certain time of day? Are you alone with him? If not, who is with you?)
* Have you noticed anything in particular that comes before the violence?

**3. Summary of Risk Assessment (Use Handout to carry out Risk Assessment)**