

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

- Four (04) new complaint files opened this month
- AC hotline receives **43** calls this month
- Health corruption hotline registered **22** calls this month
- A total number of 748 brochures distributed and 501 posters pasted in Yaounde

**General**

The AC hotline phone registered 43 calls this month with 17 corruption complaints and corruption assimilated offences, as well as 6 non-corruption related complaints.

The two jurists retained for test in the month of February made several investigative trips following complaints received from the field and some that came in through the AC hotline phone.

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Brochure distribution and poster pasting have been the major activities carried out this month in order to recruit victims of corruption. Posters were pasted and brochures distributed in corruption hotspots in and around the Ekounou and main court houses, Provence, Obili, Bonas, Cradat, Ngoa-ekelle and the Acacias, Ekounou, Mvog-mbi, Mfoundi and Mokolo markets in Yaounde.

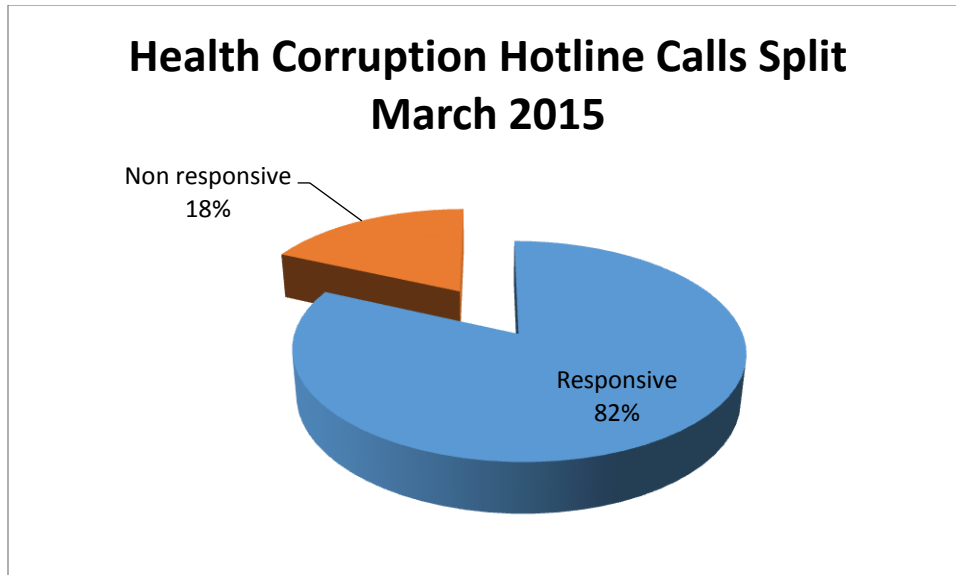
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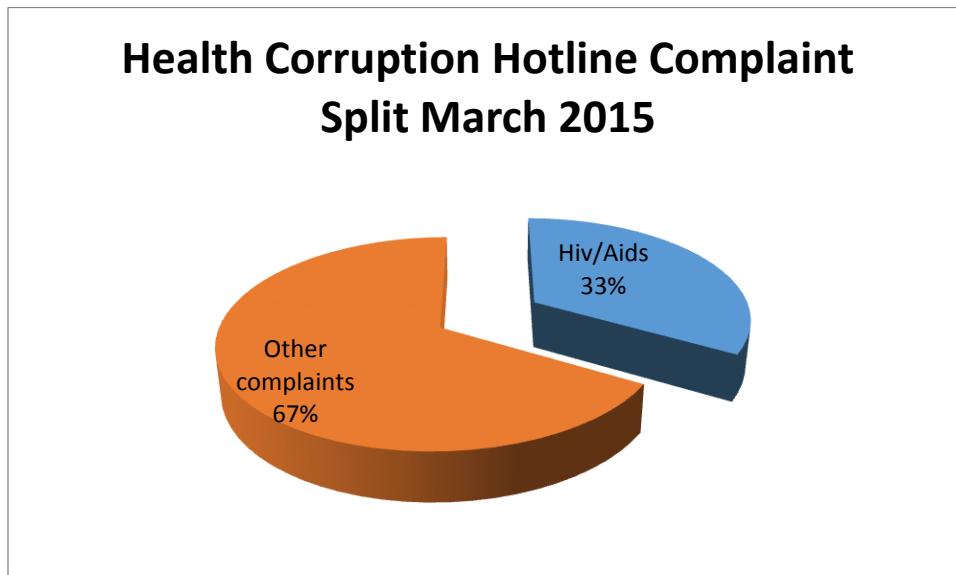
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### Health Corruption Hotline

