

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

- Two (04) new complaint files opened this month
- AC hotline received **24** calls this month
- Health Corruption hotline received **05** calls this month
- A total of 185 posters pasted and 254 brochures distributed in Yaounde

General

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The distribution of brochures and pasting of posters remained the major activities carried out this month in order to recruit victims of corruption. Posters were pasted and brochures distributed in corruption hotspots in some markets in Yaounde including the Etoudi and Messasi markets, around the administrative blocks of the ministries of Finance, Health and Justice and in the environs of Ngoussou and Eleveur.

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.

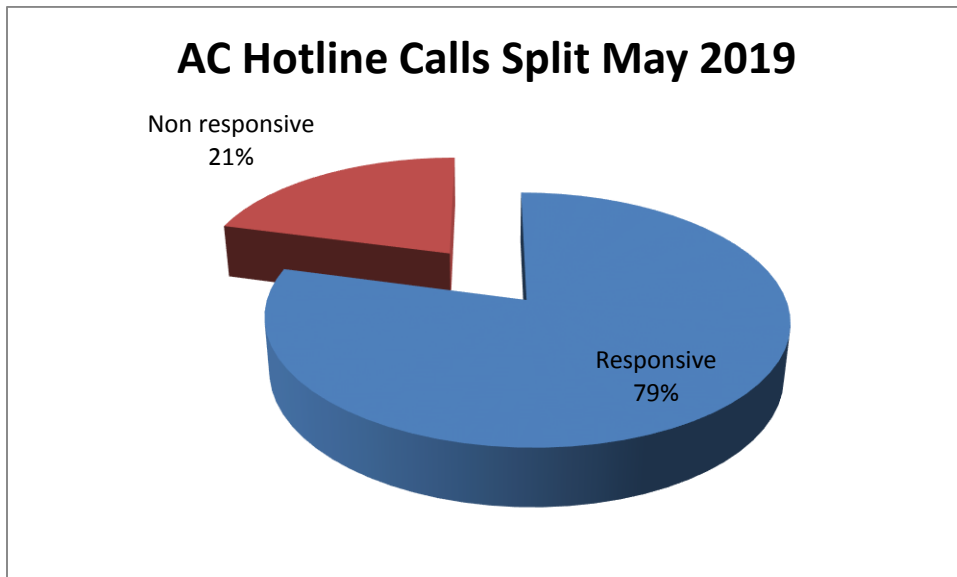
The jurist on test in AC was not retained because she did not meet up with the AC working standards

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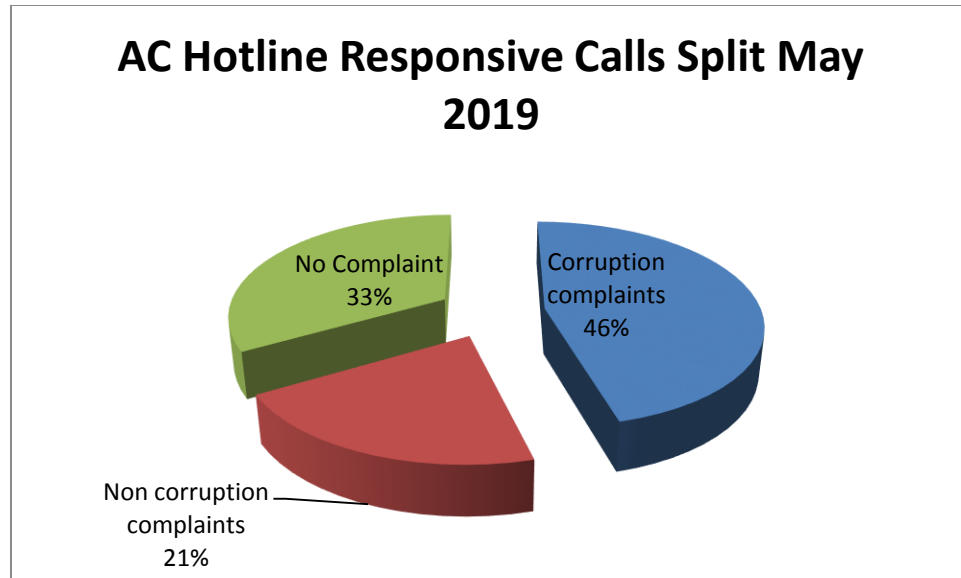
AC Hotline Phone

