WHAT IS A VSLA?

VSLAs are self-selected groups of community members who meet weekly to collect savings contributions and issue micro-loans. Trained Economic Empowerment Volunteers facilitate the weekly sessions and support members to set and work towards achievable goals. Regular participation in VSLAs helps caregivers to address the economic drivers of GBV by encouraging savings, building financial literacy, and developing business planning skills. WEI/Bantwana also layers positive parenting training on the VSLA platform through VSLA+.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

6,046 (5,065F; 981M) caregivers actively saving funds weekly

100% of caregivers engaged in positive parenting sessions using the Go-Families Manual
Established economic equity

“In the past, I always relied on my husband to support our children and myself. Now that we plan together, he respects me more. I support our two children with school fees. They both go to Muhasuwa CDSS.” - VSLA Caregiver

Improved savings discipline and business expansion

“Through the VSLA, I borrowed money and started my own small business. The business is the one that is supporting my family. Prior to this project, I had failed to raise the capital needed to start the business. I breed and sell chickens within the community.” - VSLA Caregiver

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