

CHILDLINE NEWSLETTER



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COVID19 - CHILDLINE 1098 Emergency Response: Karnataka



In Karnataka, CHILDLINE has conducted surveys and visited vulnerable areas to identify families/ individuals in need to support them. CHILDLINE Bengaluru (urban) conducted a survey in 14 vulnerable areas and covered nearly 175 families in need. CHILDLINE Yadagiri collected information from each village about migrant labourers, daily wage earners returning from the city. The team ensured that their medical tests are conducted and basic needs of such families are taken care of by the local authorities with constant follow-up for the same.

- CHILDLINE Gadag 110 dry ration kits and served cooked food to 600 migrant families.
- In Belgavi district, CHILDLINE visited 25 migrant families from Rajasthan providing them with one-time meal and registered them with the BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) Commissioner. Along with the Panchayat Development Officer (PDO), District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), CHILDLINE visited the migrant families to spread awareness about COVID-19.
- CHILDLINE collaborated with the Social Welfare Department and local Corporators to provide food to 240 families in the Dharwad district. The team also spread awareness about COVID-19 among 30 truck drivers in Dharwad and held 16 COVID-19 awareness sessions for 83 children and 480 migrant families.
- In Madhpura village of Tumkur district, CHILDLINE collected information about its residents and conducted an awareness session about COVID-19, personal hygiene and social distancing. CHILDLINE distributed masks, sanitizers, rice, wheat, cylinders and bed sheets among 300 families including children.
- In the Koppol district 3 families were referred to the DCPU for enrollment and ration support.



A child's life saved with timely medical help.

During an outreach activity, CHILDLINE received a case of Sushma (*name changed to protect identity*), an HIV+ 16 years old from Gadag, Karnataka. Both her parents were HIV positive. This is the case of vertical transmission to the child. After completing the Govt. school, she was going to be enrolled in PUE (Pre-University Education) 1st year. However, due to the COVID-19 outbreak the admission process got delayed. Her mother passed away, father left her and her grandmother was taking care of her. CHILDLINE found that the child's hemoglobin count was reduced to 1 and was in immediate need of a transfusion. Since the child was in a critical condition, she was immediately taken to the Government hospital in Gadag and then later transferred to the KIMS hospital, Hubli, Dharwad district. The child's blood group was A+. She received one bottle of A+ blood at midnight 1am. The next morning post check-up the doctors said that she needed three more bottles of blood. The CHILDLINE team contacted head officials at KIMS to arrange for more blood. Sushma received one bottle from a cancer institute in Navanagar, Karnataka. CHILDLINE ensured that the blood was transported safely from Navanagar to Hubli. After subsequent check-ups, Sushma's hemoglobin levels jumped to 8, which was close to a miracle. CHILDLINE donated fruits, masks, sanitizers' protein powder and syrup to Sushma. Upon discharge, CHILDLINE linked her to the Deputy Commissioner who arranged for an ambulance from Gadag. Sushma is now home and CHILDLINE is continuously following up with her to ensure she is in good health.



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