

**ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION****November 2018 Report****Highlights**

- Four (04) new complaint files opened this month
- AC hotline received **75** calls this month
- Health Corruption hotline received **03** calls this month
- A total of **192** brochures distributed and **150** posters pasted in Yaoundé

**General**

In the month of November 2018, the AC hotline phone received 75 calls, registering thirty-two (32) corruption complaints and corruption assimilated offences and nineteen (19) none corruption related offences.

**04 new case files were opened this month**

A new complaint file on corruption and fraud was opened this month. The victim complained that a worker at the treasury office in Bertoua has fraudulently received 376,900 Francs CFA from her husband's pension money. She explained that she gave the offender documents of her deceased husband's pension file to follow-up at the treasury office where he works. For close to six years now, she has been asking him whether the fund was ripe for payment but he kept dismissing her. Recently, she went to the treasury with her son and found out that the funds had been ripe and someone has already withdrawn 376,900 Francs CFA. The worker of course denied receiving the money and the withdrawal slip does not carry the name of the withdrawer. This is an obvious case of complicity with the accountant and AC has opened investigations in the case.

A new case file on corruption of an employee of a worker working with CAPAM, the Support Framework and Promotion of Artisanal Mining in Bétaré-Oya, was also opened this month. The complainant complained that he has received threats from an individual who has tried severally to corrupt him but he refused because the new Mining Code outlaws semi-mechanized activities in the perimeters of research permits. AC is working with the victim to gather more information.

A new case file on oppression and corruption was opened this month. The complainant reported the SDO of Betare-Oya, for working in complicity with the chief of his village to seize his lands

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and give them out to an exploitation company. He explained that he has cash crops worth millions which he has farmed on the land but because the chief has received money from a Chinese company, he now threatens him to leave the land for exploitation by the company. He got to the farm one day the company was destroying his farm for mining activities and when he complained to the SDO, he was instead threatened to stay away from the farm. Investigations are ongoing.

A new complaint file on undue demand was opened this month. Many victims from the town of Bertoua complained that they have had to pay higher sums of money in order to get a medical certificate established at the regional hospital of Bertoua. AC contacted the administration who did not refute the idea and said that they have heard of situations where some doctors inflate the sum paid for medical certificates. They promised to work with AC in order to put an end to such malpractice.

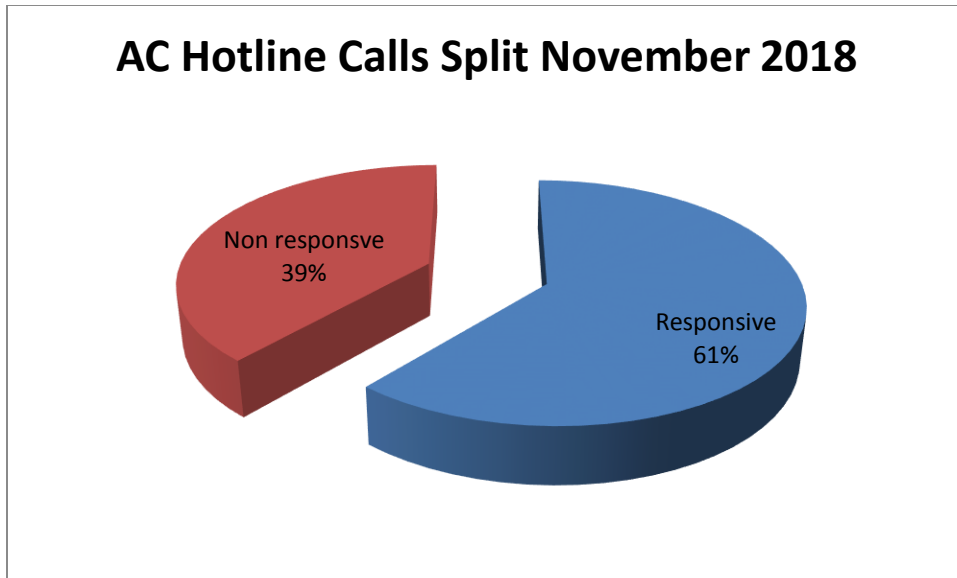
This month of November 2018, AC volunteers were in the town of Bétaré-Oya, a small mining town in the East region for field work. The objective of this descend was to recruit victims of corruption resulting from mining activities, to create contact with syndicates working in this domain for future collaborative work and to spur on the fight against corruption in this town and nurture the need for development. The distribution of brochures and pasting of posters were the major activities carried out during this visit and for that reason, 150 posters were pasted and 192 brochures distributed in/around town and a few mining sites like Betare-Oya, Bouli – Maranaba.

