

# CHILDLINE NEWSLETTER



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## COVID19 - CHILDLINE 1098 Emergency Response: Assam



In the north eastern state of Assam, CHILDLINE is closely working with the local district administration to monitor the Child Care Institutions and provide emergency relief to the families in need. In Hailakandi, CHILDLINE coordinated with the DCPO (District Child Protection Officer) and visited two Child Care Institutions (CCIs). The Superintendent of each of the CCIs was requested to set up isolation rooms as a precautionary measure as per set instructions. According to the directions of the DCPO, CHILDLINE visited the villages in Hailakandi and collaborated with the Panchayat to register needy people under the BPL scheme so that they could receive the ration given by the Government. Other COVID-19 relief activities by CHILDLINE include:

- CHILDLINE Tinsukia collaborated with RMSA (Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan) and local Panchayat to spread awareness about COVID-19 through street plays in six different locations.
- CHILDLINE teams in Jorhat and Kamrup Metro distributed ration to 327 families.
- CHILDLINE Dibrugarh and Tinsukia created COVID-19 IEC (Information, Education and Communication) materials to be distributed among people.
- At an open shelter in Nagaon, CHILDLINE conducted COVID-19 awareness program.

The circulars issued by the ASCPCR (Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights) and Director General of Police (DGP) have helped CHILDLINE to conduct their on-ground activities smoothly.

### Sponsorship for Orphaned Children

CHILDLINE Guwahati received information from a former CWC member about three minor orphan girls aged 16, 14 and 8 years whose mother, who had been their sole custodian, had passed away suddenly. While they were staying with their paternal uncle, a daily wage earner, he was hard pressed to support his own family, let alone the 3 girls, due to the ongoing lockdown. When CHILDLINE visited them, it was found that they needed financial assistance to continue their studies and meet other necessities. The matter was referred to the District Child Protection Officer, Kamrup (M) and Protection Officer (NIC), Kamrup (M) so that the girls could be linked with the sponsorship programme through Assam State Child Protection Society/Sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee, Kamrup (Metro), Assam or any other available sources. The DCPO assured that the children would be given the help at the earliest and has also planned for a video conference with a member of the Sponsorship and Foster Care and Approval Committee. Meanwhile, CHILDLINE collaborated with other organisations to ensure that the current needs of these children are met, and Nedan Foundation, Kokrajhar has agreed to support them.



Resources and information on COVID-19

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