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

| **Respondent ID** | 2-GM-1-5 |
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| **Respondent Group Number** | 5 |
| **Care Group Role** | Member |
| **Consent to participate** | (Missing) |
| **Interview date** | 07/11/22 |
| **Interview start time** | 13:54 |
| **Interview end time** | (Missing) |
| **Interview location** | Daluka Primary School |
| **Interview language** | (Missing) |
| **Interview condition notes** | (Missing) |
| **Enumerator ID** | (Missing) |
| **Fully anonymized** | (Missing) |
| **Resident community** | (Missing) |
| **Gender** | Female |
| **Age** | 38 |

**Section 2: Group experience**

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

*Yes, I am a member of a Care group and have not joined any group before.*

*To educate each other about how to care for the children*

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

*To share issues with other women and learn how to tackle problems.*

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

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

*We teach each other about how to nurture our children and do drama in front of the community members.*

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

*I have**learnt about the type of food to give to the children and learn about exclusive breastfeeding.*

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

*We meet every week on Wednesdays for meetings.*

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

*We haven’t had any challenges yet, but our successes are that we are now united, we listen to each other’s opinions and they work well together.*

**e.** **Probe - How have you solved these challenges?**

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

*As group members we do not visit each other whilst the lead Mother visits us twice in a week randomly.*

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

Anyone can join in the group, and everyone participates freely without having any challenges.

**Section 4: What constitutes care group “quality”**

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

*Working together, respect for each other and not looking down on each other and respecting one another’s opinions.*

1. **Probe - How would you describe a high-quality care group?**

*It is a group of people who share ideas.*

**i.** **Probe - Who is in the group?**

*Young mothers, lactating mothers and those who have children who are below the age of 5 are in the group.*

**ii.** **Probe - In your Care groups do you have any male/grandmother/young mothers members?**

*Grandmothers and young mothers.*

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

*Grandmother teaches us how to protect children from diseases through breastfeeding, exclusive breastfeeding. Young mothers teach other members about hygiene and emphasise the importance the importance of cleanliness. The teachings influence on behaviour change.*

**iv.** **Probe - Who leads the group, and how?**

*Lead Mother, the assistant and well as the promoter lead the group. They ask someone to read a story from the module then we discuss the topics****.***

**v.** **Probe - Participation: Who participates in a meeting? How are solutions identified?**

*Group members and the village heads attend the Care Group meetings, and we reach solutions through discussions of the problem and others help you come up with a solution.*

**vi.** **Probe - Practicality of discussions to apply at home.**

*Yes, it is practical since we use what we learn at home since we teach other group members so that they can also join our care group.*

**vii.** **Probe - Interactive activities.**

*When we do drama and everyone participates as group members and come up with a story to use in creating the drama.*

**viii.** **Probe - Social support from members.**

**ix.** **Probe - Recognition by community leaders or structures.**

**x.** **Probe - Other**

**b.** **Probe - Examples of each they mention as good from past experience?**

**27\_What (if anything) makes your experience in a group of other women like yourself good? (Probe for: what does good mean?)**

**28\_What (if anything) made your experience in a group not so good?**

**Section 5: Recommendations**

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

*Help us with a start for projects so that we can raise our children.*

**a.** **Probe - What can be done better?**

*They are not lacking and I do not see how they can do things differently.*

1. **Probe - How can groups be led or facilitated differently?**
2. **Probe - How can Amalima Loko, health care workers, or community leaders support Care Groups better?**

*I would want them to**visit us in our meetings so that they teach us more where we are learning.*

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

*I would like to learn more about topics like**Family planning topics and HIV/AIDS*

**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 would like to be a Lead Mother so that I get an opportunity to teach other women.*

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

*None*