

ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION**January 2019 Report****Highlights**

- Two (02) new complaint files opened this month
- AC hotline received **21** calls this month
- Health Corruption hotline received **03** calls this month

General

The AC hotline phone received 21 calls this month of January 2019, registering four (04) corruption and corruption related offences and five (05) complaints which are corruption offences.

AC volunteers resumed work on January 11, 2019 after a short break for the Christmas festivities.

02 new case files were opened this month

A new case file on land corruption and oppression was opened this month. The complainant reported that he was illegally detained after a failed attempt to intimidate him did not work. According to him, he was threatened on numerous occasions to cede his land to a logging company and when he refused, he got ejected from the land and his cocoa farm destroyed while he was arrested and taken to the gendarmerie to be detained. He explained it is a complicity between the Senior Divisional Officer of Meyomessala and a Chinese company illegally logging wood in the area, a commune in the South region of Cameroon. Investigations are ongoing.

Another new case file on corruption and oppression was opened this month. The victim complained that she was wrongfully detained because of a case pitting her against an adversary on a land case of double sale. According to her, she bought a parcel of land and obtained a land title for the land. When she started construction works on the land some years later, someone else confronted her to claim ownership of the land. She produced her land certificate and asked her adversary to do same but he was unable to so she continued her investments on the land. Her adversary carried the matter to the Senior Divisional Officer, who refused to hear her side of the argument when they were both presented before him and told her she had no reason to fight for land that is not situated in her village. He concluded that she wanted to defraud her adversary and then called gendarmes who took her away and have been keeping her in detention for two days. Investigations are ongoing.

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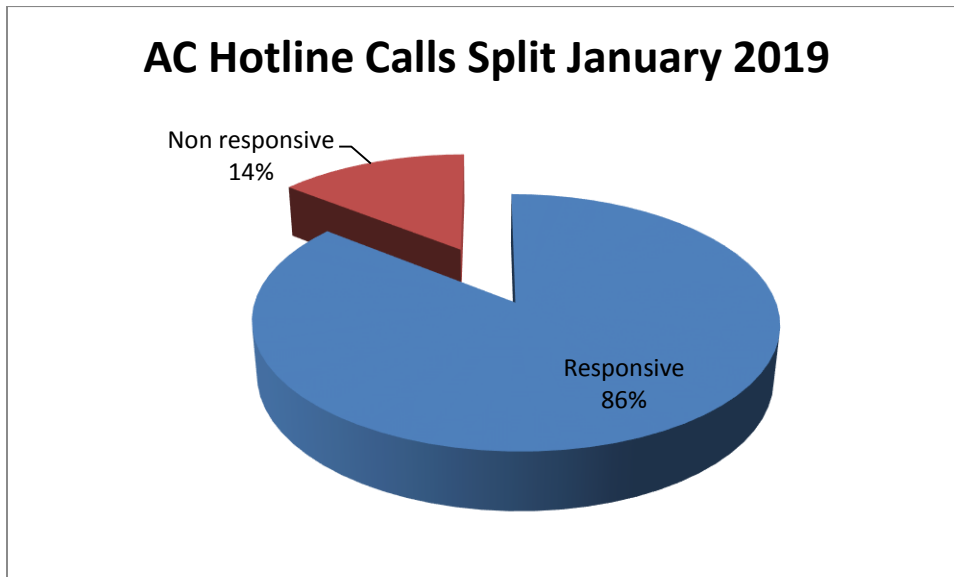
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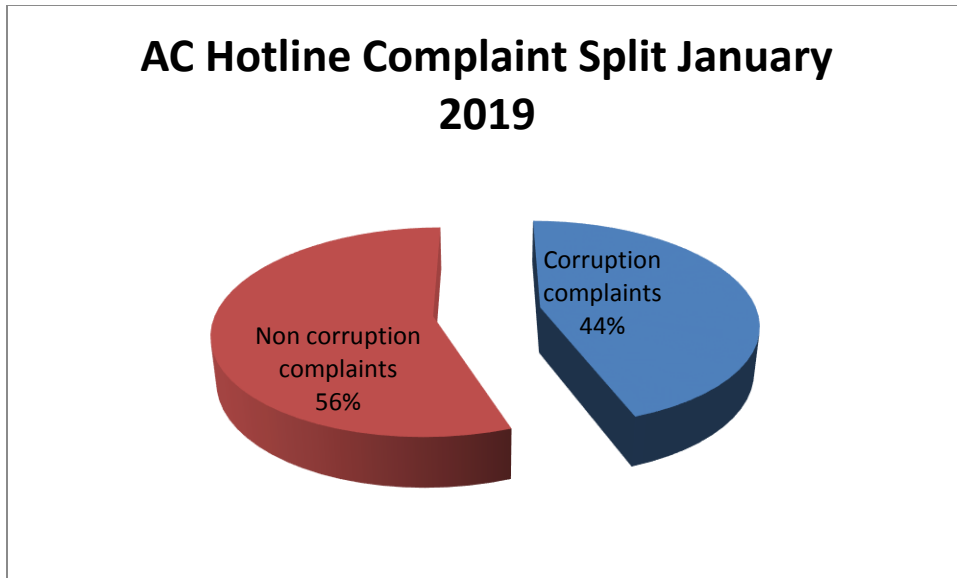
Case follow-up continued this month in the corruption case involving many counts with about three hundred victims deposited at the Yaoundé court of First Instance in the month of August 2017. The case file has been relaunched, after it had disappeared from the court system and could not be traced for a year. The First Instance Court forwarded it to the services of the State Counsel for legal procedure to be adopted. AC is closely following up the case to see it gets to the General Prosecutor of the Court of Appeal.

