

ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION**July 2015 Report****Highlights**

- Three (03) new complaint files opened this month
- AC hotline received **38** calls this month
- Health corruption hotline registered **11** calls this month
- A total number of 517 brochures distributed and 268 posters pasted in Yaounde

General

The AC hotline phone registered 38 calls this month of August with a total of 29 complaints. 21 complaints on corruption and corruption related offenses and 7 non corruption related offenses.

The AC volunteers made several investigative missions on the field following complaints received through the hotline phones and on the field.

Three (03) new case files on opened this month

A new case file on bribery and corruption was opened this month. The complainant reported an individual for logging wood illegally after paying 5.500.000 million F CFA to the state prosecutor of Mundemba as bribe to consent to his illegal exploitation of wood. Investigations are ongoing in the case.

Another new case file on bribery was opened this month. A student complained against a secretary of the state University of Yaoundé I who solicited and received 50,000 FCFA from him as bribe before giving him his attestation. When contacted, the university authorities promised to look into the matter.

Another new bribery and corruption case file opened this month. The president of the ACROPOLE bakery syndicate complained he was promised 150,000 F CFA by the president of the ACROPOLE Group of Bakeries to close his eyes to the low pay and miserable working conditions of bakery workers. Investigations are ongoing.

Another case file on bribery was opened this month. The victim complained against the mortuary attendant of the district hospital of Ombessa who solicited 30,000 F CFA more from him after he

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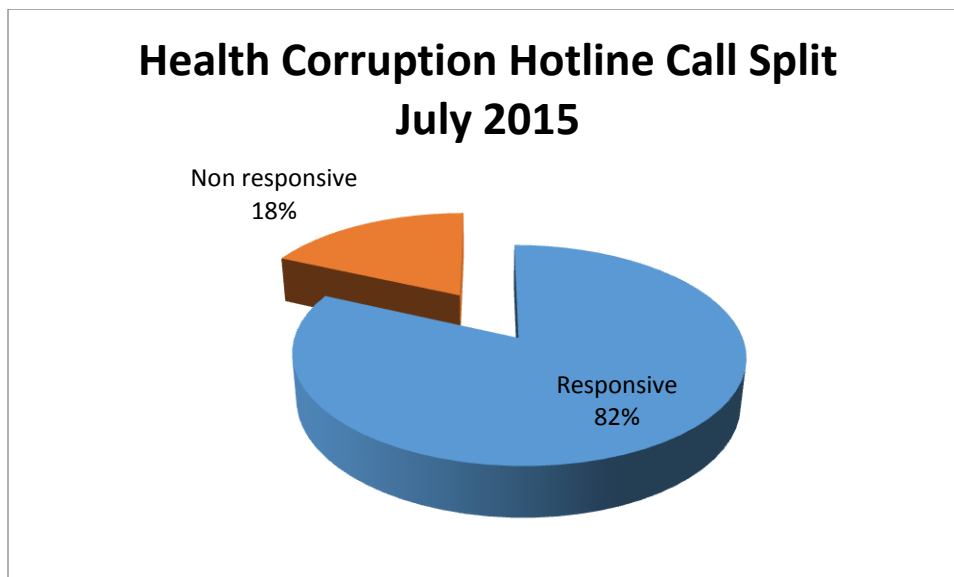
had paid the standard fee. The chief medical officer of the Ombessa district hospital has promised to verify the complaint and treat the matter.

The distribution of brochures and pasting of posters remained the major activities carried out this month in order to recruit victims of corruption. Posters were pasted and brochures distributed in corruption hotspots like the ministry of finance and its environs, the Essos, Etoudi, Mokolo and Central Markets, Provence and Nkoabang for a change..

Case follow-up this month continues with the old court case of motor bike riders against the head of the Nkolbisson municipal storeroom still at the level of hearings in the high court in Yaoundé. The case was adjourned again for an extended period and promised to be thrown out of court if the plaintiffs like the defendant continue to miss court sessions. The plaintiffs are discouraged and giving up on the case.