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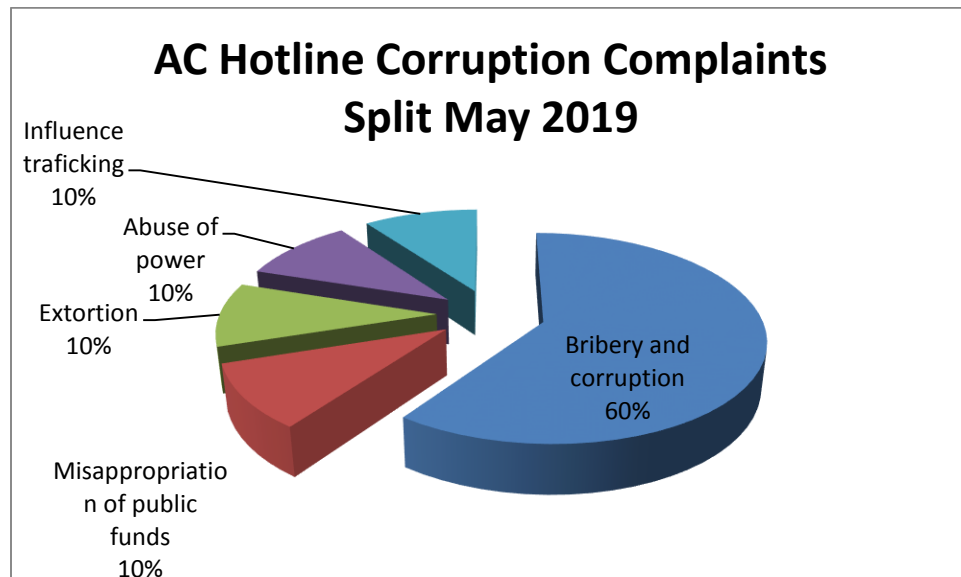
In addition to calls received through the AC hotline phone, field work was also carried out around corruption hotspots in Yaounde in a bit to recruit victims of corruption. In this regard, a total of 254 AC brochures were distributed and 185 AC posters pasted with 4 corruption complaints collected mostly on bribery and corruption. The calls have been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below.



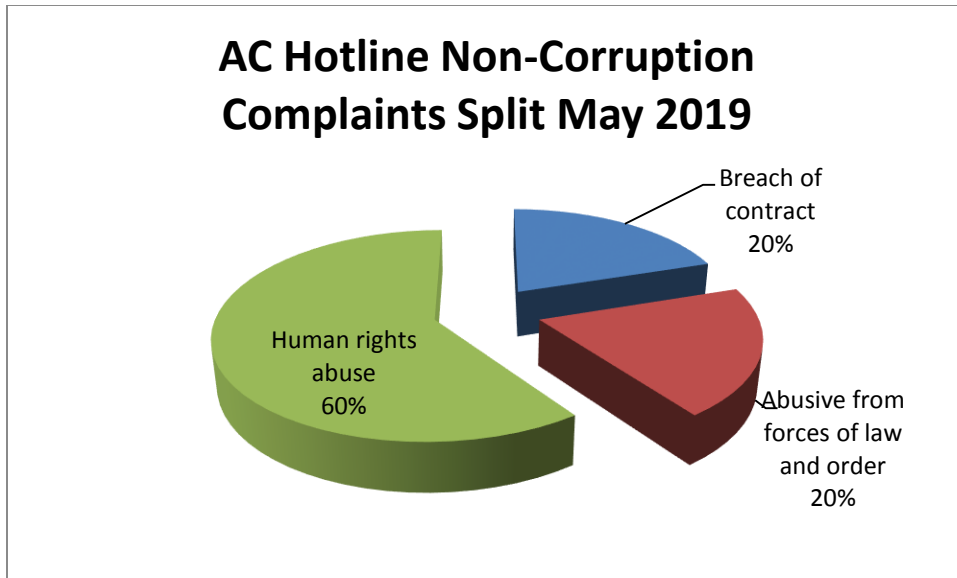
79% of calls this month of May 2019 were responsive while 21% of callers' phone was unreachable



Corruption complaints made the highest calls registered this month representing 46% of responsive calls, followed by no complaint calls with 33% and lastly, non-corruption complaints which represented 21% of responsive calls

