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

| **Respondent ID** | 1-GM-3-6 |
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| **Respondent Group Number** | 6 |
| **Care Group Role** | Member |
| **Consent to participate** | (missing) |
| **Interview date** | (missing) |
| **Interview start time** | 12:20 |
| **Interview end time** | 12:40 |
| **Interview location** | Tobwe |
| **Interview language** | (missing) |
| **Interview condition notes** | (missing) |
| **Enumerator ID** | (missing) |
| **Fully anonymized** | (missing) |
| **Resident community** | (missing) |
| **Gender** | Female |
| **Age** | 41 |

**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 a care group. No I have never joined.*

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

*The purpose of this group is to promote hygiene among breastfeeding women as they are taught how to hold the breast, how to hold the baby, how to change nappies and also how to feed the baby. The group seeks to encourage us to keep our homes clean by sweeping, washing our plates always, and using the toilets.*

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

*I joined the group because I wanted to get information about health and hygiene.*

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

*The lead mother was educating us on what we must do when breastfeeding in order to keep our kids healthy. The group is engaged in gardening in which we have our nutritional garden where we have vegetables for our consumption and selling.*

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

*I have benefited from the group through access to information because when there is anything that need to be shared the lead mother and VHW call us to meet and share such information. I am now always up to date about any health and hygiene-related information in this ward. I have been also taught about the importance of exclusive breastfeeding. Lastly, through this group, I have managed to be selected to be the recipient of porridge for my child.*

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

*We meet 3 times a month as a group.*

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

*The challenges we are facing as a group are that we have some members staying fare away which makes their attendance to be hard. We do not have a shade for our meeting which makes it hard to conduct sessions during the rainy seasons. So this will make it even hard to conduct sessions from now onwards. Also, there are no refreshments for the meetings which makes people to attend the meetings hungry. We are failing to do what we have been taught because we do not have adequate resources to build toilets and fence our homes. Some of are married in large families and the implementation of what we have been taught becomes hard because I am the youngest among the daughter-in-law. Some of the members fail to attend the meeting frequently. On the success, I think it is too early to point out any other than getting information and meeting together as group.*

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

*We have never solved any problems.*

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

*She visited me once.*

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

*The group is acceptive which makes me to be free to participate and do what could have been planned for the day.*

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

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

*The group should have a leader who is well-behaved because when the leader fails to exhibit good character our husbands will never allow us to join such groups. When the leader is a person of questionable behaviour women will not be able to attend the meeting considering that we are married women our husbands will not agree to let us meet with a man with questionable behaviour. Love and Trust are some of the characteristics. When the group members trust each other they are able to share their challenges without any fear because they will be knowing that their privacy is promoted.*

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

*Women only.*

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

*No we do not have.*

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 VHW and the Lead mother, these are our leaders because they are the ones who always mobilize and teach us about health issues.*

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

*In our group there is hindrance or blockage everyone is free to participate without any problems. Everyone plays a role in coming up with a decision we all agree on what works well for us because we are old enough and we know what we want.*

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

*These things are hard to implement when it comes to trying the beliefs and behaviour of the family which had been doing those for a long time and you come as a young mother trying to change their behaviours. Also, when it comes to the issue of putting the bottle at the toilet it's not practical because we do not have those toilets.*

1. **Probe - Interactive Activities.**

*We are all free to talk and we interact as we are into signing and acting we suggest on what could be done to make our role play to be entertaining.*

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

*These have been supportive as they are visiting and giving support to other group members.*

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

*Hmmmm I can lie but what I know is that they know about the group because the village head once visited us.*

**Section 5: Recommendations.**

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

*I would like Amalima Loko to help us b drilling a borehole for us considering that we have a shortage of boreholes in the Ward. I would like to request Amalima Loko to help us with cement so that we can be able to build our toilets. Procure refreshments for us to have something to eat during the meetings.*

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

*I think for now we are doing things in the 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?**

*Hmmmm No I cannot manage to be a leader mother, this needs more time and dedication.*

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

*No.*