This project aims to pilot the distribution and financing of cookstoves and other clean energy products through business partnerships with daycare centres. Over 3,500 informal daycare centres operate in the slums of Nairobi, serving as daily hubs for working mothers from a wide range of professional and personal backgrounds. These women lack access to distribution networks and financial credit. Tiny Toto’s innovative solution is to tap into this network to reach marginalised but credit-worthy women. The daycare centres will also serve as knowledge conduits about better health and nutrition. EEP Africa financing will enable Tiny Totos to take higher risks in offering low-income women access to clean energy financing.

Outcome and Impact

The project provides daycare centres and low-income working women with access to clean energy products and financing, thus creating healthier environments for children and families in the Nairobi slums. The aim is to build business partnerships with 200 daycare centres and sell 5,000 clean cookstoves. The transition away from charcoal stoves is expected to result in clean energy access for 16,000 people, cost savings of over EUR 900,000, and an estimated reduction of 9,723 tonnes of CO₂e emissions.