Calls received through the Health Corruption hotline phone continue to decrease from last month's calls. 22 calls came in through the health corruption hotline phone with 1 complaint on HIV/AIDS. The data has been analyzed and is represented on charts as seen below

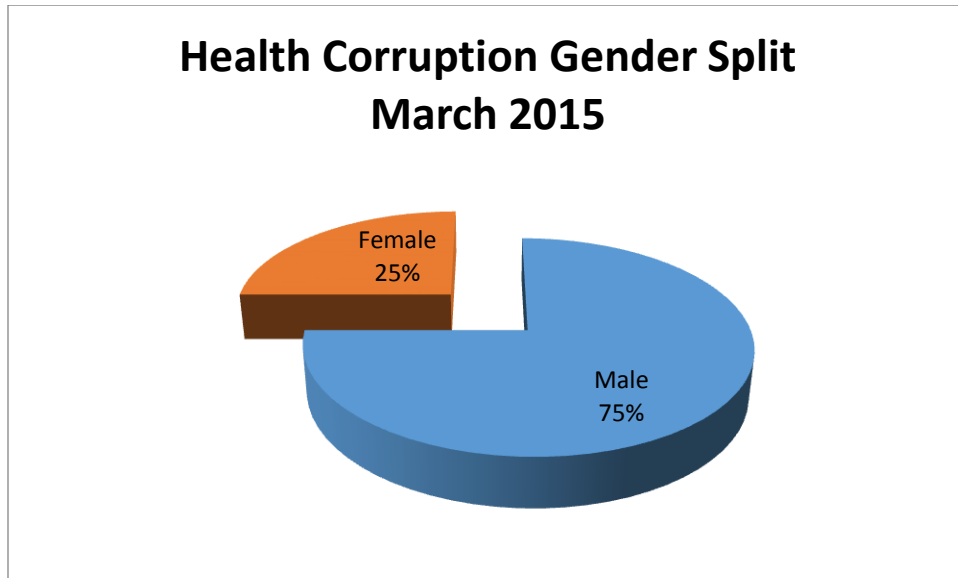


82% of calls through the health corruption hotline phone were responsive while 18% were non responsive



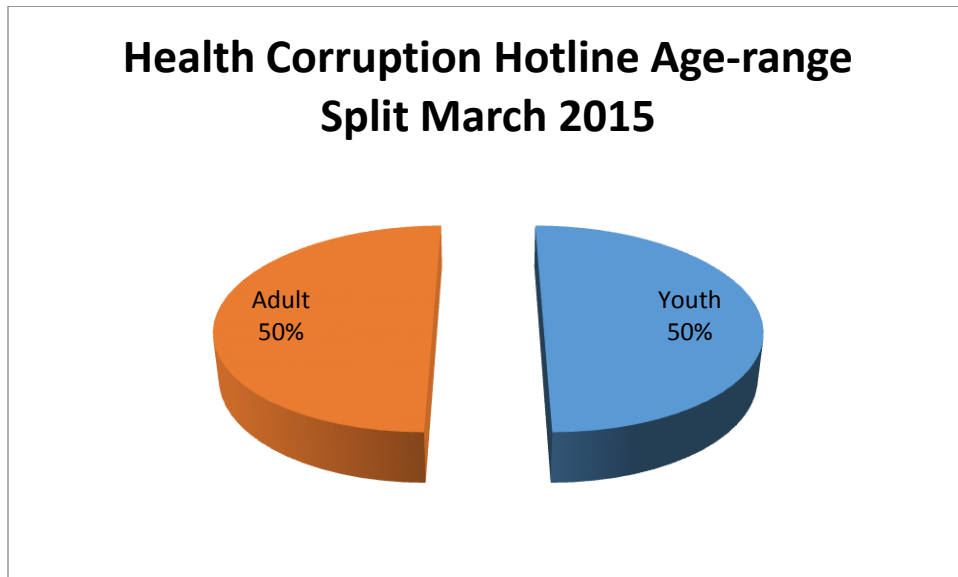
This month of March 2015, 67% of complaints were against stolen medications from hospital patients while 33% of complaints were on inaccessibility to hiv/aids treatment

