

**ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION****April 2016 Report****Highlights**

- Four (04) new complaint files opened this month
- AC hotline received **27** calls this month
- Health Corruption hotline received **12** calls this month
- A total number of 245 brochures distributed and 65 posters pasted in Yaounde

**General**

The AC hotline phone registered 27 calls this month of April 2016 with a total of 16 complaints. 11 complaints on corruption and corruption related offenses and 5 non corruption related offenses.

AC volunteers made several investigative field missions following complaints gathered from the field and calls received through the hotline phones.

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Another case on bribery and corruption was opened this month. The complainant reported that the litigation department of the Ministry of Finance solicited bribe from him the last time he went to follow-up his family allowance documents. An individual from that service asked him to pay in some money if he wanted his documents to be treated quickly and his allowance ready for payment. AC has to meet up with the complainant when next he is in Yaounde for proper analysis of the situation and follow-up.

A new case file of two counts of Oppression and Bribery also opened this month. Teachers of the Lebialem division complained that they had become targets of violence and corruption from the

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forces of law and order. They complained that gendarmes working in Lebialem arrested them without cause and asked them to pay 5,000 francs CFA if they were unfortunate not to have their national identity cards on them. AC's interest was spiked by the act of corruption and the fact that only teachers were targeted and while working on uncovering why, AC discovered that it was a misunderstanding between an individual teacher and a gendarme that had grown to involve other teachers. The head of the Lebialem gendarmerie squad assured AC that it was nothing to worry about since he will put an end to the teacher-gendarme problem.

A new complaint file on misappropriation was opened this month. The complainant reported the principal and PTA committee of the Government Secondary School Barèe for misappropriating funds meant for the payment of temporal teachers. AC was interested in this case because it had received similar complaints from other schools on the nonpayment of salaries for PTA teachers in the last two months. AC contacted the principal who explained that there were not enough funds to pay the teachers as they were still expecting to collect PTA levies from students to be able to meet up with payments.

AC resumed the distribution of brochures and pasting of posters this month as the major activity carried out in order to recruit victims of corruption and educate the public on the fight against corruption. Posters were pasted and brochures distributed in corruption hotspots like the Yaounde and Ekounou court houses and the Mokolo and Central markets. Brochures were also distributed in the university area of SOA during the just ended annual university games.

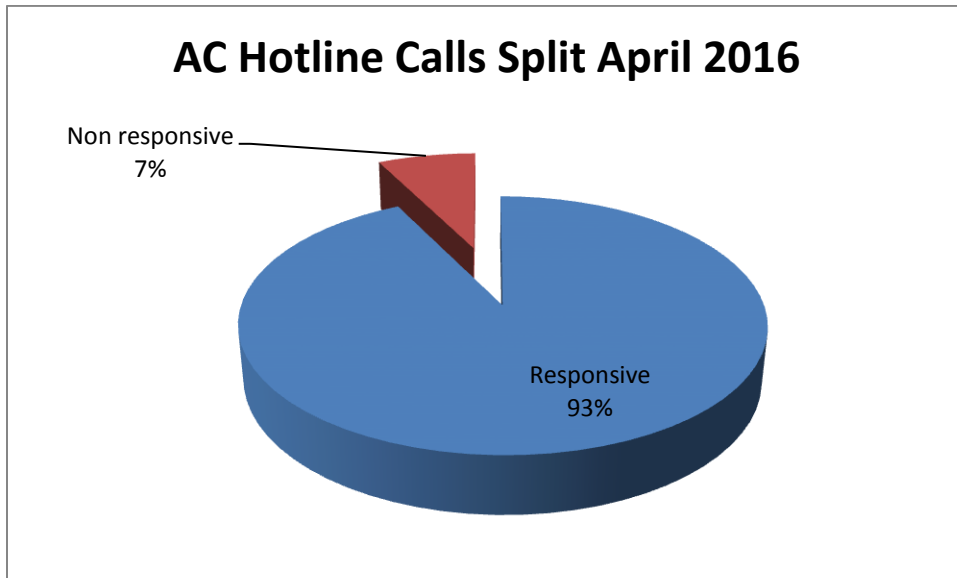
In that regard, 245 brochures were distributed and 65 posters pasted this month with 6 corruption complaints and 2 non-corruption complaints recruited from the field.

