



CHILDLINE NEWSLETTER

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COVID19 - CHILDLINE 1098 Emergency Response: Odisha



In Odisha, CHILDLINE networked with resource organizations and local district administration to provide livelihood and support to the community at large. The DCPU (District Child Protection Unit) along with CHILDLINE Deogarh formed a District Rapid Rescue Team to identify and rescue children affected by COVID-19. In coordination with the ADM (Additional District Magistrate) Jharsuguda, CHILDLINE played a nodal role in monitoring the organizations that were providing cooked food and dry food to more than 200 families. Other relief activities by CHILDLINE teams in Odisha include:

- In one week, nearly, 1582 families with children were provided nutritional support and around 2946 children were provided food, masks, soap and sanitizers in Odisha.
- Across Odisha, masks and soaps were distributed by CHILDLINE in 22 districts and nutritional support was provided to the people in need in 17 districts.
- In the wake of Amphan super cyclone, CHILDLINE Balasore team along with the district administration, evacuated children from the coastal belt and arranged for their food and shelter.
- CHILDLINE participated in the workshop organized by UNICEF Odisha on psychosocial support for child protection workers.
- Railway CHILDLINE Cuttack distributed cooked food to children and families in and around the railway station.
- Railway CHILDLINE Bhubaneswar and Jharsuguda conducted awareness programmes on hand washing and the importance of social distancing.
- CHILDLINE Bhubaneswar, Puri, Deogarh, Nabarangpur, Keonjhar, Koraput, Balasore, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur and Rourkela conducted activities with the children of CCI (Child Care Institutions).



Support and Justice for the victim of Child Sexual Abuse

On March 25th 2020 CHILDLINE received a call from a concerned person seeking help for a 17-year old victim of child sexual abuse in Keonjhar, Odisha. The CHILDLINE Intervention Unit (IU) of Keonjhar initiated action on the same day and arrived at the victim's residence to provide emotional and medical support. CHILDLINE counseled the victim. Then, CHILDLINE went to the police station with the child's guardian and filed an FIR. The team then shared the details of the case with the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). The abuser who was a friend of the victim was arrested on 28th March 2020. Currently, the child is living with her family.



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