AC Hotline Phone

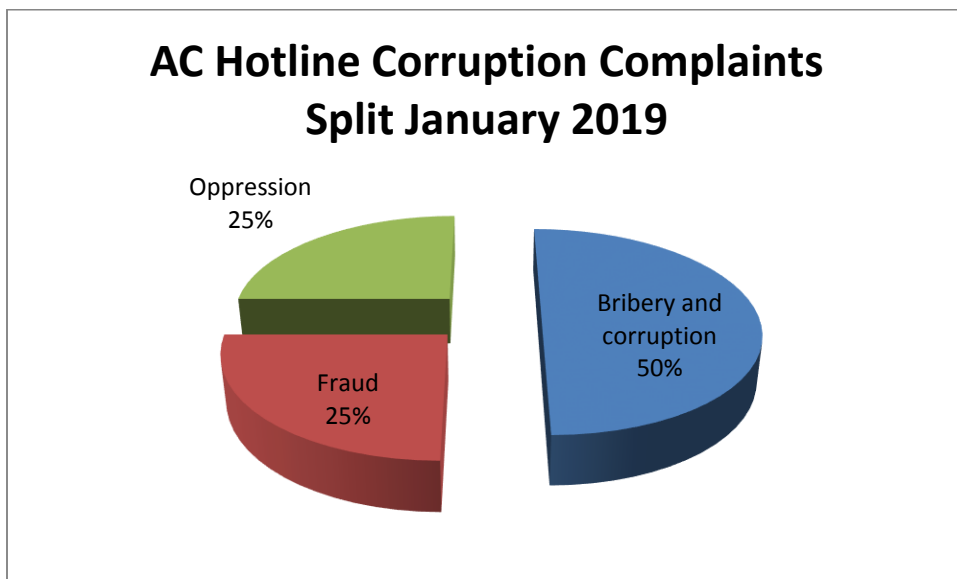
In the month of January 2019, the AC hotline phone received 21 calls. A total of nine (09) complaints were registered, 4 being corruption and corruption related offences while 5 complaints were not corruption related. The data has been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below;



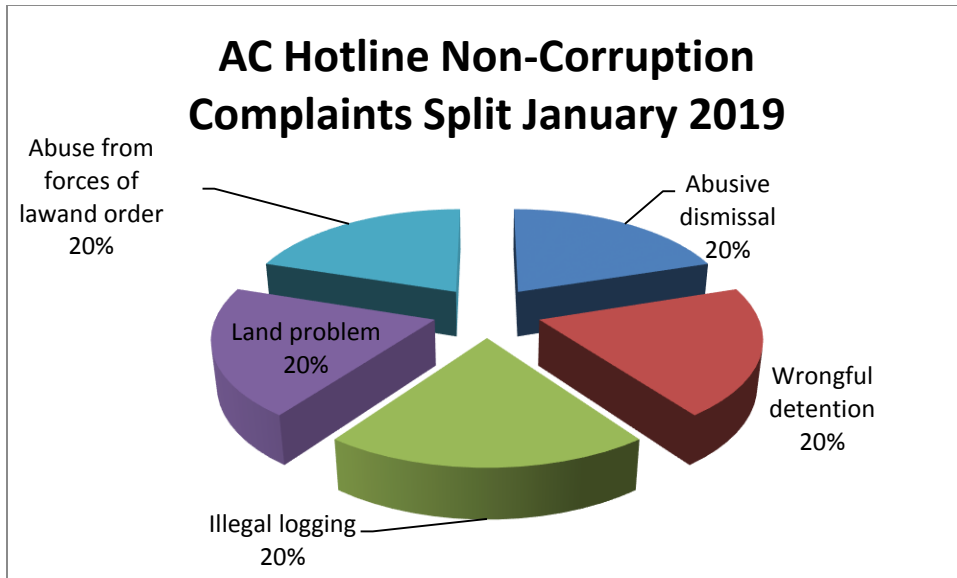
This month of January 2019, 86% of calls were responsive while 14% of callers' number was unavailable