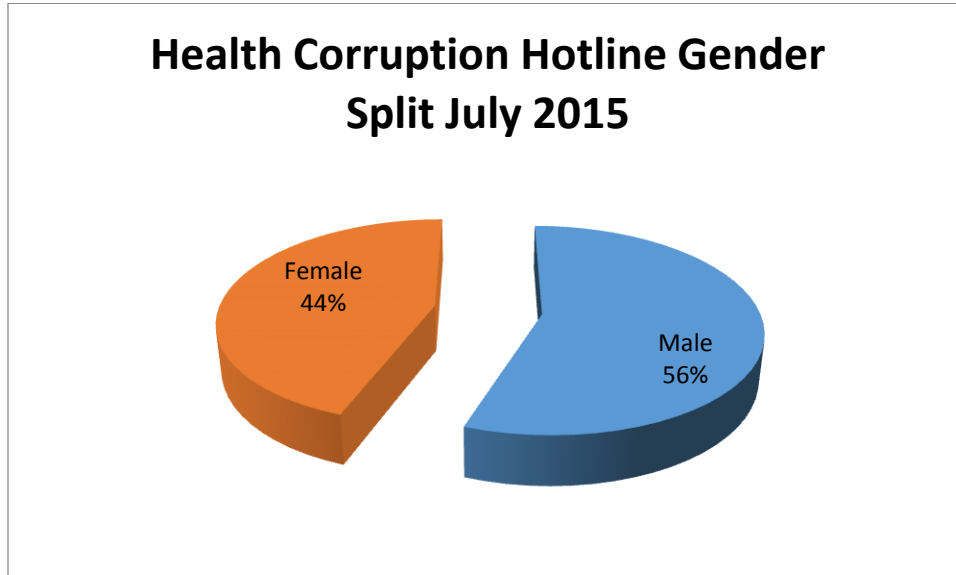
Health Corruption Hotline

The health corruption hotline received 15 calls this month and registered no complaint. The lack of field activities is the reason behind this decrease of calls and lack of complaints. The data from the calls has been analyzed as is represented below



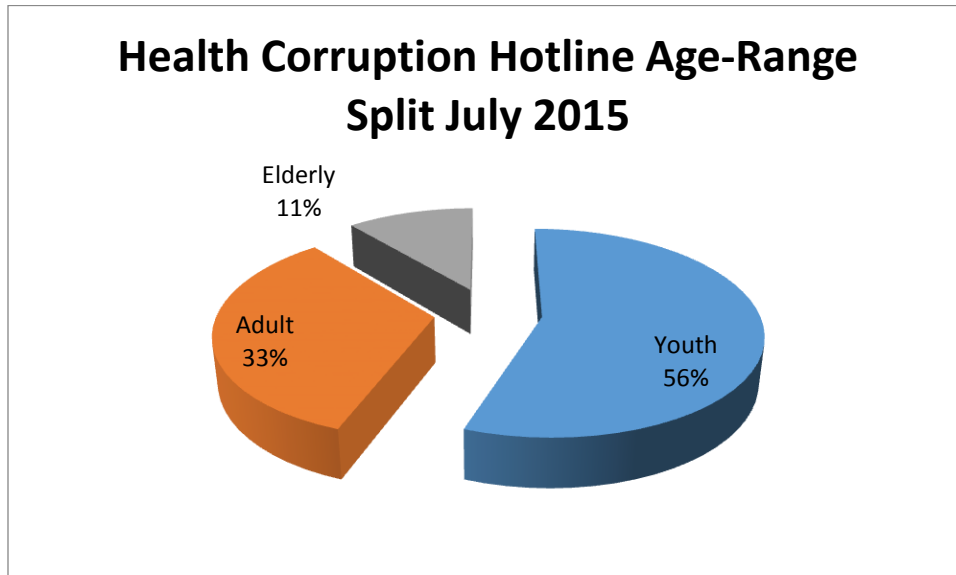
This month of July 2015, 82% of calls were responsive while just 18% of calls were non responsive.