Follow-up was also carried out this month on a bribery case opened last month of March 2016. The victim had complained that a police inspector of the Buea Central police station solicited a bribe of 250,000 FCFA when she went to collect her national identity (ID) card in the guise that her fingerprints did not correspond to the one on her expired ID card. The inspector on his part had claimed the money was being solicited by SACEL not him. Investigations carried out this month at SACEL; the Cameroon Electronic Agency where these ID cards are produced proved that no money was needed to pay for corrections to be done on her ID card but just proof that the fingerprints on both the expired and new ID cards both belonged to the same person in this case the victim. A strategy is being currently adopted to work out this case.

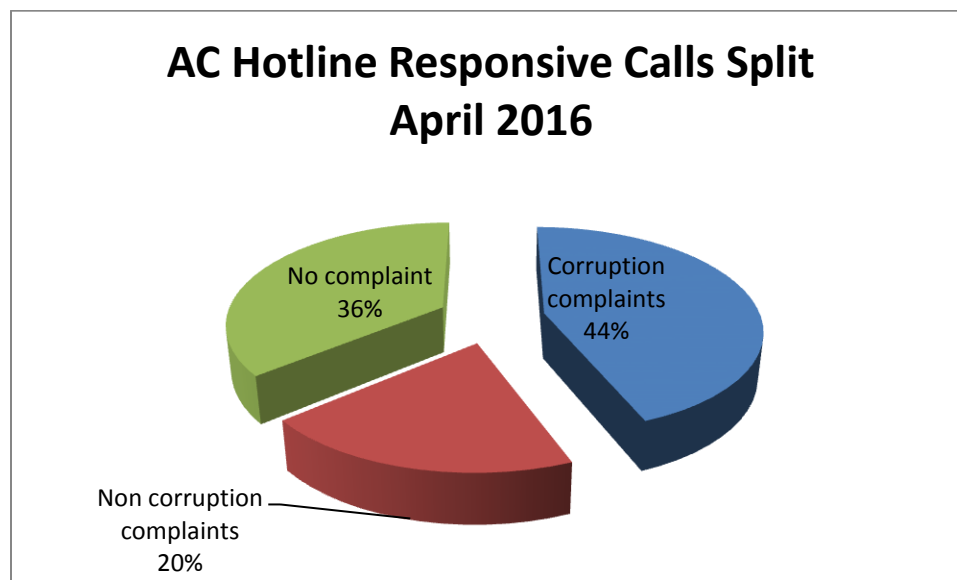
### **AC Hotline Phone**

The AC hotline phone registered **27** calls this month of April 2016 with **11** corruption and corruption assimilated offences and **5** non-corruption related complaints.

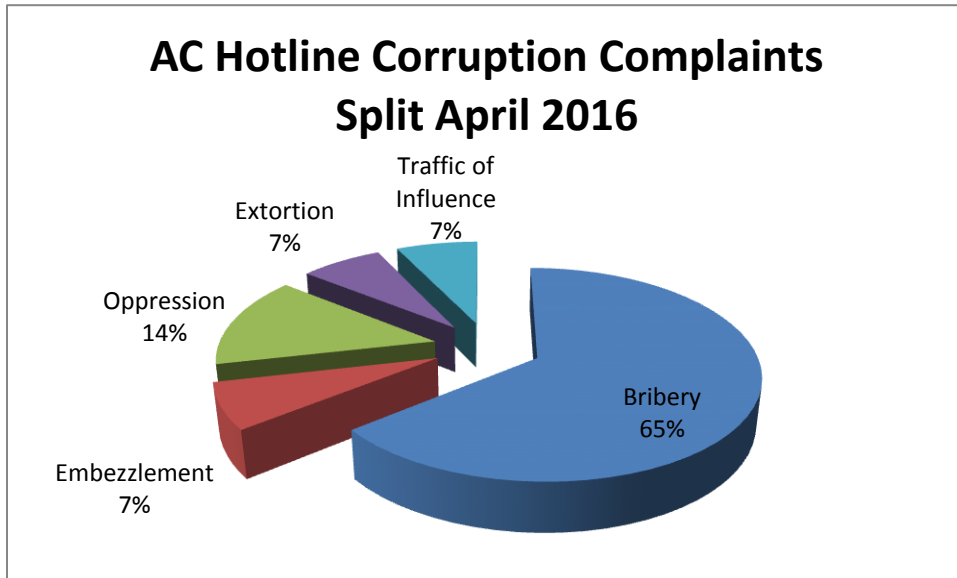
In addition to calls received through the AC hotline phone, field work was also carried out around corruption hotspots in Yaounde in a bit to recruit more victims of corruption. In this regard, 245 brochures were distributed and 65 posters pasted with 6 corruption complaints and 2 non-corruption complaints recruited on the field. The calls have been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below.



