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ToughCookie Project Profile

The *ToughCookie* Project is a youth-led initiative that aims to help young single mothers living in difficult circumstances to improve their lives by offering them free counselling and training in baking skills. It encourages the members to support each other in achieving their common and individual goals.

Equipping and Inspiring Young Mothers for a Better Life



Florence (*holding a notebook*) with some project team members in a planning meeting on 15th Feb 2006, at Onestop Youth Information Centre.

Phase One

The first phase of the programme runs for eight (8) weeks from 20th February to 8th April 2006; for three hours from Monday to Friday. There will be hands-on training in cake and pastry baking skills to be held at a centre in Donholm Estate, Nairobi while the counselling sessions will be held at One Stop Youth Information Centre, near the main Railways station.

The project is currently working with a core group of ten young single mothers from the Kibera slums. The project is made possible through support from PeaceChild International's "*Be the Change*" programme, the Made in Kenya Network, Cate Confectionaries and other partners.

The Future

The project vision is to equip and inspire the support group of young mothers to become financially independent and build their capacity to handle emotional, social and other challenges; individually and as a group. The future will see *ToughCookie* reach many more young mothers with a view to improving their entrepreneurship skills, create employment opportunities among others.

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