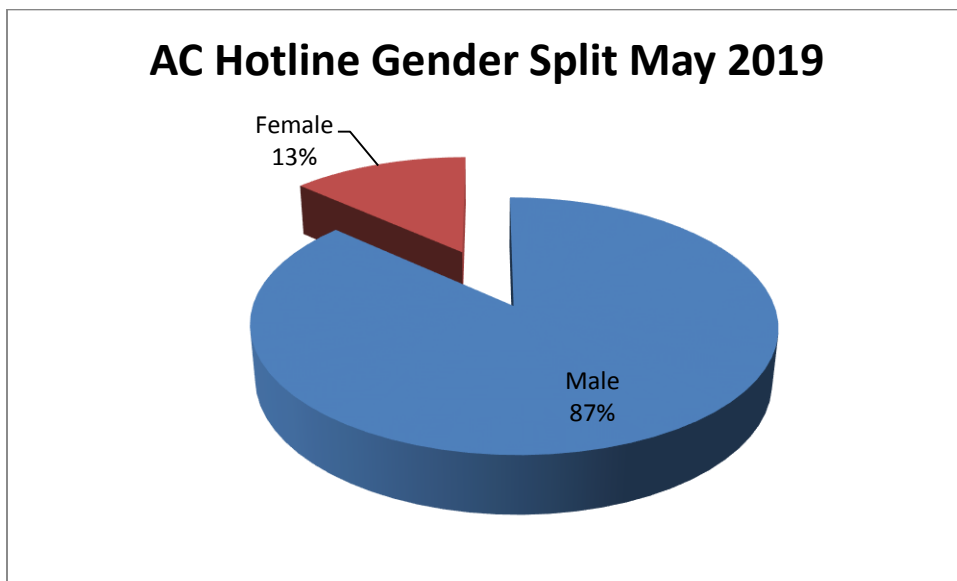


As is the trend with corruption complaints, complaints against bribery and corruption were the highest corruption complaints reported representing 60%, while complaints of misappropriation of public funds, extortion, abuse of power and influence trafficking represented 10% each



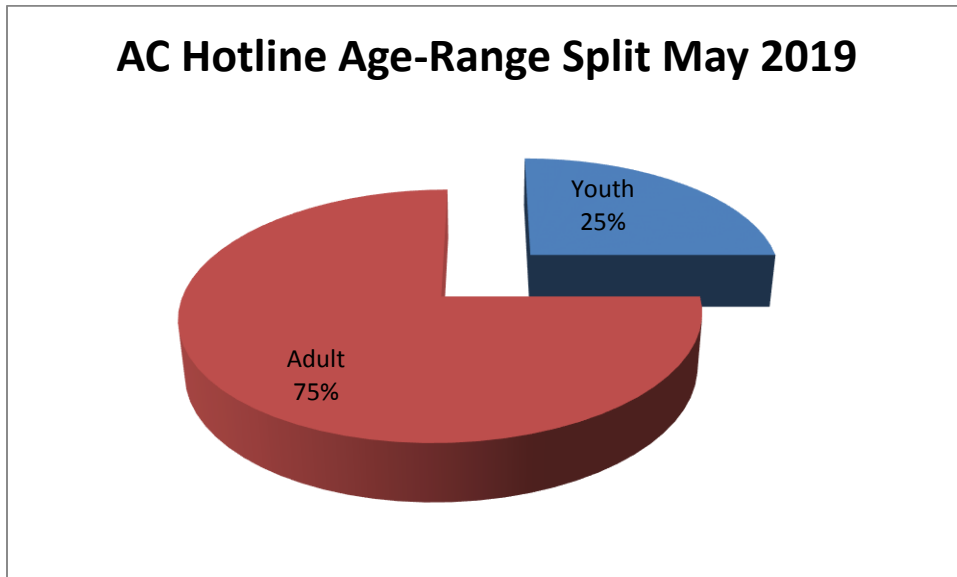
Human rights abuse complaints was top on the list of non corruption complaints which represented 60%, while complaints of abuse from forces of law and order and breach of trust both represented 20% each of non corruption complaints

