ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION

April 2019 Report

Highlights

- Two (02) new complaint files opened this month
- AC hotline received 28 calls this month
- Health Corruption hotline received 03 calls this month
- A total of 100 posters pasted and 140 brochures distributed in Yaounde

General

The AC hotline phone received 28 calls this month of April 2019, registering 13 corruption and corruption assimilated offenses and 05 non-corruption related offenses.

02 new case files were opened this month

A new case file on bribery and corruption was opened this month. The complainant, a teacher, complained that documents pertaining to his advancement in the civil service have been made to disappear twice at the Ministry of Public works because they expect him to pay a percentage before they push forward the documents. This complaint was reported by two other complainants, all teachers and AC is working with the victims to gather evidence for the court. The complainant also reported the workers at the treasury for demanding 50,000 francs CFA before paying out advancement benefits to these complainants, claiming that there was no money in the government coffers. With the case already replicated, AC is putting into place a strategy to bring all the complainants in one place to facilitate the gathering of evidence.

Another new case file on corruption and extortion was opened this month. The complainant reported that 20,000 francs CFA was solicited from him before he could be recruited. According to him, the recruiting officer of a Chinese company solicits money from young Cameroonian applying for a job and make you to understand that you would not get the job if the money is not paid. The range is determined based on the candidates’ physical appearance since candidates have had to pay between 5,000 to 25,000 francs CFA and most often than not, candidates do not get the job even after paying the money. Investigations are ongoing.

One jurist on test in AC

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In the month of April, 2019, the distribution of AC brochures and pasting of AC posters was the major activity carried out in corruption hotspots in and around Yaounde in a bid to recruit more victims of corruption. 100 posters were pasted and 140 brochures distributed around the central market, the central post office area and the environs hosting the Ministry of Finance. As a result, eight corruption and corruption assimilated offenses were registered from the field.

Case follow-up continued this month in the corruption case involving many counts with about three hundred victims deposited at the Yaoundé court of First Instance in the month of August 2017. The case file is currently being treated in the services of the state prosecutor of the Appeal Court while awaiting forwarding to the president of the same court for the designation of a competent trial court and judge for the case as procedure demands.

**AC Hotline Phone**
In the month of April 2019, the AC hotline phone received 28 calls. A total of eighteen (18) complaints were registered, 13 being corruption and corruption related offenses while 5 complaints were non-corruption related. The data has been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below;

79% of calls this month of April 2019 was responsive while 21% of callers were unreachable through phone.
This month of April 2019, 50% of callers reported corruption and corruption assimilated offenses while 27% of callers reported no complaints, then 23% of callers reported complaints not related to corruption.

Bribery and corruption was top on the list of corruption complaints reported this month of April 2019 representing 69% of total corruption complaints, followed by complaints of abuse of power showing 13%, complaints of misappropriation at 12% and lastly, complaints against extortion at 6%.
50% of non-corruption complaints were against persistent neglect in the treatment of files at the government ministries, followed by complaints of abuse from forces of law and order at 33% and then land corruption complaints representing the remaining 17% of non-corruption complaints.

**Gender**

77% of callers this month of April were the male gender while the female gender represented just 23% of callers.
Age-Range of Callers

The youth age range participated with most calls this month of April 2019 representing 50% of total calls, followed by the adult age range with 45% and lastly, the elderly age group with just 5% of callers.

Regional representation

The Centre region participated with the highest number of calls representing 75% of total calls, followed by the Littoral region with 9% and, the East, West, North and Adamawa regions which represented 4% each of totals calls.
Investigations
Investigations were carried out this month in a new case file on bribery and corruption opened this month. The complainant, a teacher, complained that documents pertaining to his advancement in the civil service have been made to disappear twice at the Ministry of Public works because he had been asked to pay 17% before they push forward his documents. This complaint was reported by two other complainants, all teachers and AC is working with the victims to gather evidence for the court.

The complainant also reported workers at the treasury for demanding 50,000 francs CFA before paying out his last advancement benefits, claiming that there was no money in the government coffers so he had to pay for the money to be made available.

With the case already replicated, AC is putting into place a strategy to bring all the complainants in one place to facilitate the gathering of evidence. AC intends to send the case to court.

Investigations are ongoing in another new case file on corruption, extortion and human rights abuses opened this month. The complainant reported that 20,000 francs CFA was solicited from him before he could be recruited for the position of a driver in a Chinese company. According to him, the recruiting officer solicits money from young Cameroonians applying for a job and make you to understand that you would not get the job if the money is not paid. The range is determined based on the candidates’ physical appearance since candidates have had to pay between 5,000 to 25,000 francs CFA and most often than not, candidates do not get the job even after paying the money.

In addition to the acts of corruption being perpetrated by the recruiting officer, the Chinese officials are abusing the rights of the workers by abusively laying off workers with no compensation and making them work long hours without pay for the extra work done. Investigations are ongoing.

Legal follow-up
Case follow-up continued this month in the corruption case involving many counts with about three hundred victims deposited at the Yaoundé court of First Instance in the month of August 2017. The case was relaunched after a failed attempt to disappear the case file in the court system. The case, after having been examined by the state counsel’s services for three months, has been forwarded to the filing office of the attorney general for examination and forwarding to the president of the appeal court who will design a competent trial court for the case.

Management
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Health Corruption Hotline

This month of April 2019 has seen a continuous decline of calls registered through the Health Corruption hotline phone. The Health Corruption hotline phone received a total of three (03) calls, registering no complaint. The lack of calls is explained by the lack of field work in the project and the fact that the many strategies put in hospitals to curb corruption have greatly lessened the opportunities available for corruption.

The calls have been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below;

67% of calls were responsive while 33% of callers’ number was unavailable.

Both the male and the female gender participated with 50% of calls this month of April 2019.
Age range of callers

This month of April 2019, just two age groups participated in health corruption calls. The youth age range and the adult age range which both participated with 50% of calls each.

Regional representation

Only two regions participated in health corruption calls, the North and the Centre regions which both participated with 50% each of calls.
Finance
AC received funds this month from NEU FOUNDATION

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