**Gender**



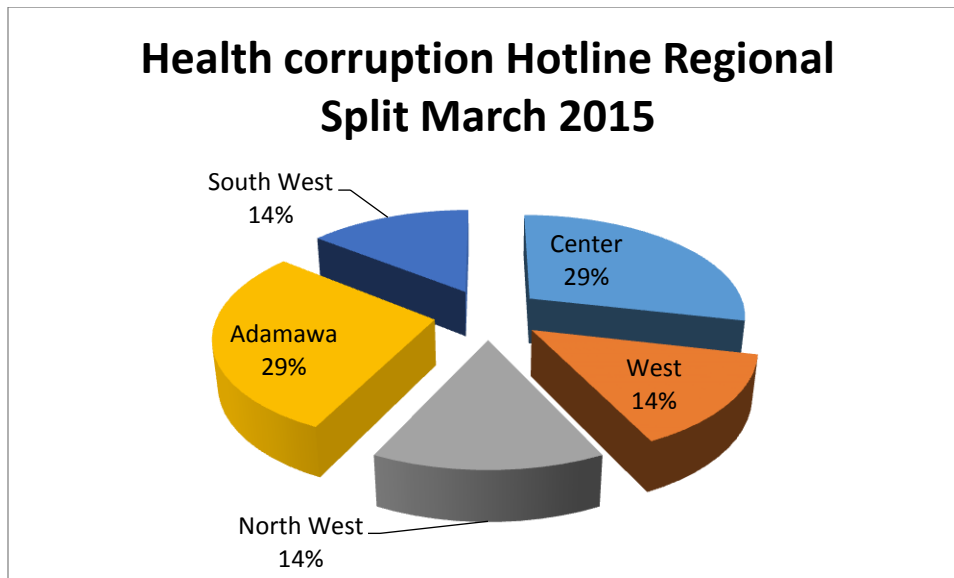
75% of health corruption calls this month was from the male folk while the women folk registered just 25% of calls

**Age-range of callers**



This month of March 2015, 50% of calls were received from both the adult and youth age-range groups while the elderly age-range did not participate in calls this month

