

CHILDLINE NEWSLETTER



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COVID19 - CHILDLINE 1098 Emergency Response: Andaman



In Andaman, CHILDLINE collaborated with the local district administration to help children and their families in need. The team collaborated with the Social Welfare department to keep children of the Child Care Institutions (CCI's) engaged during the lockdown. Adhering to the rules of social distancing, CHILDLINE organized group activities for the children as well as provided counseling support to reduce their stress and anxiety during the pandemic. The team was prepared to distribute colorful masks to the children at the CCIs.

- CHILDLINE Andaman provided nutritional support to nearly 23 children, along with the distribution of baby food.
- In Andaman, CHILDLINE has been coordinating with the DCPU (District Child Protection Unit) and police to spread awareness about COVID-19 through mic awareness and the distribution of IEC (Information, Education and Communication) materials.
- An Open House session on the do's and don'ts of Coronavirus as well as child safety measures was conducted at Netaji Nagar with approximately 13 children by CHILDLINE Andaman.
- A training programme on correct methods of washing hands and COVID-19 preventive measures was conducted by CHILDLINE Andaman. The team also ensured door-to-door awareness sessions on COVID-19.
- Training on how to make personal safety masks was provided to the children of CCI (Capstone Ministries).
- Awareness programmes on the COVID-19 do's and don'ts was conducted at Love Children's Home CCI and Hut Bay Little.
- An interactive session on the do's and don'ts of COVID-19 preventive measures and correct methods of washing hands was conducted with the children of Nirmala Shishu Bhavan.
- CHILDLINE South Andaman coordinated with the Superintendent of Police and his team to prepare personal safety masks and distribute them to marginalized people.



CHILDLINE helps a stranded child return home safely

During the lockdown, a concerned person requested CHILDLINE Andaman to help his nephew return home safely to Chennai. Since no medium of transport was available due to the lockdown the child, 17 years old, was asked to stay in Andaman. However, the child was adamant to return home. Upon receiving information, CHILDLINE shared the details of the child with the person in charge of the shipping office. They requested the concerned personnel to help with the ticket for the boy to travel to Chennai. But due to the lockdown nobody was allowed to travel via ship except for those transporting goods and essentials. After rigorous follow-ups CHILDLINE was able to get permission for the child to travel back to Chennai via ship. On 29th May 2020, CHILDLINE spoke to the boy via telephone, who confirmed that he had reached home safely.



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