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

| **Respondent ID** | 2-GM-3-1 |
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| **Respondent Group Number** | 1 |
| **Care Group Role** | Neighbor Mother |
| **Consent to participate** | (missing) |
| **Interview date** | 09/11/22 |
| **Interview start time** | 12:58 |
| **Interview end time** | 14:07 |
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| **Resident community** | (missing) |
| **Gender** | Female |
| **Age** | 34 |

**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 joined VSAL.*

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

*We want to develop ourselves as women, buying kitchen utensils, we are doing these by saving one dollar per month. We are hoping these will help us if it becomes big so that we will be able to pay school fees and then buy goats for our development.*

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

*To unite with other ladies sharing ideas, meeting with others can make you change for the better.*

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

*We teach each other about our children’s health hygiene. How to handle and relate with others from our families.*

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

*We are starting and financially we haven’t benefited. As a mother with who has a baby and without knowledge you can give your child food that is not recommended by health personnel but now I have learnt as it is important to know about my child’s wellbeing. Also I can now go outdoors and sell airtime as I used to be home doing nothing. We learn the importance of having toilets at home and we have resolved to give each other in turns two bags of cement so that we will have toilets. Meeting with clean ladies inspires you to change and copy them. Now, I wash my plates before I sleep. My husband can notice a change even if he doesn’t appreciate it.*

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

*We meet once a week for now.*

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

*Lateness of others, pulling out of others. When we started we were 13 and now the group has 8 people. Those who pulled out along the way were demotivated since this thing doesn’t have material benefits. Young mothers have a challenge that their husbands can refuse to let them come for meetings. They think it’s a waste of time since there are no material benefits.*

*We can note a change for child’s wellbeing, I can tell that for me it has changed a lot. Having shared ideas with other women is very much helping as you can tell that there is a change. I was always home doing nothing*

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

*When we meet them on the way we ask where the problem is and they seem not to be interested. They seem to be undermining it and think it’s a waste of time.*

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

*Once a week.*

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

*I do not have any challenges.*

**Section 3: Past care group experience (Amalima area only)**

**4\_Now I would like to learn from you about the Care Group.**

**5\_What, in your opinion, was the main goal of the Care Group?**

**6\_How were you invited to be a group member?**

**7\_Did the group differ from other groups you have joined? How so? (*Probe for:* positive/advantages or challenges/disadvantages).**

*Our care group meeting and for savings are not separate. We started contributions for our savings.*

*I once had a group under hand in hand.*

*We would contribute for savings, then each member was supposed to borrow that money and bring it back with 10% interest. We had a lot of activities for fund raising for example selling plates of food during sports tournament.*

*There is no much difference as the first contribution is equal. We cant say its different as this just beginning.*

*I pulled out from this club but the club is still functioning even today. It is successful and they have grown big since they now have an incubator.*

*What made me quit is that I became pregnant, when I went for delivery I couldn’t meet with others and there was no one who could represent me. My husband wasn’t supportive as he refused to assist me with contributions as I was away for labour.*

*We were supposed to share at the end of the and when we shared I did not go to the place of our meeting. They robbed me giving me money that is short from my contributions then when the start again beginning of the year I didn’t open up to tell them what the problem was.*

***Membership:***

**8\_In the last Care Group you were a part of, who were other members?**

*It was a mixed group; all ages were represented and we knew each other as we were neighbours. Chairperson is the one who was the facilitator and treasurer could give a financial report. Every member could participate in group meetings as we could only talk about money. We had village health worker among us who could give us health talk before we started the meeting. We lasted for one hour each session. What was fascinating is the way we worked making funds grow.*

1. **(Probe: Differences from you in age, children, or situation?)**
2. **Did you know them before joining the group?**

***9\_*Tell me the story of what I would experience if I had visited the group: what would happen from the time I arrived until the time I leave?**