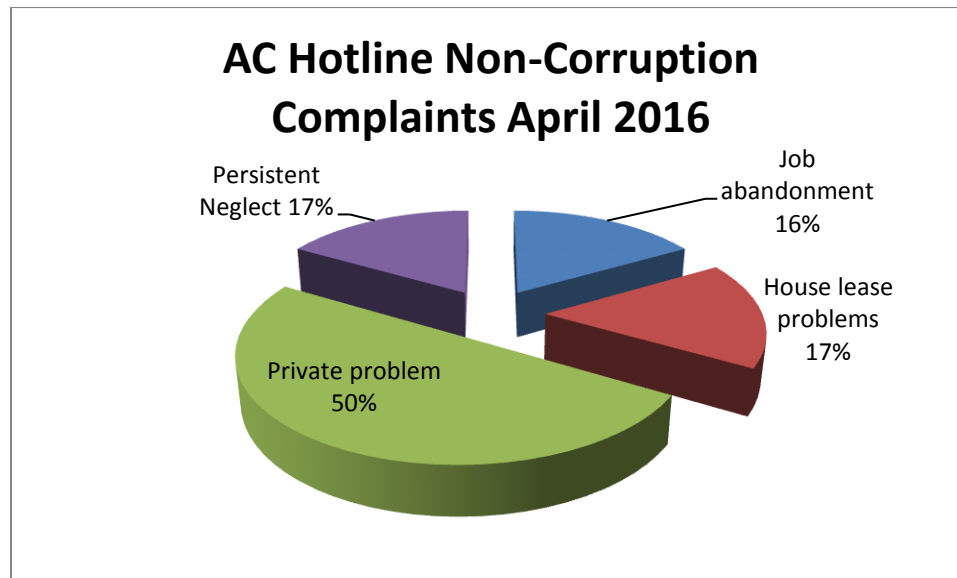
93% of calls were responsive this month while just 7% of callers' numbers were unavailable



44% of responsive calls were complaints against corruption, followed by 36% of callers who reported no complaint but some asked for legal advice while others asked for more information about the project and the last 20% of callers had complaints not related to corruption.

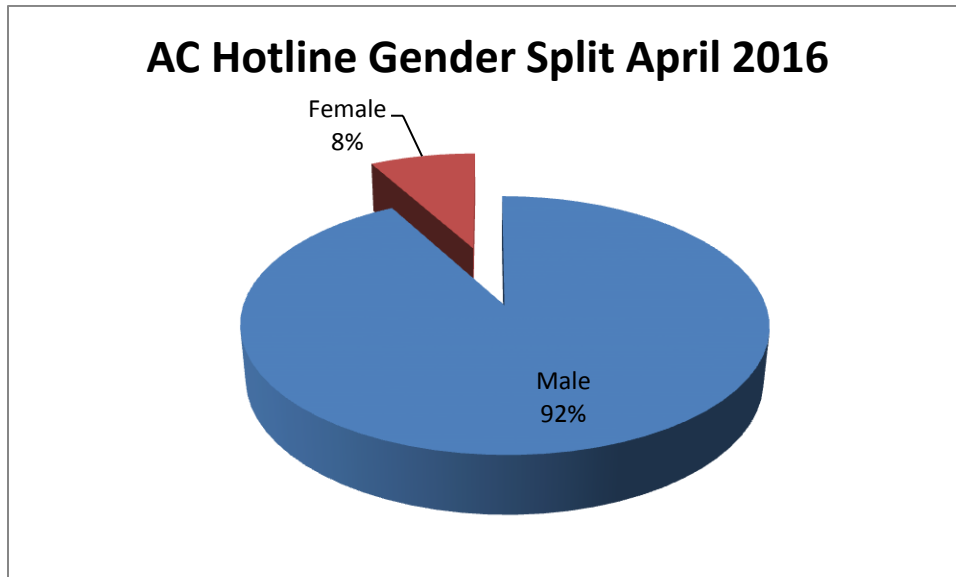


Bribery complaints top the list of corruption complaints as usual with 65% of total complaints, followed by complaints of abuse from corrupt law enforcement officers and civil servants representing 14% while embezzlement complaints, extortion and traffic of influence represented 7% each



