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

| **Respondent ID** | 2-LM-2-2 |
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| **Respondent Group Number** | 2 |
| **Care Group Role** | Lead Mother |
| **Consent to participate** | (missing) |
| **Interview date** | (missing) |
| **Interview start time** | 11:48 |
| **Interview end time** | 13:00 |
| **Interview location** | Mathambo |
| **Interview language** | (missing) |
| **Interview condition notes** | (missing) |
| **Enumerator ID** | (missing) |
| **Fully anonymized** | (missing) |
| **Resident community** | (missing) |
| **Gender** | Female |
| **Age** | 17 |

**Section 2: Care group experience**

**50\_What Care Groups have you joined? (Probe for: when, how long, roles in each)**

*I am in Health Club and Gender Champions. I joined Gender Champions in October 2022. I don’t know when it was formed then Health Club I joined in July 2022. In Gender champions I educate men, women and Youth about gender based issues. And discourage gender based violence. In Amalima Loko care group I teach mothers how to take care of their young children.*

**51\_Consider the most recent group, what good things did you experience? What challenges did you experience?**

*The good that I have seen is the importance of helping each other. I haven’t seen challenges.*

**52\_How did your experience change over time, or between care groups?**

*Now people participate. At first they thought we were teaching wrong things. Now they come in large numbers.*

1. **Probe - What was different? Please explain. (Probe for: positive /advantages or challenges/ disadvantages).**

**Section 3: Care group leadership**

**53\_Tell me about being a Lead Mother…?**

1. **Probe - What are good things about being a Lead Mother?**

*A lead mother helps other women by teaching them on child care. They teach about good hygiene. You must not be shy, you must humble yourself and allow participation.*

*They impart knowledge to other women about child care. It is important to encourage each other as mothers on child care.*

1. **Probe - What can be difficult about being a Lead Mother?**

*At first it was difficult to lead them. The women with children who are above 2 years complain saying what do we benefit from the meetings. Until now some still don’t understand why they are not part of blanket supplementary feeding. Sometimes members would want exercise books and we won’t be able to provide them*

1. **Probe - What have you gained by being a Lead Mother?**

*I have learnt to interact with other women. And I have gained knowledge on other topics that I did not know.*

**54\_What would help Lead Mothers to carry out their roles?**

**55\_What does a Lead Mother do for the Care Group? *(Probe*: group formation, for each meeting, between meetings, linking with communities?)**

*In group formation, I act as the secretary, writing names of the selected members. In meetings I give them lessons from the guides that we were given. I make them also do games. I mark the register. In linking with communities, we do VSL clubs, for sports we don’t have the material but we wish to take part in ball games*

1. **Probe - Are some of the roles expected of Lead Mothers harder to do than others, in your experience? Why or why not? Does this vary every week or month?**

*All is the same. Inviting them for meeting in the farming season is difficult. Maybe we can ask them to come after working in the fields. Some men don’t allow their wives to come to meetings so the best solution is to go and talk to them about the purpose of the meetings. We spoke about the purpose when the group was formed in the presence of the village head.*

**56\_What do others in the community think or say about Lead Mothers? (*Probe:* special attention or role? Respect? pressure?)**

*They respect lead mothers*

**57\_How many households/mothers do you have under your stewardship?**

*I have 8 households under my stewardship*

**58\_Has your group faced any conflicts? If yes, which ones? How have you dealt with them?**

*We haven’t encountered any conflicts because we understand each other and the other thing that has helped is stretching activities during sessions.*

**59\_What are the most common challenges faced by mothers/households under your stewardship?**

*Most men don’t allow their wives to attend meetings. Also other women who are not in these groups despise others.*

**60\_What tips would you have for another lead mother?**

**Forming the Current/Most Recent Care Group**

**61\_Consider your current Care group, or most recent. What do people call it? (Probe, if there is a name other than Care group: who decided on the name?)**

*Asincedisaneni health club. Our promoter suggested the name and other members supported*

**62\_What is the purpose of the group?**

*To help each other develop through VSL club.*

**63\_(Lead Mothers only) Who are/were members?**

*It is a mixed group of young mothers, caregivers*

**64\_Can you describe the members? (Probe: livelihoods, ages, religion. How are you similar or different from the members? How are they similar and different from each other?)**

