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

| **Respondent ID** | 1-GM-1-2 |
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| **Respondent Group Number** | 2 |
| **Care Group Role** | Member |
| **Consent to participate** | (missing) |
| **Interview date** | (missing) |
| **Interview start time** | 13:13 |
| **Interview end time** | 14:04 |
| **Interview location** | Siambizi |
| **Interview language** | (missing) |
| **Interview condition notes** | (missing) |
| **Enumerator ID** | (missing) |
| **Fully anonymized** | (missing) |
| **Resident community** | (missing) |
| **Gender** | Female |
| **Age** | 31 |

**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, I have never joined any group before.*

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

*The group disseminate information to us mothers about agriculture and how to feed and take care of our children. This group has been formed to make sure that all expecting women and those with children can get assistance within their communities through the help of the VHWs.*

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

*I joined the group so that I can be able to get seeds for free when it was time for farming. The other reason I joined the group was to get health information considering that we women have limited access to information so being in this group made it easy to access it without problems.*

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

*We have been engaging in ISALs/ mukando as a group we have been buying plates and cups for each other in our group. As a group, we have been mobilizing each other to go to the fields to help each other in doing pfupfudza.*

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

*Aaaaah only these small benefits which we are getting porridge for our children. This porridge has been so beneficial to us to the extent that we have seen an improvement in the health of our children. Another benefit is the health information we are getting.*

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

*We haven’t meet, we only met when we were registering our names.*

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

*I have not seen any challenges or success.*

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

*N/A*

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

*Personally, I have only seen the VHW’s coming to weigh my child only and recently sensitizing us about the Polio campaign.*

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

*For now, I don’t have any challenges considering that we have not yet started meeting.*

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

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

*A high-quality group is a group which is able to address the needs of its members. This is because when we join such groups our main thrust is to get help from other so if a group doesn't meet or address their needs its not of quality. A high-quality group is characterized by a high level of trust and honesty among the group members. A group should have members which we trust to share our challenges with. A group also should have clear objectives and goals which it seeks to achieve, because we cannot continue meeting without knowing the main goal of our meeting.*

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

*I don't know because we haven't met, so I can lie.*

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

*N/A*

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

*The VHW and the Lead mothers are the ones who were leading during the registration process.*

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

*I don't know, we haven't had any meetings for now.*

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

*No idea*

1. **Probe - Interactive Activities.**

*N/A*

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

*No idea*

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

*Am not so sure but what I think is that these recognize us because when we were registering our names the Village head was there with us. His presence shows how important and how he recognizes this group.*

**Section 5: Recommendations.**

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

*What I can recommend is that instead of us having groups Amalima Loko should help us to start projects of our own so that we can be doing projects other than just seated. These projects can include nutritional gardens, poultry as they will reduce our dependence on them.*

**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 because I have because I have never attended any meetings.*

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

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

*For now No. But when I have been taught I can manage to be one. Nothing is difficult to be a Lead Mother it's just knowing what to teach and how to mobilize group members.*

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

*No.*