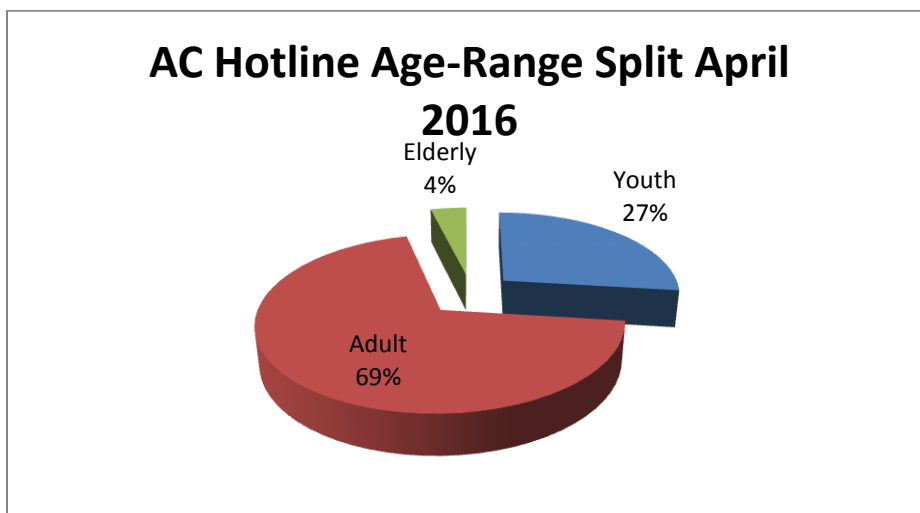
50% of non-corruption complaints were complainants with private problems, followed by complaints of slow procession of documents in ministries and house lease problems representing 17% each and lastly, job abandonment complaints with 16%.

### Gender



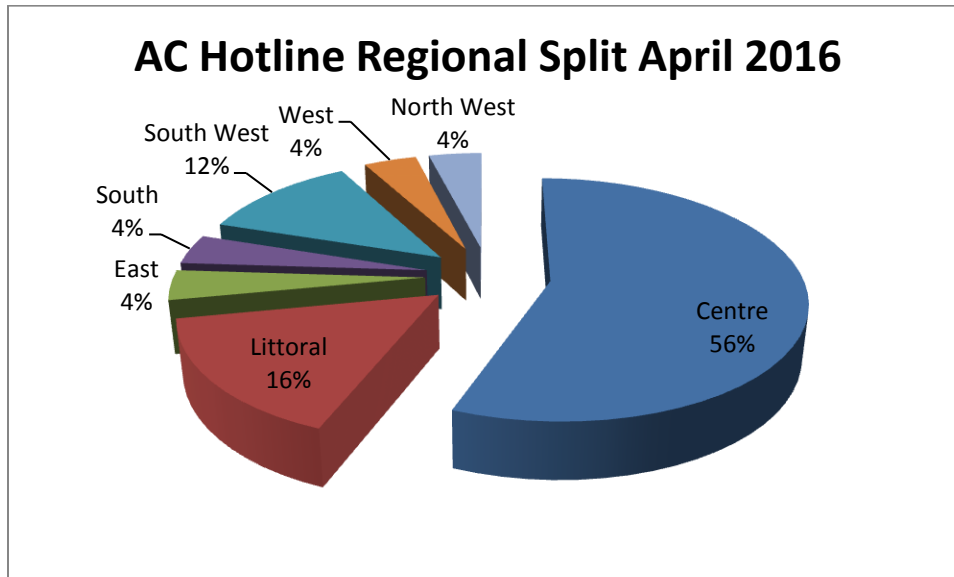
As is the normal trend with calls, the male gender participated most this month with 92% of calls while the female gender participated with just 8%. AC makes a lot of effort to include and relate with more women especially during field activities yet female participation remains low all the time.

