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

| **Respondent ID** | 2-GM-1-3 |
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| **Respondent Group Number** | 3 |
| **Care Group Role** | Member |
| **Consent to participate** | (missing) |
| **Interview date** | 07/11/22 |
| **Interview start time** | (missing) |
| **Interview end time** | 13:19 |
| **Interview location** | Daluka Primary School |
| **Interview language** | (missing) |
| **Interview condition notes** | (missing) |
| **Enumerator ID** | (missing) |
| **Fully anonymized** | (missing) |
| **Resident community** | (missing) |
| **Gender** | Female |
| **Age** | 37 |

**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?**

*I am member of a Care group only and not any group currently.*

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

*To teach each other how to live and care for our children*

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

*When people combine or meet as women a lot is learnt and that can build you especially when you didn’t know it.*

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

*We teach each other on how to take care of our children*

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

*We get a lot of knowledge that we did not have before.*

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

*Every week we meet on Wednesdays*

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

*There are no hardships that we experienced yet however the knowledge we have gained has helped us in caring for our children.*

*We have not yet encountered any challenges yet.*

* 1. **Probe - How have you solved these challenges?**
  2. **Probe - How often do you get home visits from your peer group members/Lead Mother?**

*We visit each other two times a week whilst the Lead Mother visits us whenever she gets time.*

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

*There are no challenges when you want to join the group, everyone participates in discussions when there is a meeting.*

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

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

*Doing good things, people who are open to learning,working tirelessly without slacking would make a high quality group.*

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

*It would be a group which consists of women who work well together without having any issues and fights*

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

*Women or caregivers of children who are young.*

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

Yes, we have on grandmother, no males and youth mothers are there in the group**.**

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

*Grandmother as an elder directs and controls us on what to do since she knows a lot of things concerning children more than us.Youth mothers engage with other and discuss on how to develop each other without any conflicts with other group members.*

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

*The lead Mother leads the group through setting up meetings as well as teaching us how to work as a group. She does this through leading the discussions then we engage.*

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

*The lead mother starts the meeting then we all engage and if there is a problem we make the next person realise that they are wrong and we do this well.*

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

*We share with other people and family members what we learnt after a meeting and at home what we have learnt is visible*

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

*We share with the people who are even in the group*

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

*They come and visit for example a sick child they can bring you water.*

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

*When there are visitors, they come and support us in the meeting and they have good comments about what we do.*

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

*Other non-group members join us because they want to gain knowledge.*

**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?)**

*We have learnt about caring for our children, how to feed them as well as how to hold them when breastfeeding, hygiene and how to give clean and healthy food to the children.*

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

*No bad experience.*

**Section 5: Recommendations**

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

*We want to do farming for example vegetables to help us develop ourselves as women.*

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

*We want projects to help us grow and develop as women. We want more workshops to be done and we partake so that we learn from other people. We want help such as a grinding mill or a shop to be built to help us as a group of women in making money and becoming self-reliant.*

**b.** **Probe - How can groups be led or facilitated differently?**

**c.** **Probe - How can Amalima Loko, health care workers, or community leaders support Care Groups better?**

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

*We want to learn about how farming is done and even the sell the produce to get money.*

**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 love to be a Lead Mother, so that I teach other women and impart knowledge to them.*

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

*I wish we could encourage each other as women on how to take care of our children and to keep them healthy and avoid having our children getting sick.*