Non-corruption complaints were the highest complaints reported this month of January 2019 representing 56% of total complaints reported while corruption complaints represented 44% of complaints registered

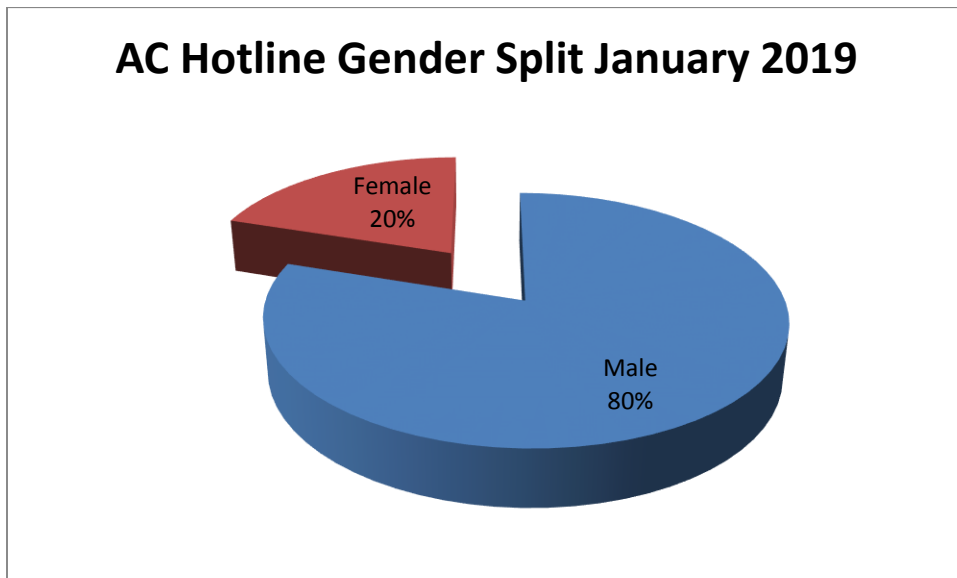


As usual, complaints of bribery and corruption were the highest reported showing 50% of corruption related offences, followed by complaints of fraud and oppression which both had 25% each



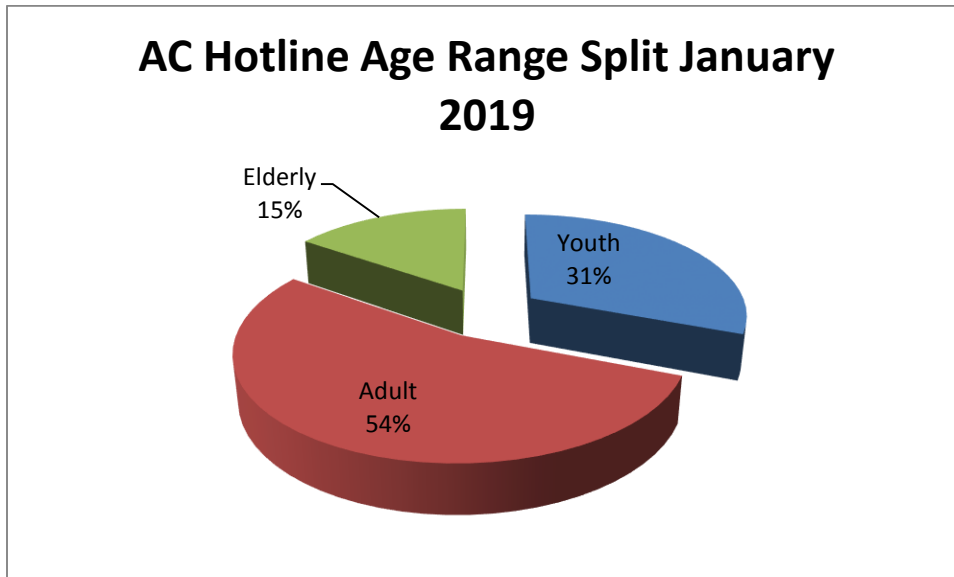
Complaints against abuse from forces of law and order, abusive dismissal, illegal logging, land problem and wrongful detention all had 20% each this month

