

# CHILDLINE NEWSLETTER



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## Interventions during the lockdown

### Protection from abuse

During the lockdown, CHILDLINE Faridabad, Haryana received information about two children, Raja, 8 years old, Seema, 2.5 years old (*names have been changed to protect identity*), who were in extreme distress. Both children were neglected by their father who was in a live-in relationship. Their father did not provide any support in terms of food, milk and other basic necessities. Raja had dropped out from school. CHILDLINE contacted the Sadar Police station and shared the details of the case. Then, the team met the mother along with the children and counseled them. After which CHILDLINE presented the mother and the children before the CWC (Child Welfare Committee). The CWC ordered an FIR against the father under the JJ Act. The children were handed over to the mother and CHILDLINE is regularly following up about the wellbeing of the children.

### Child marriage

CHILDLINE Shivamogga, Karnataka received information from an ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) worker about a 16-year-old girl whose parents were trying to get her married after they found out that she was pregnant. CHILDLINE coordinated with the police, PDO (Panchayat Development Officer), CDPO (Child Development Project Officer), ASHA workers and visited the child's home. Upon enquiring, it was found that she had been in a physical relationship with a 25-year-old man, following which the man's family and hers had agreed to get them married. Her parents were counseled and informed that the child required both emotional and appropriate medical support, following which she was put through a medical examination, which also included a COVID-19 test which reported negative. The CWC ordered that the girl be placed in a Child Care Institution (CCI). However, during a subsequent medical examination, she tested positive for COVID-19, which caused some panic among the people who had come in contact with the child, including the child's family, police personnel, CHILDLINE personnel, ASHA workers, DCPU (District Child Protection Unit) staff, etc. While they have all tested negative for COVID-19 at the first level, they have been placed under home quarantine for 14 days. Additionally, 30 children who were in the CCI with the girl were placed under quarantine.

### Medical Aid and Nutrition

Railway CHILDLINE Amritsar, Punjab received a call from a concerned adult about a young boy from a poor family who was in need of medical help. Since the child was in a critical condition, the team immediately called for an ambulance, admitted the child to Guru Nanak Dev Hospital, and frequently visited the boy at the hospital to ensure he was getting proper treatment. After he was discharged, the team continues to visit the family to ensure that the boy was getting the required food and medicines for his recuperation.



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