Gender

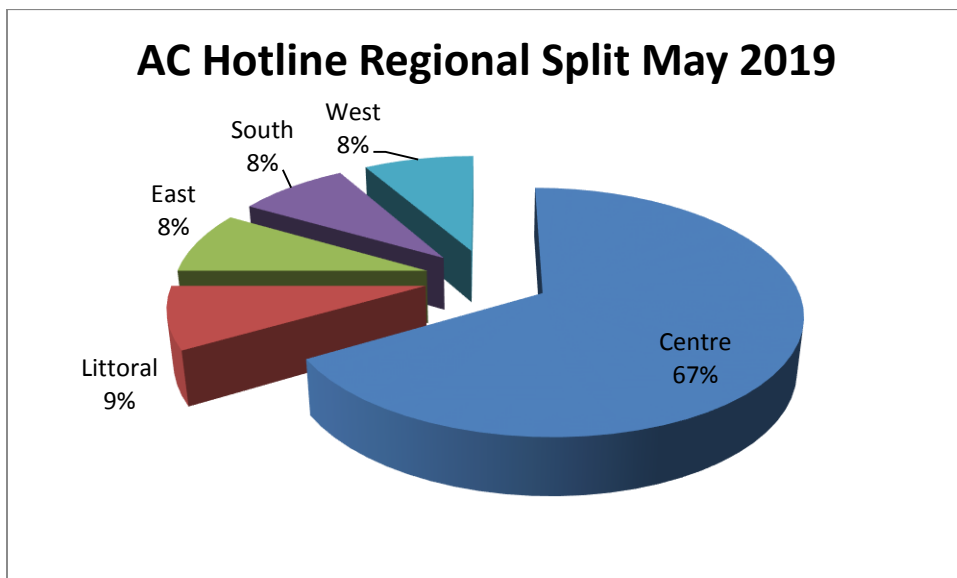


The male gender as is usual participated with the highest number of calls represented by 87% while the female gender participated with just 13% of calls

Age range of callers



This month of May 2019, just two age groups participated in calls, the adult age group which represented 75% of calls and the youth age group which represented the remaining 25% of callers



The Centre region as is usual participated with the highest number of calls represented by 67% of callers, followed by the littoral region represented by 9% of callers, while the east, south and west regions were each represented by 8% of callers

Investigations

Investigations are ongoing in a new case file of Misappropriation of Public Funds opened this month. The complainant, who is the vice president of the Parents Teachers Association (PTA) of the Government Secondary School, Kribi, reported acts of misappropriation regarding PTA fund collections. According to him, the president of the PTA association is working in complicity with the treasurer, the accountant and the principal of the school to misappropriate funds collected from students as PTA levy.

He explained that each student pays 21,000 F CFA which gives 16,800,000 FCFA at the end of the year after all 800 students have paid and he insist this money has been misused for the past four years with no project realized. He added that the annoying part is that no student is allowed to attend classes until they pay the PTA levy.

The complainant said to have reported this matter to the Senior Divisional Officer (SDO), and the Divisional Delegate for Secondary Education who have chosen to close their eyes to the acts of corruption posed by the president and the principal of the school because they are indigenes of that community. AC intends forwarding this complaint to CONAC in order that an audit of the accounts of the past four years should be ordered.

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AC contacted the DO's office and got the secretary who refuted this claim. AC intends to get in contact with the DO himself. The complainant was not given a receipt for the money paid so it is easy for the secretary to refute the fact that she collected money from him.

Intervention was also necessary in another new case file on Bribery and Corruption opened this month. The complainant reported an investigating officer of the Mobile Rapid Intervention Group (GMI) of Bonandjo, Douala for confiscating her car documents because she refused to concede with his bribery attempt.

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gave him 15,000 F CFA which he received but continued reclaiming the remaining 15,000 F CFA and said she would get her car documents only when the entire sum was paid.

AC got in contact with the investigating officer, and he claimed to be acting on the orders of the commanding officer but refused AC from reaching the commanding officer through phone. He later hurriedly called the complainant and informed her to pass and collect her car papers after AC's intervention and the complainant called AC after she picked up her car papers.

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AC has tried severally to get in contact with the commissioner in question but the number is always out of service.

