

CHILDLINE NEWSLETTER



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COVID19 - CHILDLINE 1098 Emergency Response: Meghalaya



In Meghalaya, CHILDLINE Shillong organized a campaign to publicize CHILDLINE 1098 and encourage people to call, if they see any child in distress. In collaboration with the Faith Foundation, the team also developed IEC (Information, Education and Communication) materials to spread awareness about COVID-19. They also met the director of the social welfare department to plan post lockdown strategies. The police department assured their complete support to CHILDLINE Shillong.

- The Counsellor of CHILDLINE East Jaintia Hills District has been selected by the Deputy Commissioner to provide online counseling to children in need of counseling at Saipung Block and Sutnga Village.
- CHILDLINE East Khasi Hills donated cotton mattresses to the children in Covid-19 shelter and relief camps within the district. The mattresses were given to the Chief Executive Officer of the Shillong Municipal Board. They also collaborated with the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) to conduct awareness sessions about Covid-19 and distributed IEC materials provided by the health department among children and their family members.
- In Meghalaya, around 13 programmes on social distancing, prevention of Covid-19 and demonstration of hand washing were conducted with children and individuals within the community, market places, taxi stands, etc.
- Nearly 84 families with children were provided nutritional support by three district units of Meghalaya, along with distribution of masks to 142 children. Other concerned CHILDLINE partners distributed ration, masks and charcoal for cooking to 40 children from 15 families in collaboration with the DCPU.



CHILDLINE rescues a traumatized child during lockdown

In March 2020, an ASHA worker (Accredited Social Health Activist) called CHILDLINE Shillong, Meghalaya to inform about an 8-year old girl who had been locked in her house and left unattended for over 3-4 days. CHILDLINE rushed to the location and met the ASHA workers, neighbours and the child. The child revealed the ill-treatment meted out by the mother who enjoys roaming from one house to another. Due to this habit, the mother kept the child locked up at home under the pretext of her safety during the lockdown. Her step-father was an alcoholic. Further, the child stated that she could not go to the bathroom properly as there was no toilet inside their one-room rented apartment. CHILDLINE immediately informed the concerned police department and Child Welfare Committee (CWC). CHILDLINE took the child to the government hospital for her mandatory medical check-up before placing her at the children's home. Throughout the process the child kept repeating that she did not want to go home. The entire due diligence of this case was done by the CWC and the police. At present, the child is happy at the children's home.



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