**3.2.B.1 Baseline interview transcript**

| **Respondent ID** | 1-GM-1-3 |
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| **Respondent Group Number** | 3 |
| **Care Group Role** | Member |
| **Consent to participate** | (missing) |
| **Interview date** | (missing) |
| **Interview start time** | 14:10 |
| **Interview end time** | 14:44 |
| **Interview location** | Siambizi |
| **Interview language** | (missing) |
| **Interview condition notes** | (missing) |
| **Enumerator ID** | (missing) |
| **Fully anonymized** | (missing) |
| **Resident community** | (missing) |
| **Gender** | Female |
| **Age** | 23 |

**Section 2: Group Experience.**

**1\_Are you a member of any groups now (Care group of VSLA or others)? Have you been a member of any group in the in the past.**

*Yes, I am a member of the group. No.*

**2\_What is the purpose of these groups?**

*This group was created mainly for the purpose of helping mothers to be able to take care of their children, how to cook healthy meals for them, how to promote good hygiene for the child and how to breastfeed. Also the group’s was meant to promote the desire and improve the agricultural skills among women.*

**3\_What made you decide to join the group?**

*I never chose to join the group I was chosen to be a member of the group. However, as I was chosen I only decided to stay because of the good teachings I was getting from the group leaders..*

1. **Probe - Can you please highlight some of the activities you do as a Care Group?**

*We mobilize ourselves as a group to go around helping each other in painting and cleaning each other’s homes. We dug litter bins for each home for members in our group. We visit each other to their homes teaching and reminding them on what we could have learned in the previous meeting.*

1. **Probe - What benefits do or did you get from the group?**

*The main benefit I have seen so far is access to health information and also on how to take care of my child. It is through these teaching that I am able to learn how to cook healthy and good meals for my child. Also, now my home is having pits where I throw my litter and ash compared to the times I haven’t got such information. We are now having the help we want from the VHWs who are fully equipped with information compared to the previous days when we could travel long distances for baby clinics.*

1. **Probe - How often do you meet as a Care Group?**

*We meet once a month.*

1. **Probe - As a Care group what are some of the challenges/successes you have experienced?**

*The challenges that we are facing are that we are failing to get pills from the clinics if we are referred for medication by the VHWs.*

1. **Probe - How have solved these Challenges?**

*We have never solved any challenge.*

1. **Probe - How often do you get home visits from your peer group members/ Lead Mothers?**

*They always visit us frequently almost five times a month.*

1. **Probe - Do you have any challenges with joining and participating in the groups? Please explain.**

*Hmmm I will be lying if I claim to be having a challenge because these are the people who selected me to join the group and I feel welcomed in the group and I don’t have any challenges or any complaints.*

**Section 4: What constitutes care group quality.**

**26\_What characteristics of a care group make it of high quality for you?**

*“The most important thing is transparency”. Without transparency, groups tend to fail to stay too long as they will be high levels of misunderstanding. A group should have a leader whom we should listen to and respect always.*

1. **Probe - Who is the group?**

*The group is made up of women only.*

1. **Probe - In your care group do you have males/grandmothers/young mothers?**

*No.*

1. **Probe - If yes what has been their contribution towards group’s activities?**

*N/A*

1. **Probe - Who leads the group and how?**

*The lead mothers are the ones in charge of the group. This is because they are the ones who make sure that we meet and also they are the ones who make home visits to us.*

1. **Probe - Who participates in a meetings? How are solutions identified?**

*Everyone is free to participate. When a problem is identified we deliberate on it together as a group and we agree on the possible way forward on what we hope works well for everyone.*

1. **Probe - Practicability of discussions to apply at home?**

*Most of the things we learn are practical and they can be applied at home. For example when it comes to painting our homes, and doing conservative agriculture. We have been taught on using toilets and this is practical, however, the only challenge we have is a shortage of resources to do and make sure we build these toilets.*

1. **Probe - Social Support from members.**

*The group only make visits when there is a group job that is happening without that no one makes any visit. This makes their support to be only a planned support visit without any voluntary visits.*

1. **Probe - Recognition by community leaders or structures?**

*No idea.*

**Section 5: Recommendations.**

**29\_Do you have any recommendation for programs that support groups for women in your community?**

*I don’t have any recommendations for now.*

**30\_Do you feel there are any other topics or groups who could benefit from participating in a Care Group in your Community?**

*Hygiene should be promoted across the community considering that this is cross-cutting issue.*

**Section 6: Conclusion and Remaining Thoughts.**

**31\_Would you ever consider becoming a Lead Mother for a Care Group? Why or Why not?**

*No, I have never thought of that I think those in power are already good for it.*

**32\_ Is there anything else you would like to add?**

*No.*