

# CHILDLINE NEWSLETTER



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## COVID19 - CHILDLINE 1098 Emergency Response: Bihar



In Bihar, CHILDLINE units partnered with each other and the local district administration to keep children engaged during the lockdown. CHILDLINE Darbhanga collaborated with CHILDLINE Kilkari to organize online competition to keep children engaged during the lockdown. The local district authority such as the DM (District Magistrate), ADM (Additional District Magistrate), DCPU (District Child Protection Officer) and other government officials were present for this online event.

- Railway CHILDLINE Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur and Hajipur distributed dry ration to local children in collaboration with a local media house and local resource organization.
- CHILDLINE conducted COVID-19 awareness sessions with children in the districts of Bhojpur, Sitamarhi, East Champaran, Muzaffarpur and Saharsa.
- Over 4616 masks, 300 soaps and 180 bottles of sanitizers have been distributed by CHILDLINE across 18 districts of the state
- Approximately, 1243 children (847 families) were given dry ration/cooked meals across 22 districts in collaboration with the local resource organizations' and district administration.
- CHILDLINE Darbhanga participated in a webinar organized by CHETNA organization, Agra, on "The safety and well-being of children in distress".
- CHILDLINE Jamui participated in the online meeting on the reopening of schools and digital learning systems via the zoom app organized by the RTE (Right to Education) forum.
- Railway CHILDLINE Bhagalpur distributed dry ration to 22 vulnerable families living in the slum areas near Bhagalpur Railway station.
- CHILDLINE Kaimur, Banka, Samastipur, Madhubani, conducted a survey to identify vulnerable children and migrants in need of dry ration/food in association with the DCPU and the labour department.



### CHILDLINE protects a 9-year old from physical abuse

During the lockdown, CHILDLINE Champaran, Bihar received a call from a concerned person to report the physical abuse of a 9-year old girl, Neha (*name changed to protect identity*). Neha's mother would tie her up with chains and would often beat her. As per directions given by the center coordinator CHILDLINE reached the location to collect information about the child and her family and met the concerned person. CHILDLINE immediately informed the local police station. Along with the PRI (Panchayati Raj Institution) members and a police officer, CHILDLINE went to Neha's house to rescue her. The mother told CHILDLINE that Neha does not go to school and keeps running away from home, hence, she ties her up in chains. CHILDLINE instructed the mother to not resort to extreme measures. Eventually, Neha told CHILDLINE that she keeps running away from home because her mother forces her to beg on the streets. CHILDLINE, along with the police and PRI members, untied Neha and comforted her. The police warned the mother of legal consequences, if she continued to abuse Neha. Currently, CHILDLINE is closely monitoring the Neha and following up with her mother.



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