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 from the court system. The case, after having been examined by the state counsel's services for three months, has been forwarded to the services 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

The jurist on test in AC was not retained for not meeting up with the AC working standards

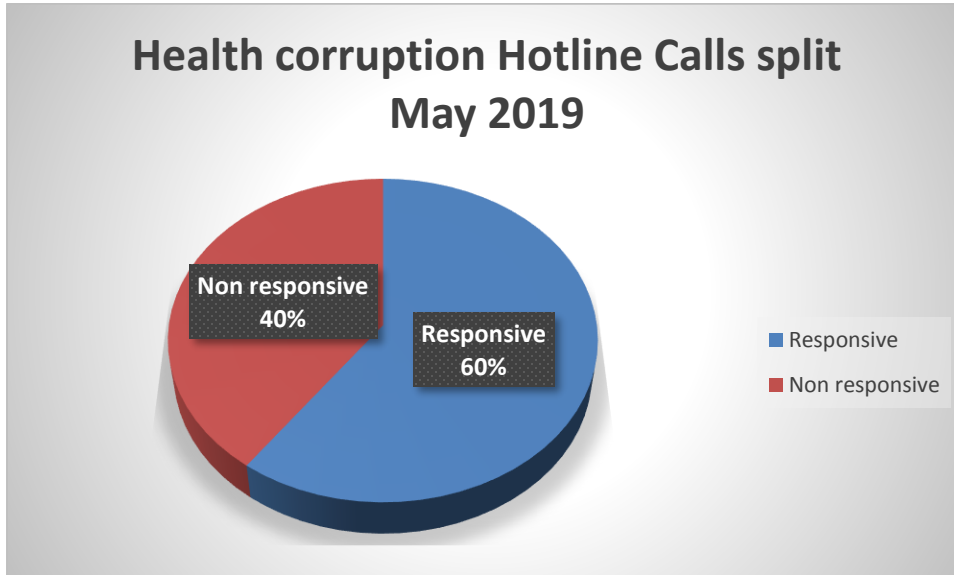
External relations

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Health Corruption Hotline

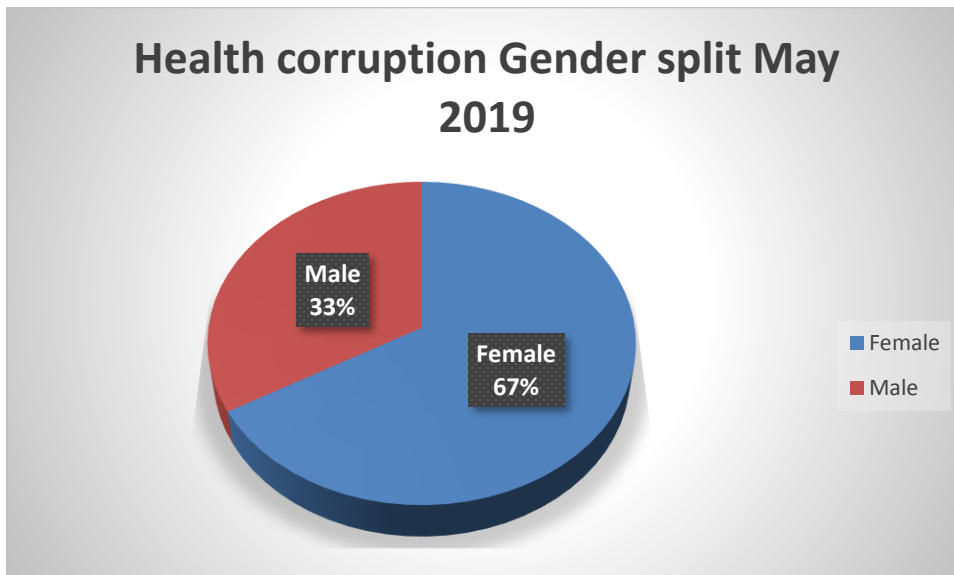
This month of May 2019 saw a slight increase of calls from the calls registered last month through the Health Corruption hotline phone. The Health Corruption hotline phone received a total of five (05) calls, registering no complaint. The lack of calls is explained by the lack of field work in the project.