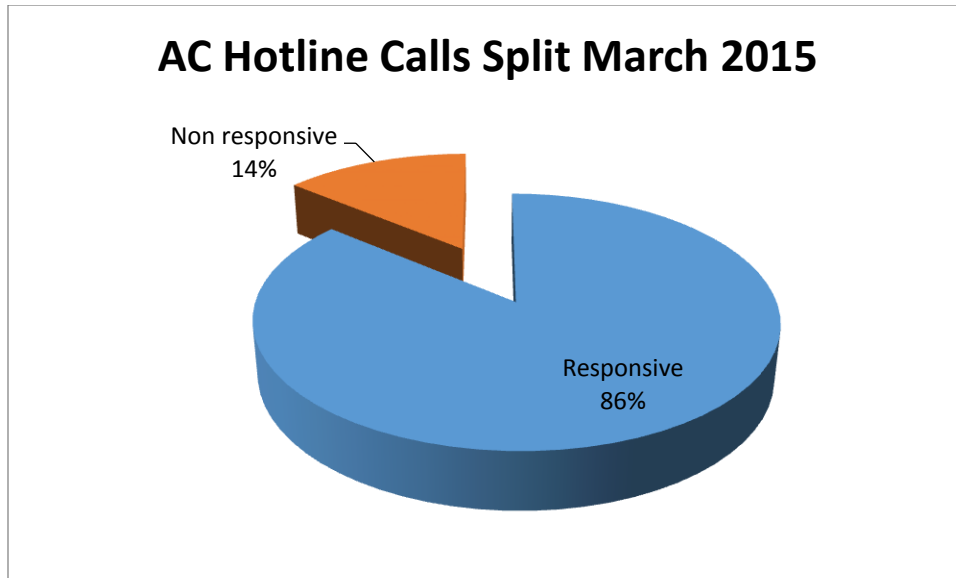
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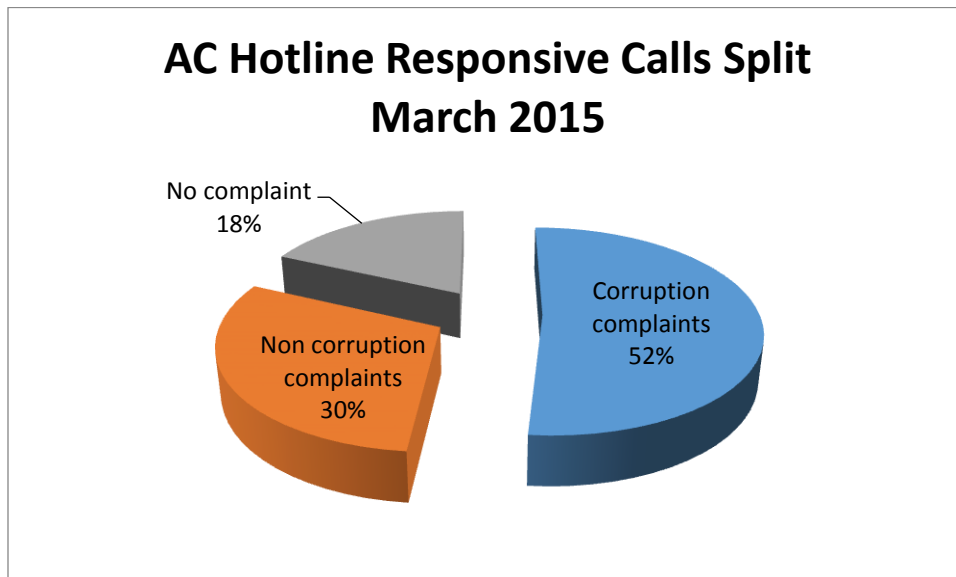
This month of March 2015, both the Center and Adamawa regions participated with 29% of calls, followed by the South West, North West and West regions which all have 14% each of calls. Many regions like the East, South, North, Far North regions and the normally active Littoral region is missing in action. This can be explained by the lack of field work in these regions which usually spurs the population to call.

## AC Hotline Phone

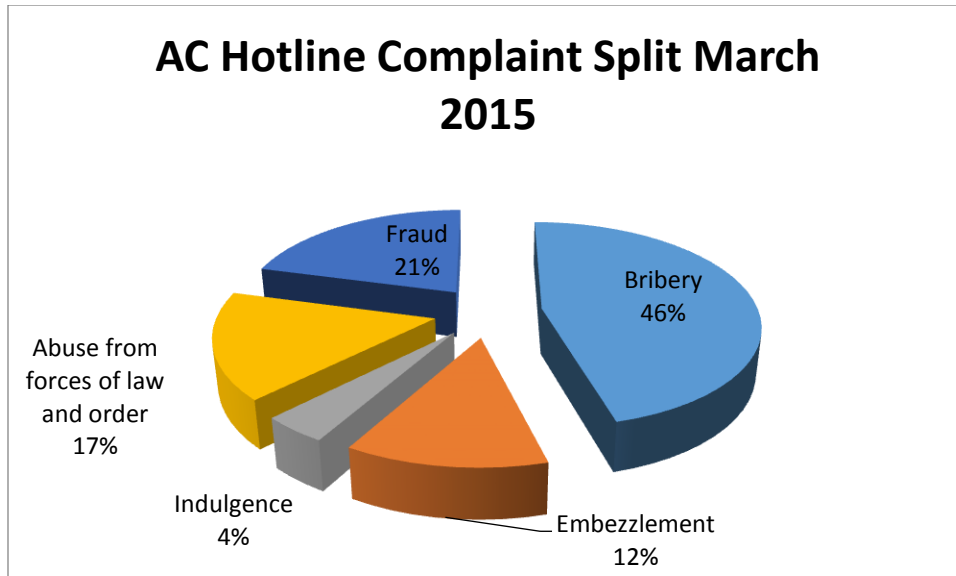
The AC hotline phone registered 47 calls this month with 16 corruption complaints and corruption assimilated offences, as well as 6 non-corruption related complaints as represented below.