Gender



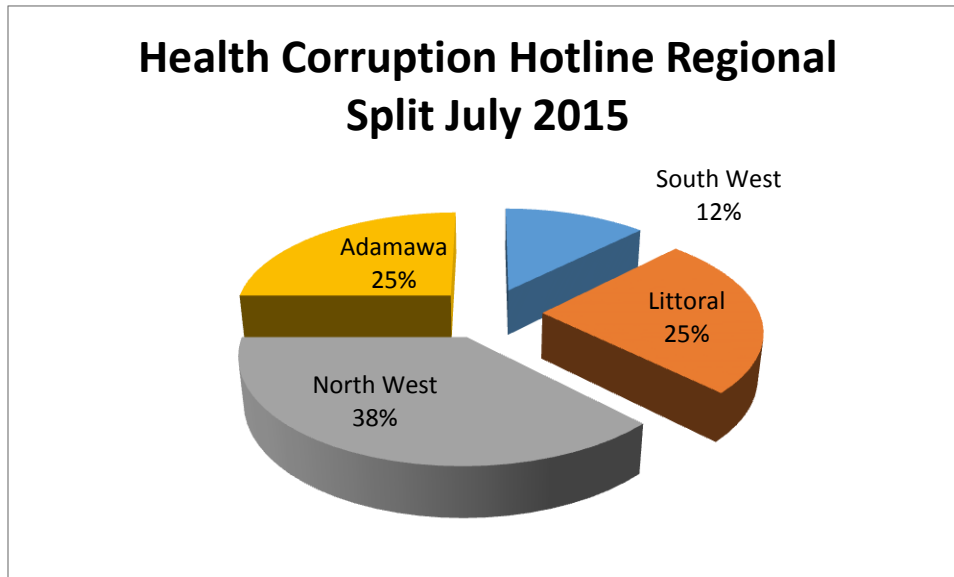
56% of calls this month of July came from the male gender while 44% came from the female gender.

Age range of callers



This month of July 2015, the youth age-range dominated with 56% of calls, followed by the adult age-range which put in 33% and lastly the elderly with 11%.

Regional representation

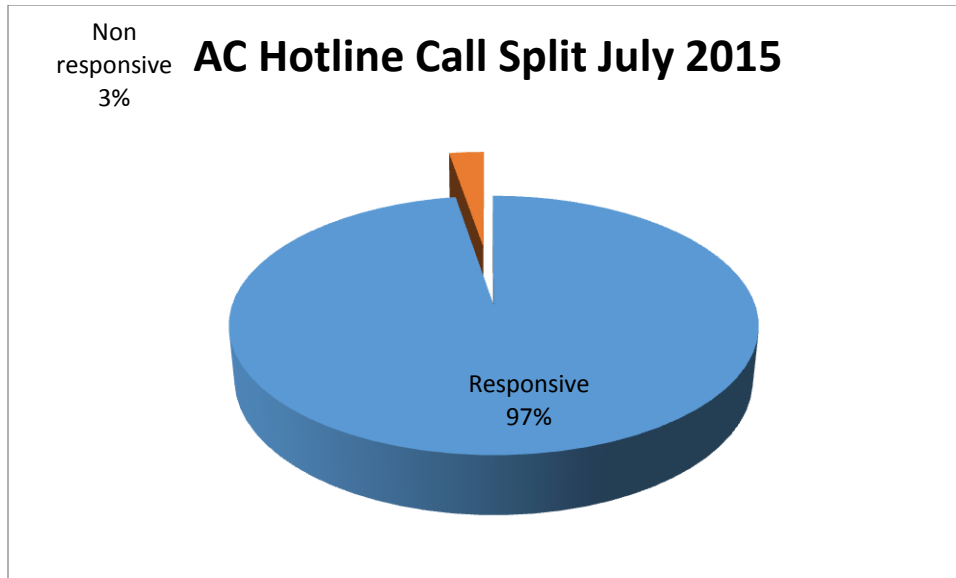


The North West region has the highest calls this month representing 38%, followed by the Littoral and the Adamawa regions which both follow representing 25% each of calls and lastly, the south west region which has a 12% representation. Many regions did not participate in calls this month which can be explained by the lack of field work for an extended period of time.

