

Anti-corruption Organisation A.C. Activity Report of May 2009



I- HIGHLIGHTS

- **A.C. Director interviews two trainee volunteers for possible recruitment.**
- **Two new trainee volunteers start a one month internship training with AC.**
- **A.C. Director and Coordinator examine AC Activity and Finance reports.**
- **AC annual Finance and Activity reports for its 1st Year are completed for publication.**

II- INVESTIGATIONS

A. Field Trips

- **13** field investigations were conducted in the capital city of Yaounde by the Coordinator, Legal Assistant and the Trainee Volunteers.
 - **2** were at the Ministry of Finance where some victims were encountered.
 - **2** were at the Ministries of Public Service, Education and Posts and Telecommunications.
 - **5** at the following markets: Mokolo, the Yaounde Central Market, the Etoudi Market, Essos and Eli-Edjoa.
 - **One** at the Premises of the Yaounde Court of First Instance, the High Court of The Centre Region and the Legal Department.
 - **One** at the Yaounde Central Hospital.
 - **One** at the Governor Office.
 - **One** at the Yaounde I Sub-Prefect's Office.

NB: See details at the end!

B. AC Hotline, Emails and etc

a. Hotline

AC received a total ofcalls:

This represents a close to increase compared to February.

b. Emails:

A total of mails:

c. AC Brochure:

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III. LEGAL

- AC held a working session with the leader of ADDEC to explore alternative legal avenues of re-launching the case of corruption against the Director of ASMAC.

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IV. MEDIA

- AC Coordinator and Legal Assistant held a working session on how to get more victims benefit from AC's Free Legal Services through different media channels. Suggestions were made for information spotlights to be passed via private radios during popular and Prime Time broadcasts.
- A decision was equally arrived at to produced and distribute many brochures to victims at the several corruption hot-spots.
- AC got in touch with CRTV

V. HUMAN RESOURCES

- A.C. Director recruited two Trainee Volunteers for a trial period of One Month. During this period of internship, the trainee/volunteers are initiated into all AC activities by the Coordinator and Legal Assistant.

V. RELATIONS WITH INSTITUTIONS

- AC Director received a Dutch Visiting Volunteer from Global Conscience Initiative Kumba. (GCI Kumba is a partner NGO working with A.C. to recruit victims of corruption.)

VI. RELATIONS WITH NGOs

- **One** working session with the President of ADDEC on alternative legal avenues of appealing against the **no-case** decision issued by the Investigating Magistrate of the Yaounde Court of First Instance in the ADDEC/AC corruption lawsuit against the Director of the Advance School of Mass Communication (ASMAC).
- AC also provided legal counselling to ADDEC on how to handle alleged death threats against some of its leaders.

VII. MANAGEMENT

- AC Management completed the annual Activity and Financial Reports and forwarded it to the Director for presentation to Donors and for publication by the web site manager.
- AC management equally held several working session with the newly recruited trainee-volunteers. Volunteer stopped work abruptly complaining of poor health. The Director and Coordinator tried endlessly to persuade her to change her mind.

VIII. AC FINANCES

The expenditure of A.C. Organization by budgetary heading in May 09

Amount FCFA	Item	Details	USD amount

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Total expenditure by giver for the month of January

Amount FCFA	Donor	USD amount

****II. INVESTIGATIONS (Details)**

Kumba:

- The trip to Kumba was a continuation of a mission started in February. Corruption was noticed at the Meme Divisional Delegation of Transport where the Delegate was involved in what Article 142 of the Penal Code calls “Undue Demand”.
- The Mayor of the Kumba I Urban Council was equally an accomplice in the offence of undue demand.
- In both cases, the two authorities illegally extorted money from vehicles in the name of issuing them Certificates of Road Worthiness that they were not authorised to by law.
- NB: For details consult “Report of First Trip to Kumba”, and “Report of Second Trip to Kumba” in the AC Investigations Kit.



Ministry of Transport:

- Our mission to the Ministry of Transport was to obtain the Ministerial Decision instituting Vehicle Testing Centres in Cameroon and the Decree Privatising the Sector.
- There the Sub-Director in charge of Land Transport informed AC “No official of his Ministry has the power to conduct Vehicle Testing Services or to issue any certificate related to that.” He said that private companies conduct all vehicle testing.

The Gaenecological and Obstetric Hospital:

AC visited the hospital and noticed that Doctors requested an additional sum of 6.000 Frs. Before signing a Medical Certificate after the legally authorised 1.800 Frs. has been paid.

The 8th Police Station Tsinga

AC noticed that the Police extort money from citizens before following up cases. Such money is requested indirectly in the name of “petrol money”.

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