

# NEW CREATIONS

## India

### Loaves of Love – Building More Than a Kitchen

#### About New Creations

New Creations is a charitable organisation based in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, dedicated to restoring dignity, hope, and opportunities for women with mental illness, women who have experienced homelessness, abandonment, abuse, and social exclusion. Our residential rehabilitation centre provides shelter, healthcare, psychosocial support, nutritious meals, life skills training, and a caring environment where women can rebuild their lives with dignity.

#### Identifying the Need

For many years, meals for our residents were prepared in a simple open kitchen. Although it served us well, it became increasingly difficult to meet the growing needs of our shelter. During the rainy season, cooking was challenging, hygiene was difficult to maintain, and the limited workspace made daily food preparation physically demanding for our staff.

As the number of women in our care increased, we realised that our residents deserved a safer, cleaner, and more dignified kitchen—one that would not only improve daily operations but also become an important part of their rehabilitation and future growth.

#### A Partnership That Made It Possible

The vision of the **Loaves of Love Kitchen** became a reality through the generous support of the **Nandri Kinderhilfe e.V., Germany** and **W. P. Schmitz Foundation**.

From the first planning discussions to the completion of construction, this project reflected a shared commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable women. Their trust in New Creations enabled us to transform a long-standing need into a sustainable investment that will continue serving our residents for many years to come.

#### From Vision to Reality

Construction progressed step by step, with careful attention given to safety, hygiene, accessibility, and long-term sustainability. Every stage of the project brought excitement among our residents, staff, and well-wishers as they watched the new kitchen gradually take shape.

Today, the completed Loaves of Love Kitchen provides a spacious, hygienic, and well-organised environment with dedicated food preparation areas, storage facilities, improved ventilation, washing areas, and safe cooking spaces. It has transformed one of the most important daily activities within our shelter while creating a welcoming environment for residents, staff, volunteers, and visitors.

On **15 April 2026**, we celebrated the inauguration of the kitchen in the presence of residents, staff, community members, friends, and supporters. The ceremony marked not only the completion of a building but also the beginning of a new chapter for New Creations.

### **Empowering Women Through Rehabilitation**

At New Creations, rehabilitation is about much more than providing shelter—it is about helping every woman rediscover confidence, independence, and hope.

The Loaves of Love Kitchen has become an important part of this journey. It provides residents with opportunities to participate in everyday activities according to their abilities, including preparing vegetables, maintaining cleanliness, organising supplies, and assisting with meal preparation. These simple routines help rebuild life skills, encourage responsibility, strengthen confidence, and foster a sense of belonging.

Beyond improving nutrition and hygiene, the new kitchen has strengthened our ability to provide holistic rehabilitation. It creates a safe and supportive environment where women can learn practical daily living skills while preparing for greater independence. The improved facilities also allow New Creations to expand its services and welcome more women into our rehabilitation programme in the years ahead.

### **Looking Ahead**

The Loaves of Love Kitchen is more than a construction project. It is a place where nourishment, rehabilitation, dignity, and hope come together every day.

As New Creations continues to grow, the Loaves of Love Kitchen will remain at the heart of our campus, supporting both our current residents and the many

women who will find safety, care, rehabilitation, and a renewed sense of belonging in the years to come.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the **Nandri Kinderhilfe e.V.** and **W. P. Schmitz Foundation** for believing in our vision and walking alongside us throughout this journey. Your generosity has created far more than a kitchen—it has created opportunities, restored dignity, and brought hope to women who deserve the chance to rebuild their lives.

*"The kitchen is more than a building—it is love made visible. It is a place where we cook with joy, nurture hope, and build brighter futures together."*

**– C. Glory Deborah**

*Founder & Director, New Creations*