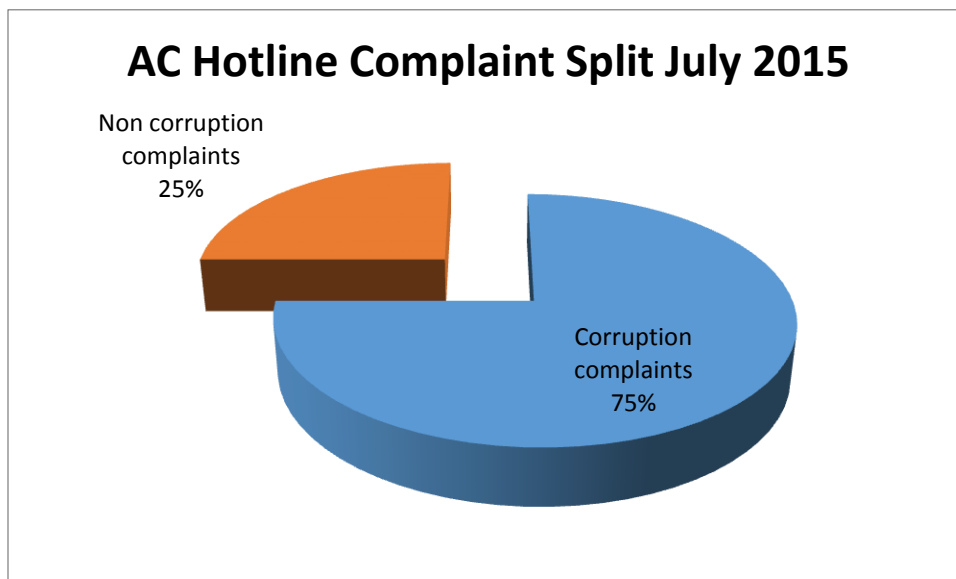
AC Hotline Phone

The AC hotline phone registered **38** calls this month of July 2015 with **21** corruption and corruption assimilated offences and **7** non-corruption related complaints.

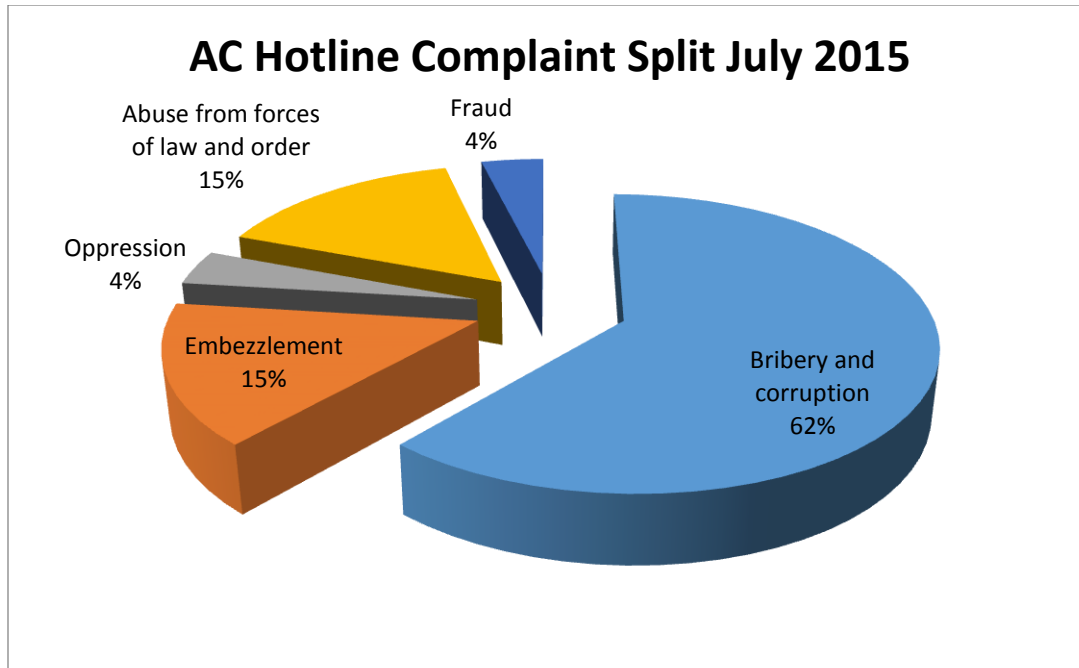
In addition to calls received through the AC hotline phone, field work was also carried out around corruption hotspots in Yaounde in a bit to recruit victims of corruption. In this regard, a total of 517 AC brochures were distributed and 268 AC posters pasted with **11** corruption complaints collected mostly on bribery and corruption. The calls have been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below.