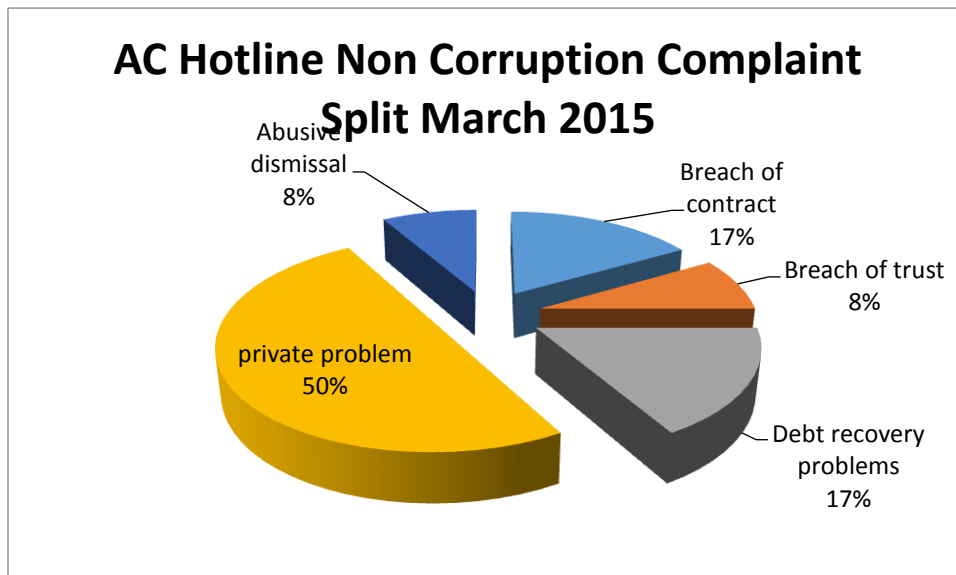
86% of calls were responsive this month while 14% of callers' phone was unavailable or they did not respond to calls



52% of complaints this month were corruption complaints while 30% of callers deposited complaints which were not related to corruption. 18% of callers did not deposit any complaint

