

CHILDLINE NEWSLETTER



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COVID19 - CHILDLINE 1098 Emergency Response: Jharkhand



Since the lockdown CHILDLINE Jharkhand has provided emergency relief and protective equipment not only to families in need but also shelter homes and Child Care Institutions across 21 districts. CHILDLINE is continuously working with the local district administration and other concerned authorities to ensure that people are aware and are adhering to COVID-19 preventive norms.

- In collaboration with District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), CHILDLINE Khunti organized a painting competition at a shelter home. The Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials created by UNICEF were also shared with the children there.
- CHILDLINE Koderma conducted a COVID-19 awareness session at a shelter home for boys. They also distributed dry ration worth one lakh rupees to the families in need, living near the mica mines in the district.
- CHILDLINE Lohardaga enrolled nearly 50 children with the DIDI Kitchen, a Jharkhand Government initiative to provide cooked food to people.
- CHILDLINE teams from districts of Giridh, Bokaro, Deogarh, Lohardaga, Khunti, Godda and Pakhur conducted sessions on COVID-19 preventive measures. Over 1500 families were sensitized through these sessions.
- CHILDLINE Saraikela collaborated with the local police and 196 battalion of CRPF to provide cooked food and groceries to the families in need in the nearby areas.



CHILDLINE teams in all the districts have received lockdown passes for ease of movement across the state. They have registered many families and children with the Dal Bhat Kendra and the PDS system run by the district administration. The District Development Committee (DDC) of Dhanbad issued a circular giving CHILDLINE responsibility to conduct COVID-19 awareness sessions in particular areas of Dhanbad.

CHILDLINE provides immediate medical support to a child in need

A doctor from MGM hospital Jamshedpur, Jharkhand called CHILDLINE 1098 to seek help for a child who needed blood urgently. The child was admitted to the hospital with fever and very low hemoglobin. Due to the lockdown, the family was unable to arrange for blood and other requirements for medical tests. The child was a resident of Saraikela, Jharkhand. The CHILDLINE team rushed to meet the doctor to get more details. The CHILDLINE team member then went to the blood bank and arranged for blood as per specifications by the doctor. Since the child needed more blood, CHILDLINE arranged for more the next day. After the subsequent follow-ups, CHILDLINE was informed that the child was discharged and is now in good health at home.



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