# Activity 1 – How do we do verification?

## Case Studies Adapted from Facilitators Notes for the Implementation of UNHCR BID Guidelines[[1]](#footnote-1)

### Case Study 1:

*A 2-year-old girl Ayla has been looked after by a foster family in a refugee camp in Tunisia. The girl’s parents have recently arrived from Libya and want to be reunited with their daughter, but the foster family are refusing to let the child go saying they do not believe these people are the parents of Ayla. There is no information on which to verify the relationship and the foster parents are demanding a DNA test before they let the child go.*

### Case Study 2:

*A 15-year-old refugee girl from South Sudan, called Nadifa, is living in a refugee camp in Kenya with her brother and three sisters. She has some mild hearing problems and learning difficulties but can communicate quite well with her family members. Her father has been traced and wants the children to return to South Sudan. According to some reports of community workers the father plans for his daughter to be married upon her return.*

### Case Study 3:

*A six-week-old baby girl is found abandoned in a boat, as Bangladeshi coast guards turned back boats carrying Rohingya refugees, mainly women and children, trying to escape the violence in Myanmar's Rakhine state. Bangladesh refuses to accept the refugees on the grounds that Bangladesh is impoverished, and the country's resources are already too strained.*

### Case Study 4:

*Abbas is a 13-year-old boy from Afghanistan living on the streets in Kabul. Abbas’ parents ‘sold’ him to a man claiming that Abbas would be an apprentice mechanic in Kabul. After being taken to Kabul, Abbas was mistreated and used as a domestic servant, so ran away. His family in Afghanistan have been traced but he does not want to be reunited with them. Abbas was hoping that his uncle would be traced, and he could live with him as he had lived with him previously for a short time.*

1. UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Facilitator's Notes for the implementation of UNHCR BID Guidelines, November 2011, available at: http://www.unhcr.org/refworld/docid/4e4a58dc2.html [accessed 21 November 2012] [↑](#footnote-ref-1)