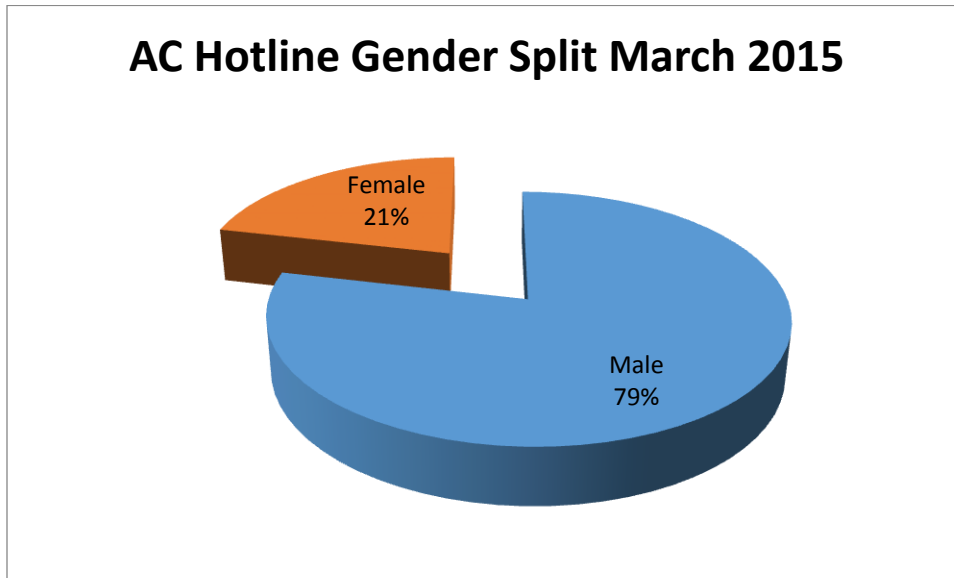


Bribery as usual was the highest percentage of complaints deposited this month with 46%, followed by complaints on fraud with 21%, Abuse from forces of law and order with 17%, embezzlement with 12% and lastly indulgence which has 4%



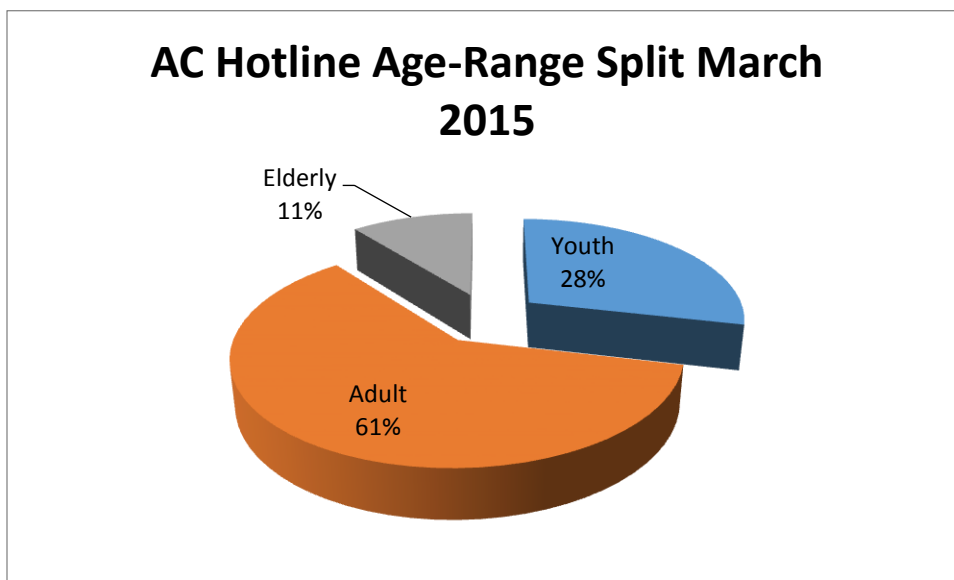
50% of non-corruption complaints this month is on private problems, followed by complaints on breach of contract and debt recovery problems which both have 17%, and then abusive dismissal and breach of trust complaints which both have 8%

### Gender



This month of March 2015, 79% of calls were registered from the male gender while the female gender registered 21% of calls.

