

CHILDLINE NEWSLETTER



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COVID19 - CHILDLINE 1098 Emergency Response: Manipur



In Manipur, CHILDLINE is working with the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) on methods to intervene in cases during the lockdown. The team is also working with the local district administration and concerned authorities to provide assistance to the Child Care Institutions and families in need. The COVID-19 emergency relief activities of CHILDLINE include:

- CHILDLINE Imphal East organized a COVID-19 awareness program for children and their caretakers at various children's homes. The co-coordinator explained the importance of wearing a mask and demonstrated accurate methods of sanitizing hands. They also distributed masks and sanitizers to the children.
- CHILDLINE Imphal West visited a children's home and distributed masks to them. They also conducted a COVID-19 awareness session for 48 children.
- The health department collaborated with CHILDLINE for an awareness session at Kullen village along with distribution of masks to vulnerable families.
- CHILDLINE Senapati collaborated with Senapati District Student's Association (SDSA) to distribute rice, salt, dal, potatoes toothpaste, soap to those in need.
- CHILDLINE Bishnupur distributed food items and sanitizers to the children and families in Tangjeng, Naorem and in the village of Kumbi.
- CHILDLINE Thoubal demonstrated the correct method of hand washing to the children and adults in nearby villages.
- With the permission from Deputy Commissioner, CHILDLINE Churachandpur provided ration support to those in need in the nearby areas. They also put up posters of COVID-19 awareness in the local dialect and conducted a session on the correct methods of hand washing at a children's home for girls.



Emotional Support and Guidance for the Victim of Abuse

In April 2020, CHILDLINE Bishnupur, Manipur received a call from the uncle of an 11years old sexually abused victim who shared complete details of the incident with CHILDLINE. A male relative of Rima, (*name changed to protect identity*), attempted to rape her by showing her his genitals. The child somehow managed to escape and shared the details of this heinous act with her mother. The child's mother confided in her younger brother, who then informed CHILDLINE. Upon receiving information, CHILDLINE immediately rushed to Rima's aid and provided her with emotional support and guidance. Then, the team took the child to the local police station in Bishnupur and lodged an FIR under the POCSO Act. Thereafter, the child was produced before CWC and restored the child with her biological mother.



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