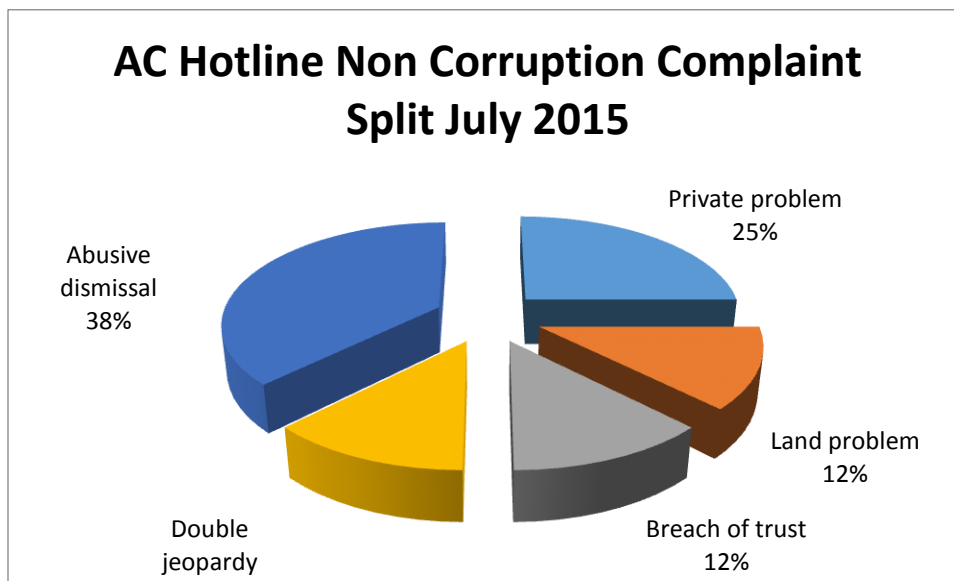
97% of calls this month of July were responsive and just 3% of calls were non responsive



The highest number of complaints this month of July 2015 was corruption complaints representing 75% of while non-corruption complaints represented just 25% of complaints.

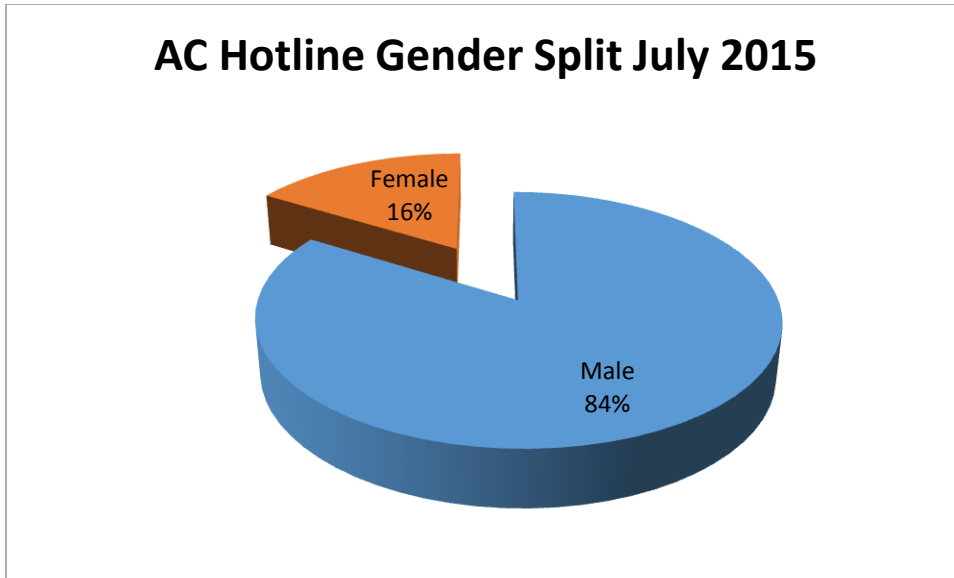


The highest complaints registered this month of July 2015 was on bribery and corruption representing 62%, followed by complaints of abuse from the forces of law and order and embezzlement which both have 15% and lastly,