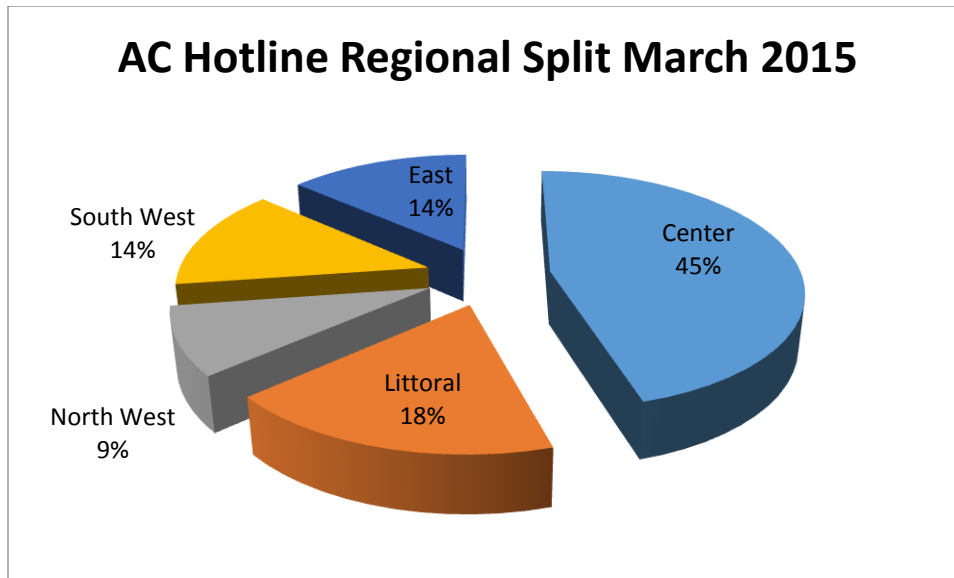
### Age-Range of callers



The adult age-range is participated more with 61% of calls, followed by the youth age-range with 28% and lastly the elderly age-range which participated with just 11%



## Regional Representation of calls



The center region participated most with 45% of calls emanating from that region. The Littoral region follows with 18% of calls, the East and South West both have 14% of calls and lastly the North West which has just 9% of calls. Many regions like the South, Adamawa, North and Far North regions are totally missing which can be explained by the fact that field work is concentrated around the Center region.

### Email/postal complaints

Two complaints were received through the AC email address. The first case is on Bribery and Corruption in the civil service and the second involving fraud and embezzlement regarding retirement benefits.

### Investigations

Investigations are ongoing in a case file on bribery opened this month. The victim deposited a complaint against the pedagogic inspector for basic education for the lékié division in the Center region. She explained that the inspector solicits money from headmasters of primary schools ahead of her inspection visits and promises not to write a derogatory report concerning their schools to the Ministry of Basic Education. Investigations have been launched in this case.

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women who brought their food produce from villages to sell at the mokolo market and she denounced her openly which got the councilor annoyed. The councilor then reported the matter to the commissioner of police who arrested the victim arbitrarily and threw her in a male cell. She lost goods amounting close to a 1.8million and physical cash of 225,000 FCFA because of her arrest. The interesting fact in the case is that the victim has deposited the complaint at the General Delegation of National Security, at the Yaounde state counsel's office and at the National Anti-Corruption Organ (CONAC) but found out on each occasion during follow-up that her complaint files were missing from all the structures. Each time she deposits a complaint, the offenders come to her with a torn copy of the complaint and told her that there is no way in this country where she can deposit a complaint without them knowing.AC intends to get a lawyer to handle this case after the necessary need for case replication has been fulfilled.

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Investigations are also ongoing in a fraud complaint file opened this month. The complainant complained against a teacher who lives in Germany since 2011 but his wife collects his monthly salary in Cameroon. His course, philosophy is not thought by anyone and the students' studies have been affected. AC has launched investigations in this case.

Investigations were also necessary in a corruption and oppression case file followed-up this month. The victim, the newly appointed delegate of livestock of Tombel in the South West region called to complain that the former delegate has refused to hand over to him even with the intervention of their superiors. The victim now feels threatened after he wrote letters to the Minister of Fishery, Livestock and Animal Husbandry (MINEPIA) to denounce this act but the former delegate came up to him with threats that she has put people in the ministry to destroy all his letters so the minister cannot receive them.

### **Legal follow-up**

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## **Management**

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**Finance**

AC received funds this month from private donors

<b>Amount in Francs CFA</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount in USD</b>
30,000	AC Hotline	47 calls received	\$60.0
20,000	HC Hotline	27 calls received	\$40.0
29,500	Investigations	500 brochures - 300 posters	\$59.0
60,200	Legal	04 case follow-up	\$120.4
0	Media	0	
209,350	Management	coordination	\$418.7
0	Office	0	
<b>349,050</b>	<b>TOTAL Expenditure March 2015</b>		<b>\$698.1</b>

**Donor Financial Report January 2015**

<b>Amount in FCFA</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Amount in USD</b>
<b>347,500</b>	<b>Private Donor</b>	<b>Used in March</b>	<b>\$695.0</b>