### Age Range of Callers



This month of April 2016, 69% of calls came from the adult age range, followed by 27% of calls from the youth age range and just 4% of calls from the elderly.

## Regional Representation



The Centre region participated with most calls this month of April 2016 representing 56% of total calls, followed by Littoral region with 16%, the South West region with 12%, then the South, East, West and North West regions represented with 4% each. The reason for this great regional imbalance can be explained by the fact that field activities were limited to the confines of the Centre region, Yaounde to be precise, reason why it had the highest number of calls.

## Investigations

Investigations are ongoing on a new case file on bribery opened this month. The victim complained that he was unable to collect his entitlement bonus of 300,000 francs CFA offered by the Ministry of Water Resources and Energy because a few individuals from the finance department refused to pay out the money asking him to relent 30% of the amount first as kickback. AC has great interest in this case but because the complainant is unstable, it is making it difficult to get a headway with the case. He is so afraid of reprisal and because he resides in the North region, a meeting with him has not been possible. He was supposed to send AC material that will prove his case but he didn't. AC intends to meet up with the victim when next he is in Yaounde for proper analysis and follow-up of the case.

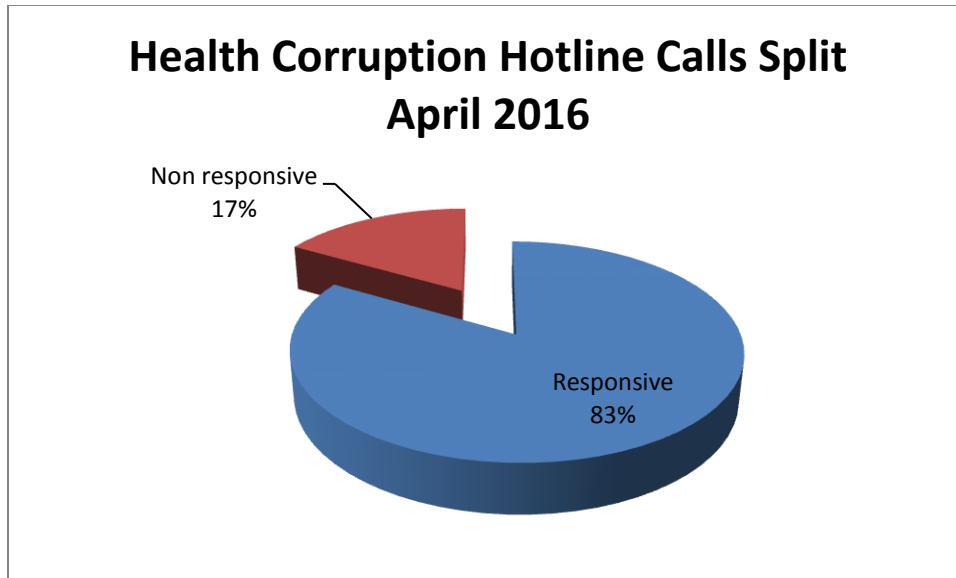
Investigations are still ongoing on another bribery case opened this month. The complainant reported that he was solicited bribe by the litigation department of the Ministry of Finance the last time he went to follow-up his family allowance documents. According to him, someone claiming to be in charge of the litigation service asked him to pay in some money if he wanted his documents to be treated quickly and his allowance ready for payment. AC has to meet up with the complainant when next he is in Yaounde for proper analysis of the situation and follow-up.