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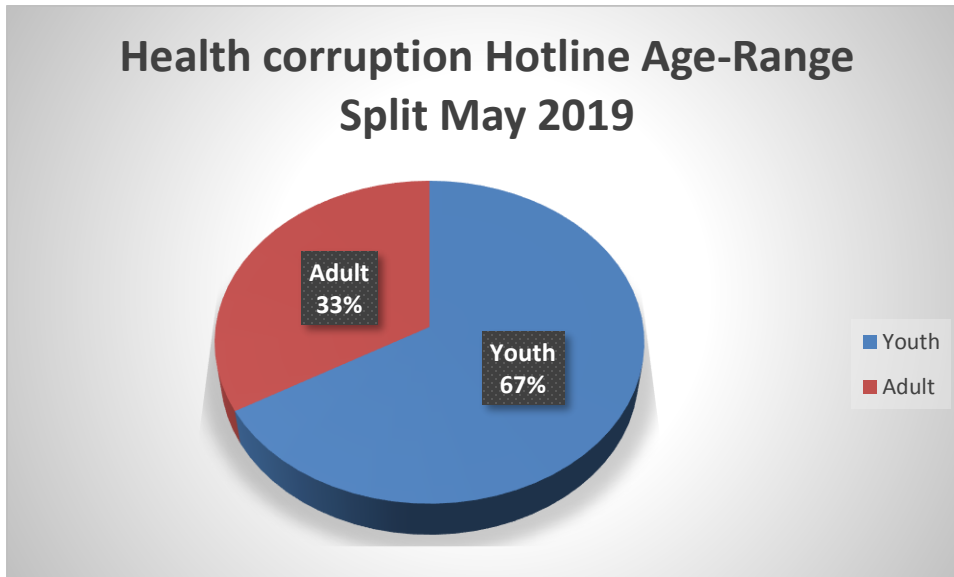
60% of calls were responsive while 40% of callers were unreachable

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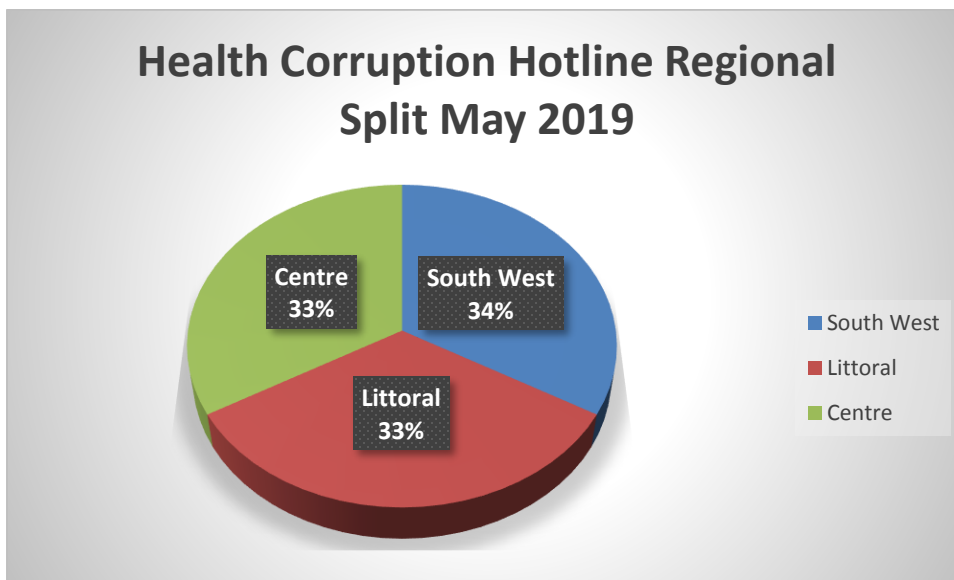
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Regional representation



The south region participated with 34% of calls, while the Centre and littoral participated with 33% each of callers

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

Amount in Francs CFA	Use	Details	Amount in USD
20,000	AC Hotline	24 calls received	\$34.10
5,000	HC Hotline	5 calls received	\$8.5
14,500	Investigations		\$24.7
24,850	Legal	04 case follow-up	\$42.36
0	Media	0	\$0.0
383,900	Management	Co-ordination	\$654.56
9,100	Office	Office materials	\$15.5
457,350	TOTAL Expenditure May 2019		\$933.24

Donor Financial Report May 2019

Amount in FCFA	Donor	Month	Amount in USD
696,000	NEU FOUNDATION	Received in May	\$1,186.7
457,350		Used in May	\$779.79
238,650		Carried forward to June	\$406.9