Gender



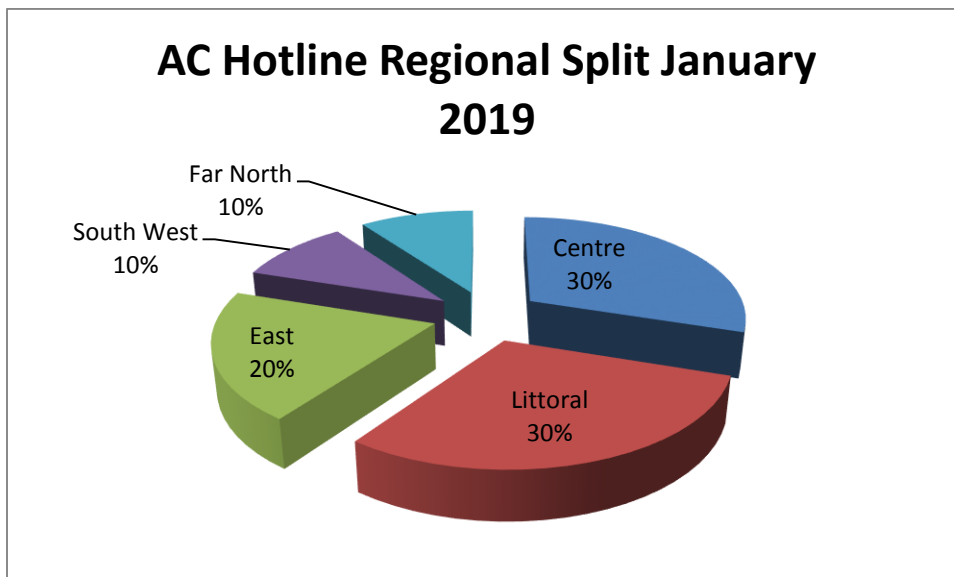
The male gender participated with the most number of calls representing 80% of total calls while the female gender participated with just 20% of calls

Age Range of Callers



The adult age range participated with the highest number of calls this month of January 2019 representing 54% of total calls, followed by the youth age range with 31% while the elderly age range contributed with just 15% of calls

Regional representation



The Centre and Littoral regions both participated with the highest number of calls this month representing 30% each of calls, followed by the east region which participated with 20% of calls, then the far north and the south west regions which both participated with 10% each of calls

Investigations

Investigations are ongoing in a new case file on corruption and oppression opened this month. The complainant, a small scale cocoa farmer in Meyomessala reported the Senior Divisional Officer for working in complicity with a Chinese company that is illegally logging wood in the area to destroy his cocoa farm and wrongfully detain him.

He explained that the company had tried to buy his land and he refused. They resulted to threats and when he did not heed to their threats, they corrupted the SDO who pulled through with the threats. He was arrested one morning while working on his cocoa farm, the farm was destroyed and he was taken to be detained at the gendarmerie cell.

Investigations are ongoing, it is not easy to get the victim on phone for further understanding of the problem and this hampers investigations in the case.

Investigations are also ongoing in another new case file on corruption and oppression opened this month. The victim complained that she was wrongfully detained because of a case pitting her against an adversary on a land case of double sale situated in Nkongsamba, Littoral region. According to her, she bought a parcel of land and obtained a land title for the land. When she started construction works on the land, someone else confronted her to claim ownership of the land.

She produced her land certificate and asked her adversary to do same but he was unable to so she continued her work on the land. Her adversary carried the matter to the SDO who refused to hear her out and told her she had no reason to fight for land that is not situated in her village. He called gendarmes and asked her adversary to deposit a complaint at the gendarmerie and that is how she was just taken from the services to the SDO to be detained.

The case was later forwarded to the state counsel and the first hearing was slated for February 10, 2019. AC is closely following up developments in the case for acts of corruption.

