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

| **Respondent ID** | 1-GM-3-8 |
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| **Respondent Group Number** | 8 |
| **Care Group Role** | Member |
| **Consent to participate** | (missing) |
| **Interview date** | (missing) |
| **Interview start time** | 13:15 |
| **Interview end time** | 13:40 |
| **Interview location** | Tobwe |
| **Interview language** | (missing) |
| **Interview condition notes** | (missing) |
| **Enumerator ID** | (missing) |
| **Fully anonymized** | (missing) |
| **Resident community** | (missing) |
| **Gender** | Female |
| **Age** | 35 |

**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 part of the care group. No I have never joined.*

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

*The main reason of the group is to equip young women about health and hygiene among breastfeeding women. This information start from how to breastfeed, how to hold the baby during breastfeeding, cleanliness of the baby and making sure that our homes are clean.*

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

*The main trust of joining the group is that I have never got any training or teaching about breastfeeding considering that this is my firstborn. Thus joining this group will help me on preserving the heath of my child. Also to get updates on new health interventions and information for example now there was a Polio vaccination.*

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

*The activities which are engaging in as a group are VISALs/mukando where we are selling our maize grains in Bulawayo. This has managed to give incomes which has helped us to supplement on our husband's income. The other activities we are engaging in are drama and singing as a group. The lead mother capacitates us with information on health and hygiene.*

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

*I have benefitted through empowerment, I have got information about health and hygiene which is helping to take care of my baby and home. The selling of maize has increased my income and have bought some of the utensils I did not have at my home.*

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

*We have met once.*

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

*I have not seen any challenge since we met once.*

*The benefit is that we are being taught about health issues because there are no organization that are teaching us about hygiene in the village.*

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

*No idea.*

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

*She visited 2 times*

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

*There are no challenges being in that group its welcoming and people are always happy.*

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

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

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

*The group consist of women only.*

1. **Probe - Are there any males, grandmothers in your group?**

*No*

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

*No.*

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

*The leader of the group is the Lead mother, these are our leaders because she is the one who always mobilizes and teach us about health issues.*

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

*We all participate in the meeting and everyone makes contributions.*

*When it comes to solutions we have come across a problem but if they emanate we will discuss as a team.*

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

*I have been implementing everything that I was taught during the session. This shows that they are practical.*

1. **Probe - Interactive Activities.**

*The sessions and the activities are interactive because when we have session everyone says something and engage.*

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

*Hmmmm they are supportive as we have agreed to contribute maize grains and everyone did so.*

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?**

*The Amalima Loko staff should visit us so that we can know them because we have never seen them. They should also help us with drilling boreholes so that hygiene can be practiced easily without any problems.*

1. **Probe - What can be done differently at club level?**

*I think for now we are doing things in a right way.*

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

*No idea on that one.*

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

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

*Yes, I can manage because I can read and write am good at facilitating.*

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

*No.*