*They do VSL clubs, farming*

**65\_Can you walk me through your process for deciding is part of the group? (Probe: where they live, age of child, age of mother, number of children, language, married/unmarried, etc)**

*We just accept mothers who have children who are under five years. They are neighbours. The language is Ndebele.*

**67\_Are there other decisions lead mothers make?**

**68\_Before joining the group, did you and the members know each other? (Probe for: interactions/friendly? How did you meet the members? How did they get to know each other?)**

*We know each other as neighbours, others are friends.*

**69\_What do you expect each group member to do?**

*They participate. They listen to what I would have taught them and then just add points.*

1. **Probe - Did every member do this? (Probe: Did every member attend regularly? Did every member engage in discussion by speaking up in meetings?)**

**70\_Tell me the story of what I would experience if I visited [insert care group that was mentioned]: what would happen from the time I arrived until the time I leave?**

1. **Probe - Where will I arrive? Who will be there?**

*Village Health Worker or village head*

1. **Probe - How long will it last?**

*Maybe 1 hour*

1. **Probe - Is there interaction among the group? Does the group engage in interactive activities (games, activities, etc)?**

*Yes, they participate even in clubs hosted by others. We took part in netball recently.*

1. **Probe - What do group members do during this time?**

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

**85\_Close your eyes. Envision a care group which is high quality or very successful. How would you describe this group? What makes it high quality or successful?**

*They Work and get money, the group will be teaching each other to respect and hygiene issues*

**86\_For each below, ask their opinions. Does this make sense for Care groups? Why or why not? How could it be achieved?**

1. **Probe - groups where members actively share and problem-solve together for each topic**

*Members must be open to each other so that their problem can be easily solved*

1. **Probe - where the group is supports and encourages each other**

*Members must learn to share their problems so that they can be supported***.**

1. **Probe - where members follow each session by doing the behaviors at home with their families**

*They should be monitored so that they are encouraged to practise at home.*

1. **Probe - where the group is recognized by the community.**

*The group can invite other members of the community to their meetings so that they see what they will learning.*

**5 Whys: Root of Challenges and Successes of Care Groups**

**Now we would like to learn more about the challenges and successes of care groups, from your perspective. We will start the discussion and then ask “why” five times, to make sure we have the deepest understanding of the root of the challenges and successes. [Give example]**

**87\_Think about your experience leading care groups: What is the key to a care groups’ success?**

*The key is respect and understanding each other.*

**a.** **Probe - Why is that the key to success?**

**b.** **Probe - Why is that important?**

**c.** **Probe - Why… why… why…**

**88\_Sometimes care groups have challenges. What is the biggest challenge or frustration you have seen occur in a Care Group? Can you tell me about a time when your care group experience was frustrating or challenging? What did you do? How did the group react?**

*If I call people at two and the come at their own time after 2pm. Another challenge is that have seen in some groups is that in VSL club parties, in such functions men attend more that women. When People get drunk noise can erupt. So we advise them not to fight when they are drunk.*

*I usually ask from my husband to go and attend these meetings so if he allows me and then people delay to come it becomes a challenge because I will then go back home late**and this causes arguments between me and my husband.*

**a.** **Probe - Why is that a challenge?**

**b.** **Probe - Why did the challenge or frustration come up?**

**c.** **Probe - Why is that important?**

**d.** **Probe - Why… why… why…**

**Section 5: Recommendations**

**89\_If a newly formed group asked for your advice, what would you say?**

*Listen to each other****.*** *After selecting leaders, they must respect the selected. I would encourage them to stay united.*

1. **Probe - What would you say to the Lead Mother(s)?**

*Be humble to the people and respect them, always be on time. If an argument occurs, dismiss the group and call the people who were arguing and talk to them*

**90\_What additional support would help Lead Mothers? Other Care Groups?**

*I would encourage them to work towards one goal.*

**Section 6: Conclusion and remaining thoughts**

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

*Yes, we would like to be assisted with exercise books, charts and pens*

**49\_Would you like to learn the results of this research? If so, how?**

Yes