Case follow-up this month continued on the corruption case involving many counts with about three hundred victims deposited at the court of First Instance in the month of August 2017. Following the request of the Procureur General of the Court of Appeal last month to present the submission of incompetence made by the examining magistrate of the Court of First Instance, the follow-up lawyer is still struggling to retrieve the submission.

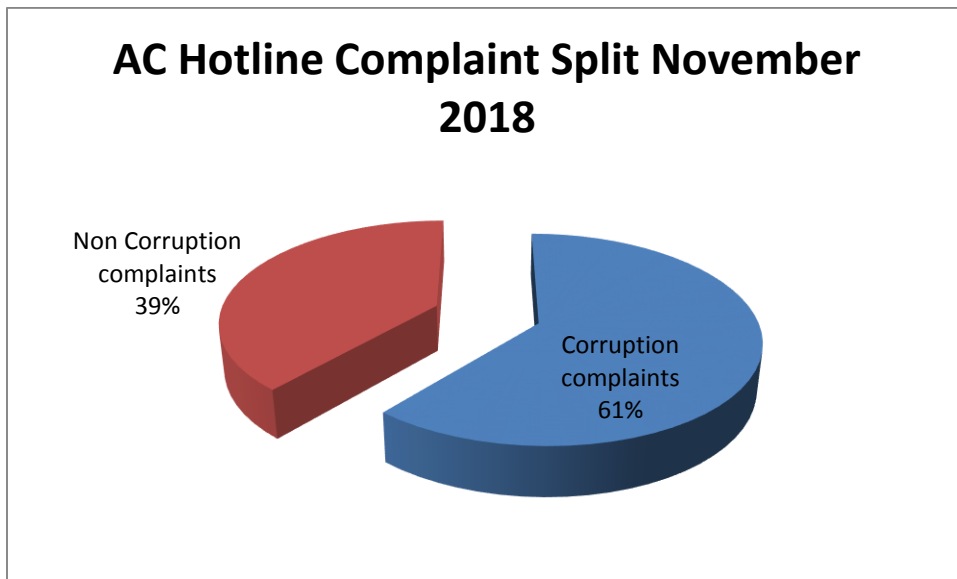
### **AC Hotline Phone**

The AC hotline phone received 75 calls this month of October 2018, registering thirty-two (32) corruption and corruption assimilated offences and nineteen (19) non-corruption complaints.