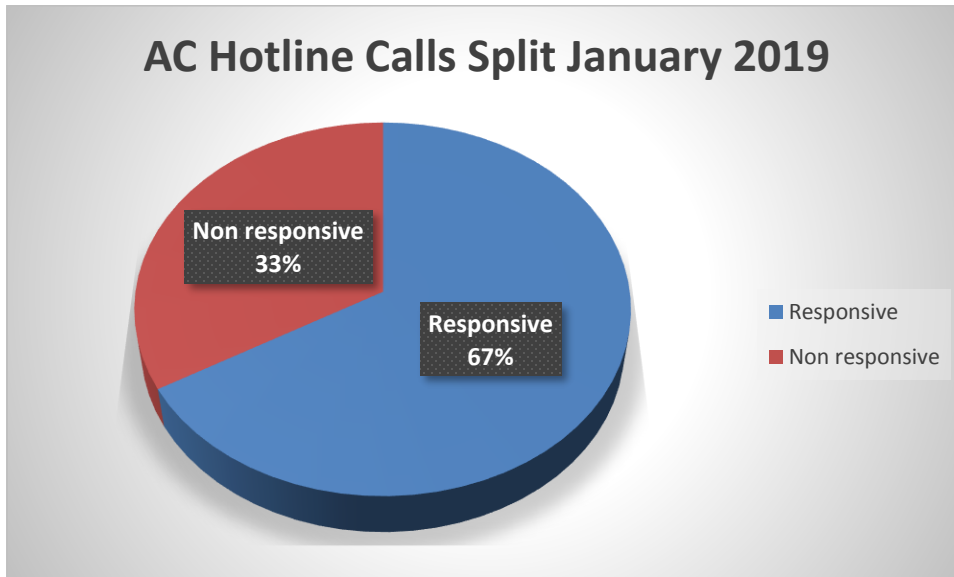
Legal follow-up

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Health Corruption Hotline

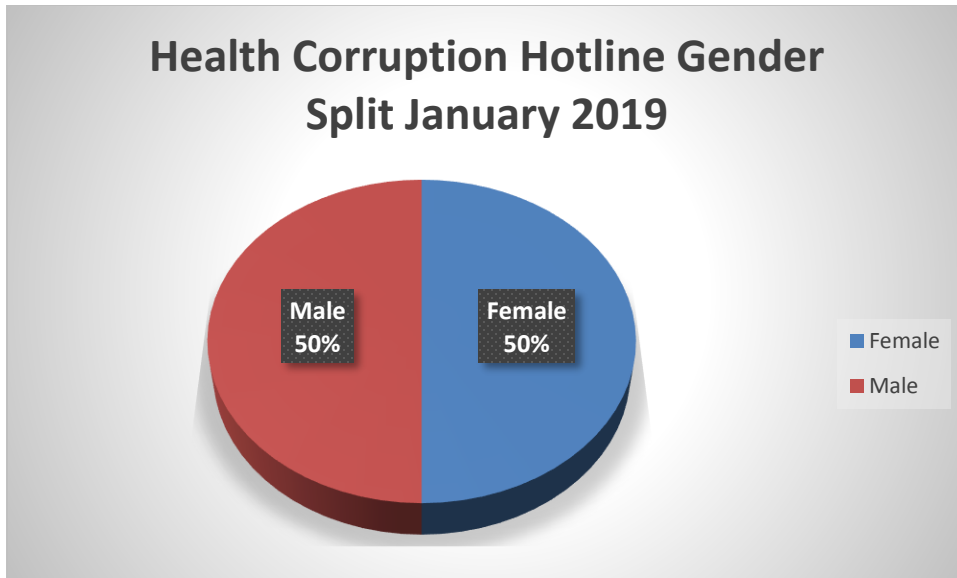
This month of January 2019, the Health Corruption hotline phone received a total of three (03) calls, registering no complaint. Both callers called to wish the AC team a happy holiday. The lack of calls is explained by the lack of field work in the project which has been dormant for the past 2 years.