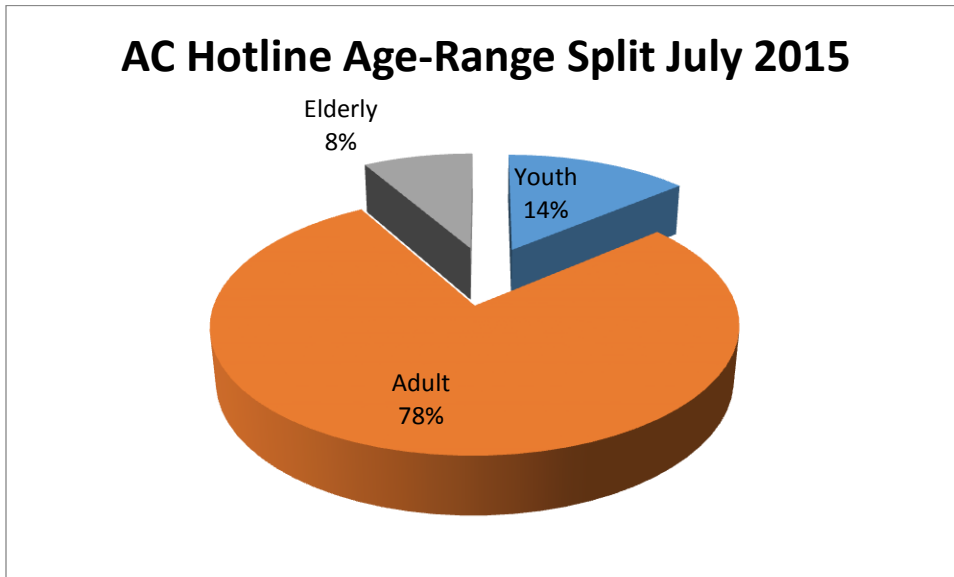
Wrongful dismissal were the highest non-corruption complaint cases registered this month representing 38%, followed by private problems which is at 25%, then double jeopardy with 13% and lastly, land problems and breach of trust which both have 12% each.

Gender



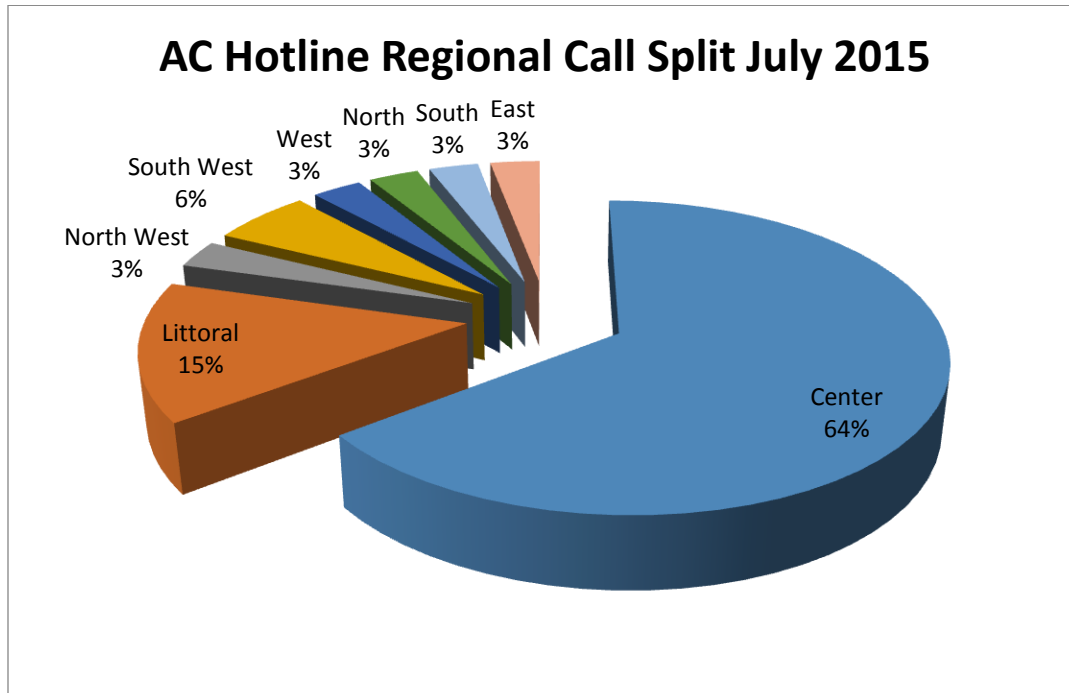
As has been widely noticed with the trend of calls, the male gender participated more with 84% of calls this month while the female gender participated with just 16%.

