

Kenya: Car wash to give jobs to ex-convicts

A women's group in Kenya is planning to put up a car wash business for former prisoners to help them integrate again in the society and prevent them from committing criminal acts again, reported the Kiambu News.

Ushirikiano Women's group chair Violet Mburu said at a meeting at the Ondiri Pentecostal Church that most ex-convicts are unemployed, neglected by the society, and ended up living in the streets.

"These individuals have changed, but the community doesn't give them chances to prove they are different people. Most of them may drift back to their previous lives of crime due to neglect by community members and their families," said Mburu.

It is difficult for them to find a job because of their criminal records so the only solution is to let the ex-convicts themselves set up their own car wash business with the support of the women's group.

"We have been talking to these ex-prisoners and because we see the determination they have for business, we are going to open for them a car wash business here in Ondiri," Mburu added.