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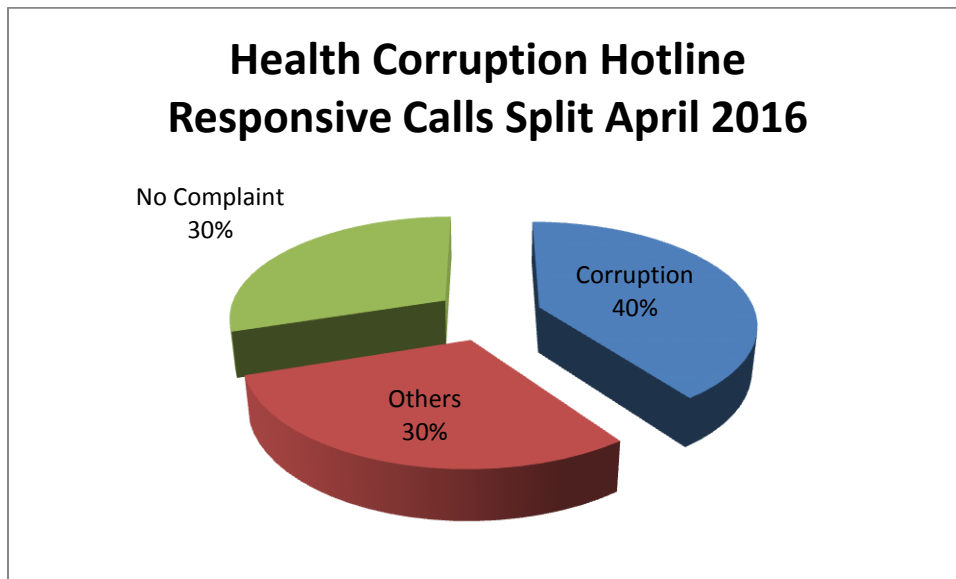
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### **Health Corruption Hotline**

The health corruption hotline phone received 12 calls this month of April with 7 complaints registered. Three complaints regarding payment for already subsidized malaria treatments, one complaint regarding tuberculosis and three non-corruption complaints; 2 on scamming and one on sexual abuse on a minor. The lack of health corruption field activities is the main reason behind this low number calls. Data from the calls has been analyzed as is represented on charts below.

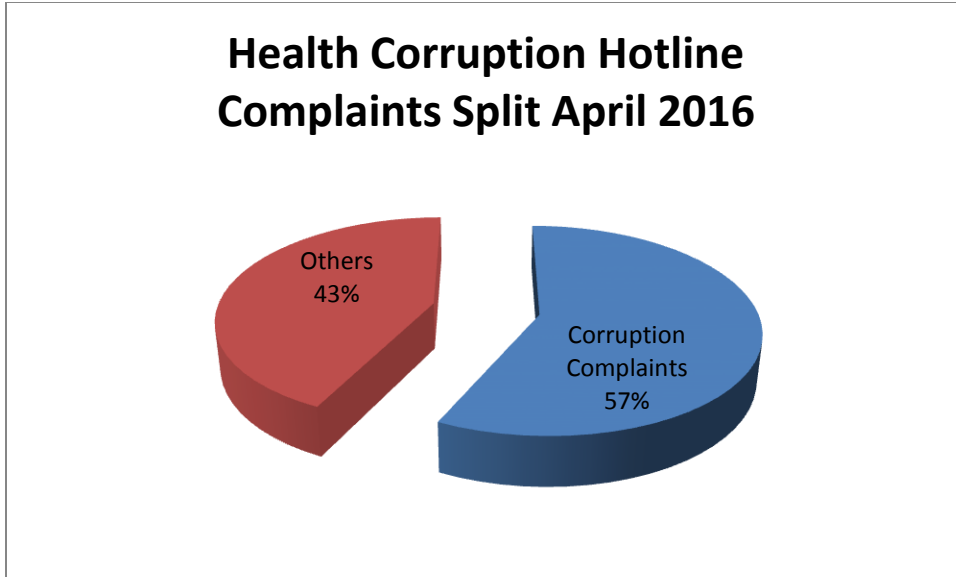


83% of health corruption calls were responsive while just 17% of callers either did not answer their phone when called back or whose numbers were unavailable