Age range of callers



The adult age range participated highest this month representing 78%, followed by the youth age range with 14% and lastly, the elderly age range with just 8% of calls.

Regional representation



The center region had the highest number of calls with 64%, more than half of the total calls. Secondly, the littoral region with 15% of calls then followed by the south west region with 6% of calls. The North West, the west, north, south and east regions all sent in 3% each of calls.

Email/postal complaints

One complaint with three counts was received through the email address including bribery, corruption and illegal logging.

Investigations

Investigations were carried out in a new case file on bribery and corruption opened this month. The complainant reported an individual for logging wood illegally after paying 5.500.000 million FCFA to the state prosecutor of Mundemba as bribe to allow him continue exploiting the wood. AC's investigation is unveiling a chain where there are many other people involved besides the state prosecutor that have received bribes to consent to this illegal logging action. Further investigations are still being carried out in the case.

Investigations in the education corruption case opened this month portrayed the negligence with which our educational systems are handled. Every person can make a disastrous decision and get away with it. The secretary who was accused of soliciting 50,000 FCFA from the victim claimed she did so because the student had not come for his attestation earlier thereby rendering the task of searching more difficult. In effect, there is no law or decision prescribing the time limit for the collection of attestations for graduates after the graduation. The university authorities had promised to look into the matter swiftly and develop a concise pattern for future similar cases.

Investigations were also carried out in an attempted bribery and corruption case concerning the employment of youths in the private sector. The case was forwarded to AC by the president of the ACROPOLE workers syndicate. He complained he was promised 150,000 FCFA as bribe by the president of the ACROPOLE Group of Bakeries not to make public the very low pay and miserable working conditions of bakery workers which was against the law. In point of fact, Article 1 of Decree N° 2014/2217/PM of 24 July 2014 revaluing the guaranteed minimum wage fixed the minimum wage of all workers at 36,270 francs CFA and nothing below that which is not the case of the ACROPOLE bakery workers. The bribery complaint is still being investigated.

Intervention and investigations were also necessary in a bribery case opened this month. The victim complained against the mortuary attendant of the district hospital of Ombessa who solicited 30,000 francs CFA more from him as bribe after he had paid the standard fee of 25,000 francs CFA for two days to keep his corps in the mortuary. According to the complainant, the mortuary attendant claimed to be asking for the money so it can permit him work on Saturday which is a non working day for him. The chief medical officer of the Ombessa district hospital was contacted and he promised to verify the complaint and treat the matter.

Legal follow-up

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Finance**AC received funds this month from LAGA**

Amount in Francs CFA	Use	Details	Amount in USD
30,000	AC Hotline	38 calls received	\$50.2
25,000	HC Hotline	11 calls received	\$41.8
32,500	Investigations	brochures - posters	\$54.4
246,800	Legal	03 case follow-up	\$413.4
0	Media	0	
215,650	Management	coordination	\$361.2
11,900	Office		\$19.9
561,850	TOTAL Expenditure July 2015		\$941.1

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Amount in FCFA	Donor	Month	Amount in USD
459,000	LAGA	Used in July	768.8