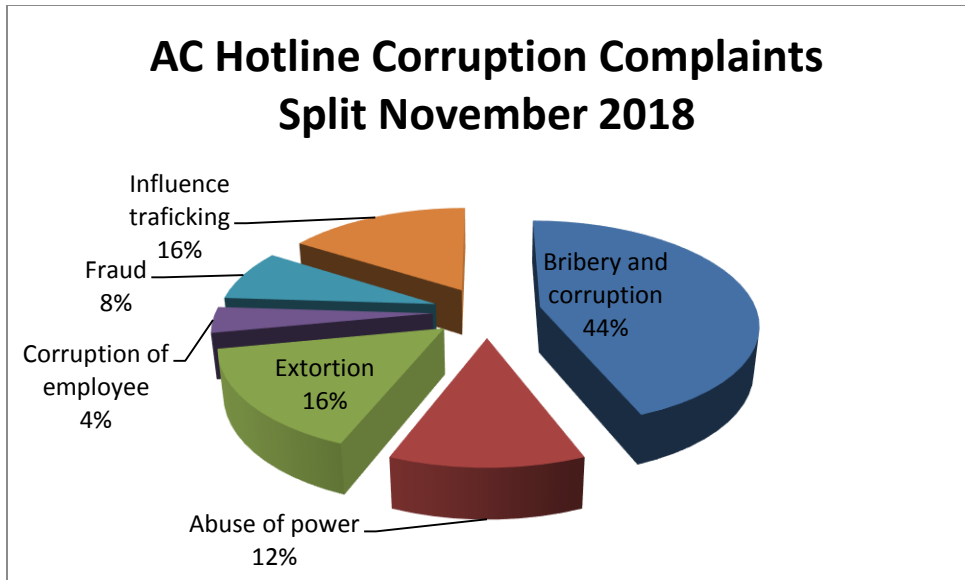
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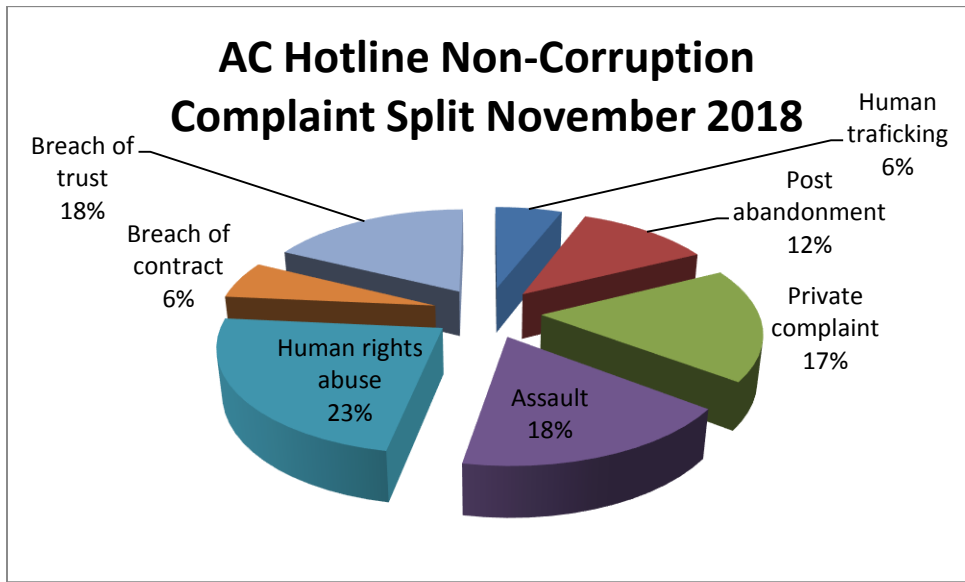
This month of November 2018, responsive calls stood at 61% while non responsive calls were at 39%



Corruption complaints represented 61% of total complaints while non corruption complaints were at 39%

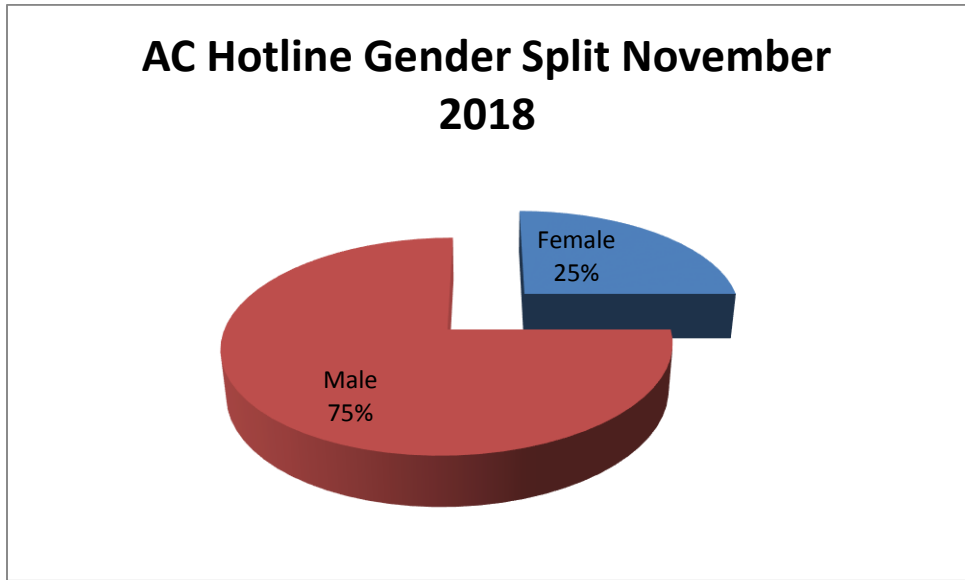


Complaints against bribery and corruption were the highest corruption complaints received this month representing 44%, followed by complaints of influence trafficking and extortion with 16%, abuse of power with 12%, fraud with 8% and lastly, corruption of employee with 4%