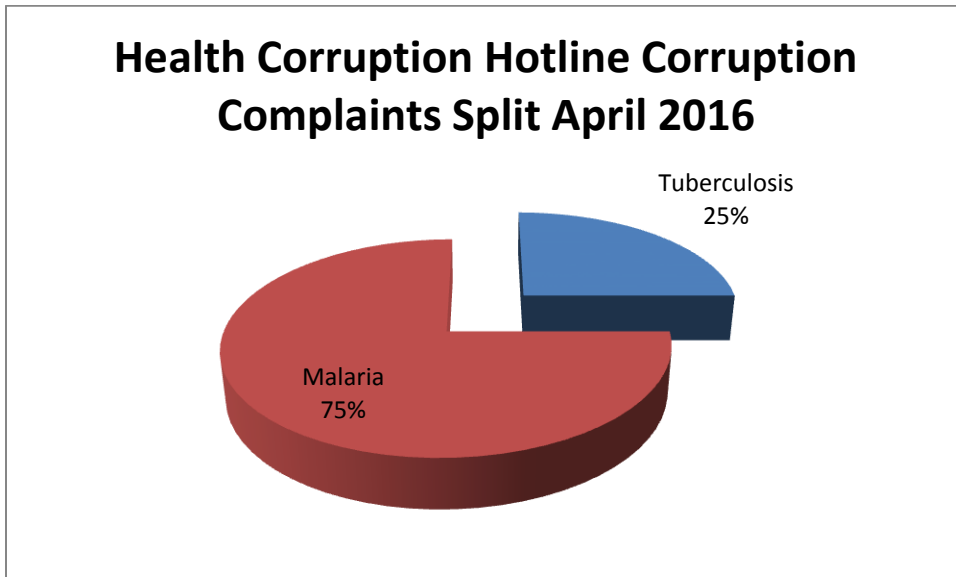


This month of April, 40% of health corruption calls were corruption complaints while calls with no complaint and non-corruption complaints both had 30% each



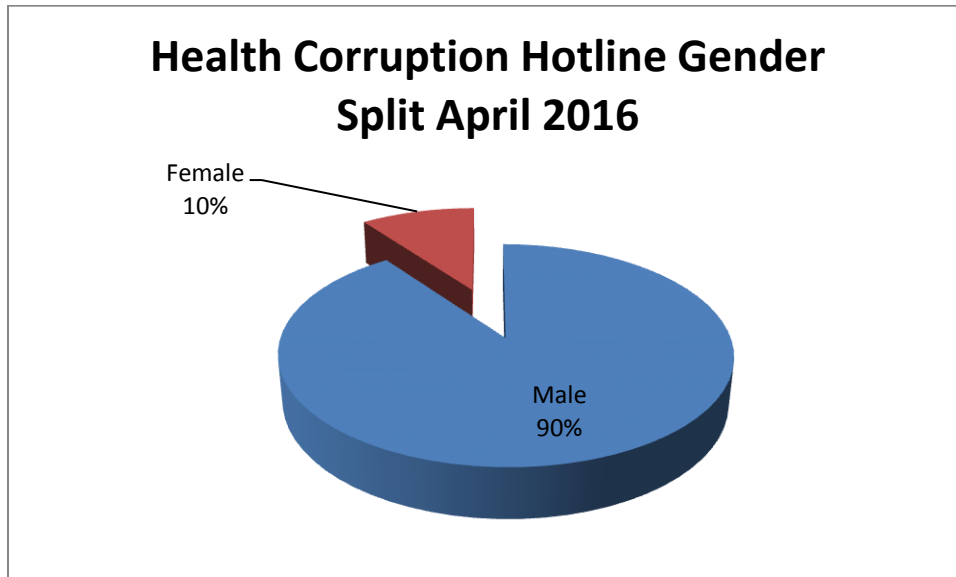


57% of complaints this month were corruption complaints while 43% were complaints not related to corruption



