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## THE GIRLS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM- SUCCESS STORIES



*Jezy Wachera at her bakery, and Beatrice Wangui teaching students at the RIDEP demo farm*

The GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya (G-BIACK) initiated the Girls Empowerment Programme in 2014 with the aim of empowering lives of young women who were graduating from high school but due to different challenges like lack of school fees or they had fallen pregnant they could not proceed further to colleges.

According the survey that G-BIACK had carried out, many families had at least one or two girls that had not joined college and this inspired G-BIACK to bring these young women to G-BIACK so that they could receive alternative education.

One example is Jezy Wachera, who could not proceed to government college because her parents were poor. Jezy graduated from GEP in 2016-2017 class and opted to start a small bakery where she did cakes and bread using methods learned at G-BIACK. Jezy is doing an amazing job. She soon began acquiring some “modern” equipment as her business grew and by now she has employed 2 other GEP graduates and 1 other young woman.

Beatrice Wangui was at G-BIACK in 2017-2018 period. She was an outstanding student and she is currently employed as a field extension officer with the The Rural Initiative Development Environmental Programme (RIDEP), a non profit organization that promotes dry land farming in the semi arid region of Tharaka Nithi County.

In future issues, we will continue featuring some of the girls that are doing an amazing job after graduating from the GEP program.

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