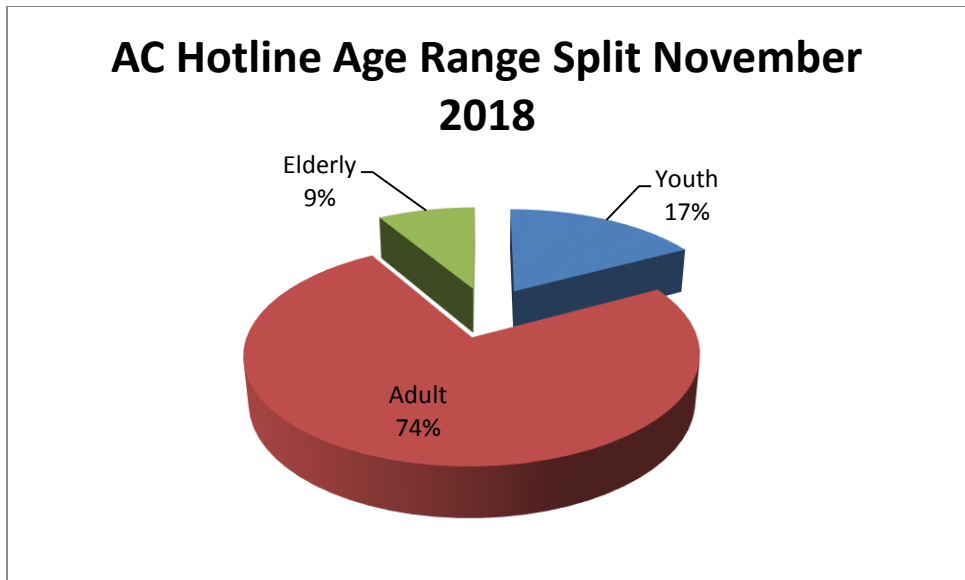
Human rights abuse were the highest non corruption complaints reported this month of November 2018 representing 23%, followed by complaints of breach of trust and simple assault with 18% each, then callers with private complaints with 17%, complaints of public servants abandoning their post with 12% and complaints of human trafficking and breach of contract with 6% each

**Gender**



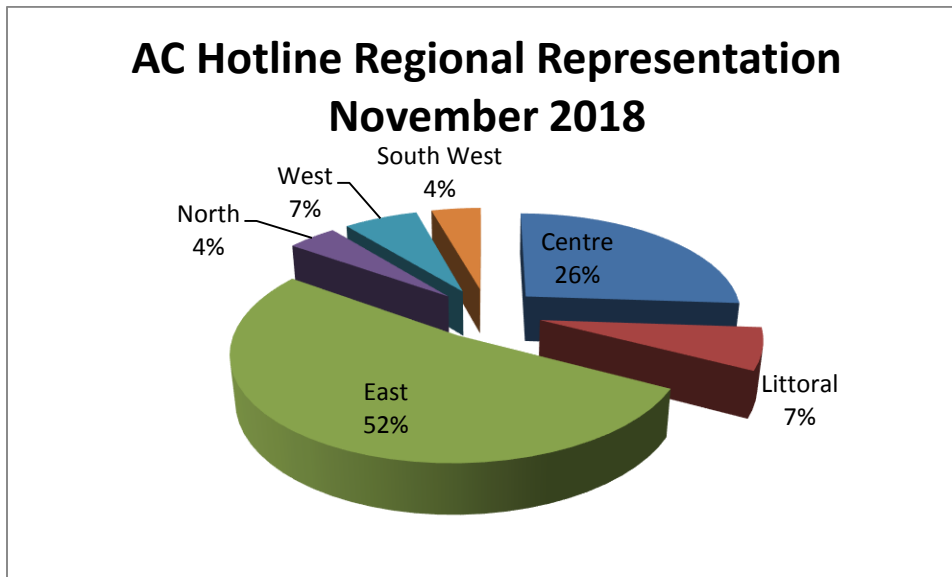
The male gender participated with most calls representing 75% of total calls while the female gender participated with 25%

**Age range of callers**



The adult age range as usual participated with the most calls representing 74% of total calls, followed by the youth age range with 17% and lastly, the elderly age range with 9% of calls

## Regional representation



The east region participated with the highest number of calls owning 52% of total calls, followed by the Centre region with 26%, the Littoral and West regions with 7% each of calls and lastly, the North and South West regions which participated with just 4% each of calls