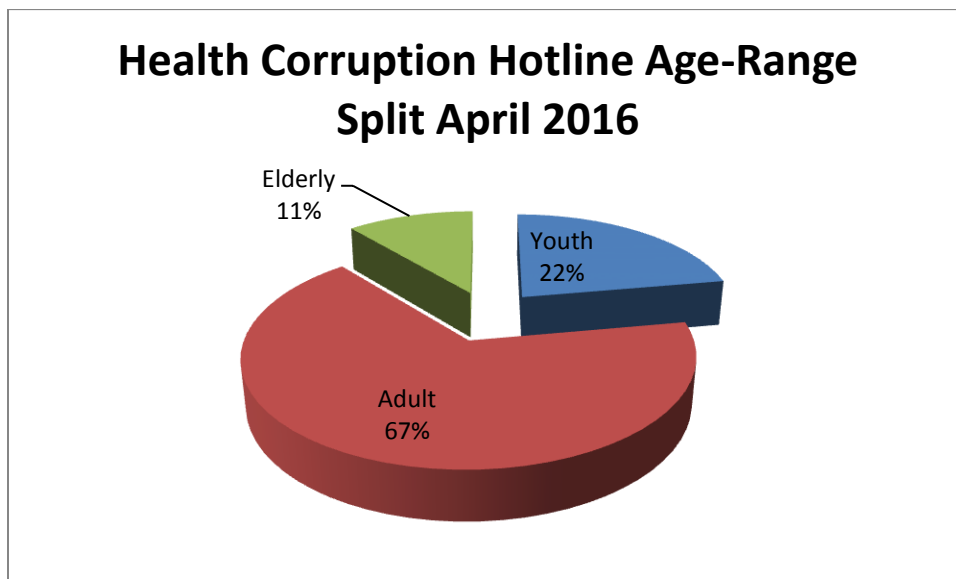
75% of beneficiaries complained of paying for subsidized malaria treatments this month while 25% had complaints against tuberculosis treatment and care

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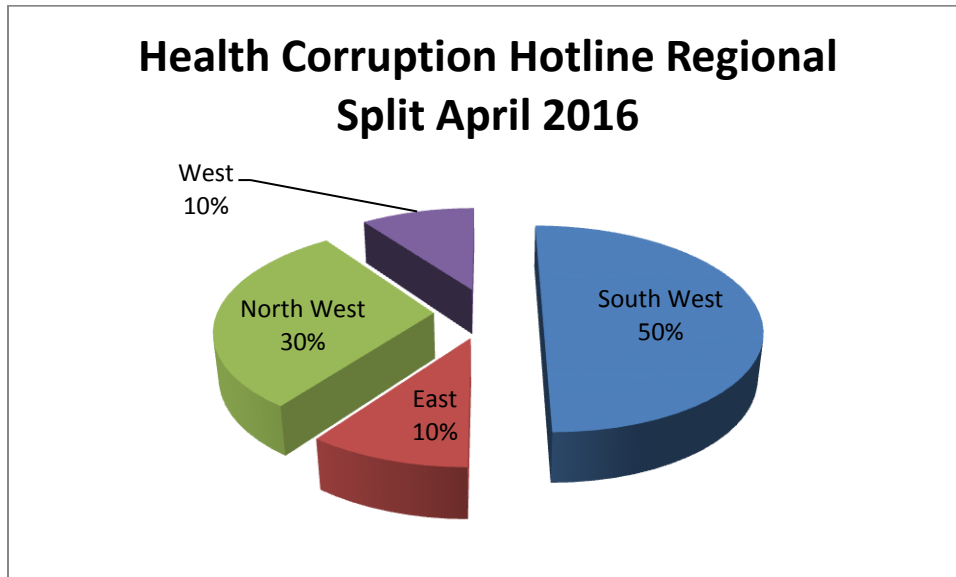
90% of callers this month were the male folk while the female gender represented just 10% of total calls

### Age Range of Callers



The adult age range had the highest number of calls representing 67%, followed by the youth age range with 22% and lastly, the elderly age range with 11%

### Regional Representation



This month of April 2016, only four regions participated in calls. The South West region participated most representing 50% of total calls, followed by the North West region with 30%, and lastly, the West and East regions with 10% each

**Finance****AC received funds this month from NEU FOUNDATION**

<b>Amount in Francs CFA</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount in USD</b>
15,000	AC Hotline	27 calls received	\$30.0
10,000	HC Hotline	12 calls received	\$20.0
12,500	Investigations	245 brochures distributed, 65 posters pasted	\$25.0
143,800	Legal	04 case follow-up	\$287.6
0	Media	0	
266,800	Management	Co-ordination	\$533.6
8,600	Office	Printing of 1 <sup>st</sup> may t-shirts	\$17.2
<b>456,700</b>	<b>TOTAL Expenditure April 2016</b>		<b>\$913.4</b>

**Donor Financial Report April 2016**

<b>Amount in FCFA</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Amount in USD</b>
<b>455,000</b>	<b>NEU FOUNDATION</b>	<b>Used in April</b>	<b>\$910.0</b>