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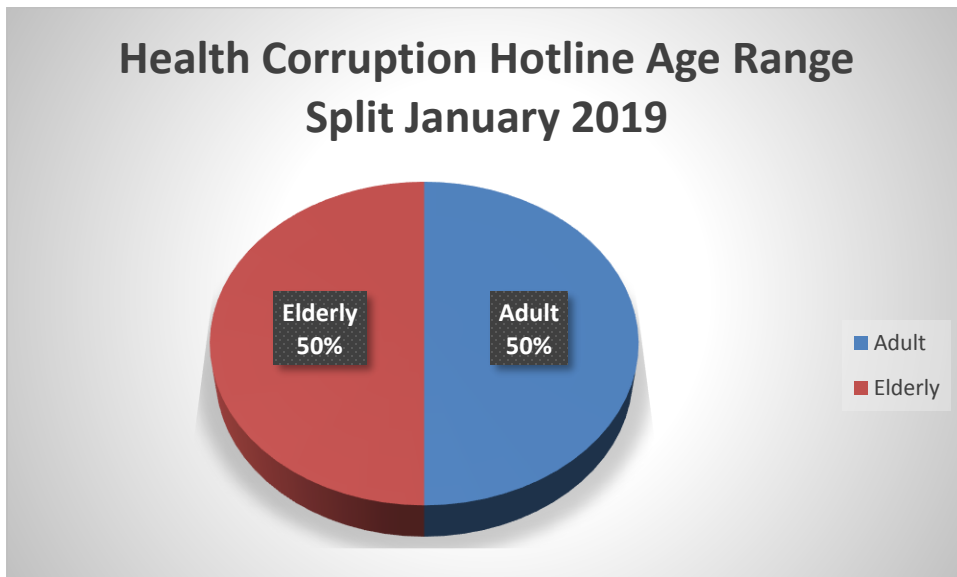


67% of Health Corruption hotline calls were responsive while 33% of callers could not be reached by phone

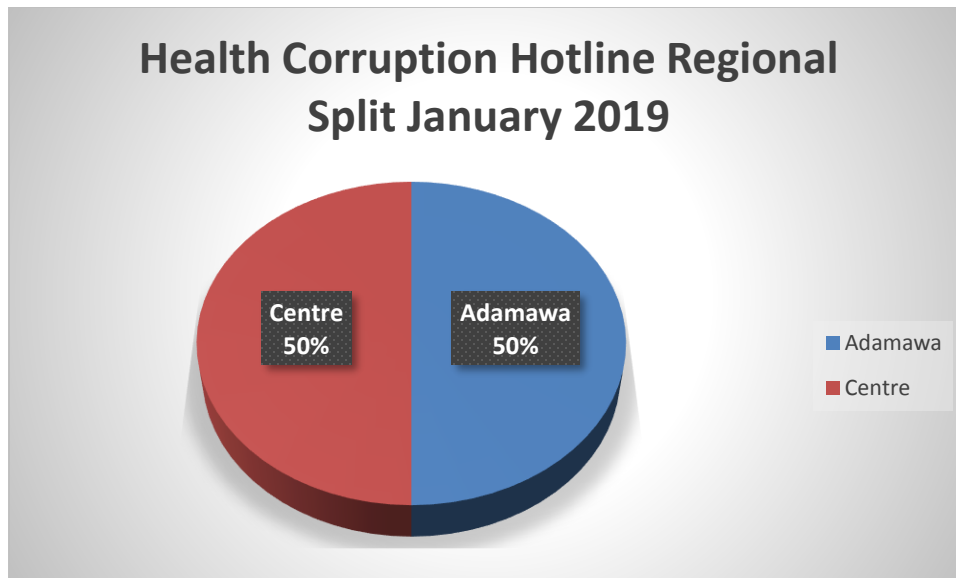
Gender



Both the female and the male gender participated with 50% each of calls this month of January 2019



This month of January 2019, just two age range of callers participated in calls, the elderly and the adult age range both representing 50% each of calls



This month of January 2019, just two regions participated in health corruption calls, the Adamawa and the Centre regions both representing 50% of calls

Finance**AC received funds this month from NEU FOUNDATION****Rate: \$586.5**

Amount in Francs CFA	Use	Details	Amount in USD
0	AC Hotline	21 calls received	\$0.0
0	HC Hotline	3 calls received	\$0.0
	Investigations		\$0.0
0	Legal	02 case follow-up	\$0.0
0	Media	0	\$0.0
320,550	Management	Co-ordination	\$546.54
0	Office	Office materials	\$0.0
320,550	TOTAL Expenditure January 2019		\$546.54

Donor Financial Report January 2019

Amount in FCFA	Donor	Month	Amount in USD
344,585		Balance from December	\$587.5
300,000	NEU FOUNDATION	Received in January	\$511.5
320,550		Used in January	\$546.54
324,035		Carried forward to February	\$552.48