1. **Probe - Who scheduled meetings?**
2. **Probe - Where would I have arrived? Who would have been there?**
3. **Probe - How long did it last?**
4. **Probe - Who talked?**
5. **Probe - Who led discussions/activities, who invited special guests, etc.)?**
6. **Probe - What did group members do during this time?**
7. **Probe - Who planned the agenda/activities/information?**
8. **Probe - Were actions planned between meetings?**
9. **Probe - Is this how others’ past care group experiences went? What was similar? What was different?**

*The difference is now we want to build toilets. We used to contribute and here we are also contributing and since this is just beginning so its possible it would function similar. Village health worker was always encouraged us to be clean and always talks about building toilets. I liked the topic when she told us if we do not have toilets and pit then if our livestock consumes that dirt then it will mean that we can’t sell them as they will develop some diseases. I was supported by the leader is when my leader made sure I get my money. When members allowed me to get my money then I managed to get my solar if it wasn’t for the support I wouldn’t be having my solar now. I learnt that when contributing and meet with others you would be developing yourself as you will be able to make your own business as others now have a bakery company alone. Other were not punctual even if they were punished by paying a fine. I have a solar as an evidence that I once joined that care group. As a group we had agreed to build each other houses but we failed because of change of currencies and the losing value of our currency. We changed to rands when our local currency lost value. The chairperson was a leader but decisions were done by every member,*

* *My solar reminds me of the group.*
* *As a group the support we gave each other support as we could contribute chicken for relish as a way to fundraise. The relations of the members changed a lot. I have never assisted anyone. We assisted by cooking together for fundraising. The community can tell that the club is successful as everyone can see them producing chicks. Now, if you can visit my place I have a lot of chickens as I have learnt standing on my own, the group trained me. The group is recognised even today, the community leaders are invited when there are fund raisings. As a care group we wish to be assisted financially, even if not financially but being given broilers we can do them. Learning comes first and that’s what makes a care group success.*

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

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

*The one that produces results for example if you see a success of toilets in every home.*

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

*Is the one that learns and practises what they have learnt. Change must be recognised.*

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

*Pregnant women, young mothers, caregivers for under-fives.*

* + 1. **Probe - In your Care groups do you have any male/grandmother/young mothers members?**

*We do not have any males. Grandmothers who are caregivers for under-fives are there, young mothers are also there.*

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

*Grandmothers will put away their myths on raising kids and learn the lessons on health.*

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

*The lead mother is leading, she tells us what we are going to learn about.*

* + 1. **Probe - Participation: Who participates in a meeting? How are solutions identified?**

*Everyone has to actively participate since we are the ones who are being assisted in getting education.*

* + 1. **Probe - Practicality of discussions to apply at home.**

*We discuss that we need to apply it at home as a group and the lead mother will make follow up****.***

* + 1. **Probe - Interactive activities.**

*For now, we are only learning and doing role plays.*

* + 1. **Probe - Social support from members.**

*When a member opens, we give social support on advises. If a member has a challenge at home, we assist by fetching water for them, washing their plates, cooking for them, and giving them water to bathe depending on the support she needs.*

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

*The community leaders are experiencing a huge change in our homes.*

* + 1. **Probe - Other**
  1. **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?**

*I used to stay in a dirt place, but it has changed, I am comfortable to be in a clean environment. We are also taught in how to relate with those we stay with. I used to wait until my baby cries before I breastfeed but now, I know I have to breastfeed frequently.*

**Section 5: Recommendations**

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

*Yes, they should stay in a clean environment. Other women envy us and wish to join but their husbands cannot allow them to join.*

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

*If women could unite in doing one thing, the groups will not fail*

* 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?**

*We wish to be assisted with capital, can be financial or livestock to start with. Even being given support.*

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

*Lessons on agriculture*

**Section 6: Conclusion and remaining thoughts**

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

*Yes, but now we have one.*

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

*We wish to go forward with the support given by you.*