## Investigations

Investigations are ongoing in a new complaint file on corruption and fraud opened this month. The victim, an elderly widow complained that a worker at the treasury office in Bertous has fraudulently received 376,900 Francs CFA from her husband's pension money. According to her, she gave the offender documents of her deceased husband's pension file to follow-up at the treasury office where he works. For close to six years now, she has been asking him whether the fund was ripe for payment but he kept dismissing her. Recently, she went to the treasury with her son who is educated and they found out that the funds had been ripe and someone had already withdrawn 376,900 Francs CFA. The worker of course denied receiving the money and the withdrawal slip does not carry the name of the withdrawer. This is an obvious case of complicity between the worker in question and the accountant that is why AC has opened investigations in the case.

Investigations were opened in a new case file on corruption of an employee of a worker working with CAPAM, the Support Framework and Promotion of Artisanal Mining in Bétaré-Oya. The complainant complained that he has received threats from an individual who has tried severally to corrupt him but he refused because he was following the regulation of the new Mining Code which outlaws semi-mechanized activities in the perimeters of research permits but the offender

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keeps asking him to provide him with the permit. AC is working with the victim to gather more information.

Investigations were carried out in a new case file on oppression and corruption opened this month. The complainant reported the SDO of Betare-Oya, for working in complicity with the chief of his village to seize his lands and give them out to an exploitation company. He explained that he has cash crops worth millions which he has farmed on the land but because the chief has received money from a Chinese company, he now threatens him to leave the land for exploitation to the company. He got to the farm one day and discovered the company was destroying his farm for mining activities and when he complained to the SDO, he was instead threatened and asked to stay away from the farm. AC is working with the victim to gather more evidence that can be used in court.

Interventions were also needed in a new complaint file on undue demand opened this month. The victim complained he was asked to pay 3000 Francs CFA instead of 900 francs to establish a medical certificate and because we received this complaint from many people while on the field in Bertoua, we quickly intervened to get the victim to pay the standard price for medical certificates. AC contacted the administration who did not refute the claim and said that they have heard of situations where some doctors inflate the sum paid for medical certificates. They promised to work with AC in order to put an end to the malpractice.

### **Legal follow-up**

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### **Management**

One jurist currently on test in AC

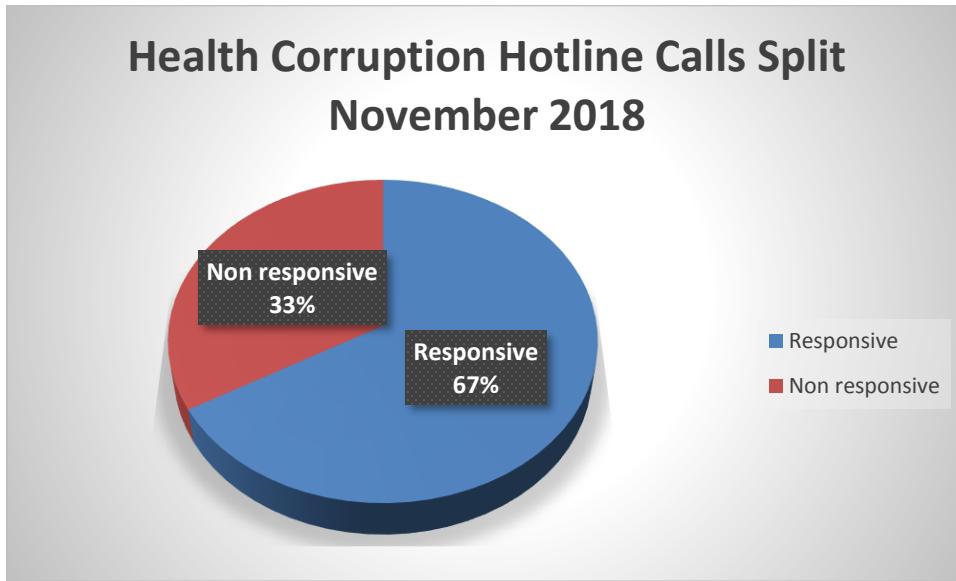
### **External Relations**

AC created contact with an engaged youth, HAMAN YOUSOUF who had the opportunity to work with AC volunteer on the field and would be AC's link in the town of Betare Oya in the future

### Health Corruption Hotline

The Health Corruption hotline received three (03) calls this month of November 2018, registering no corruption complaint. The low level of calls is caused by the lack of field work

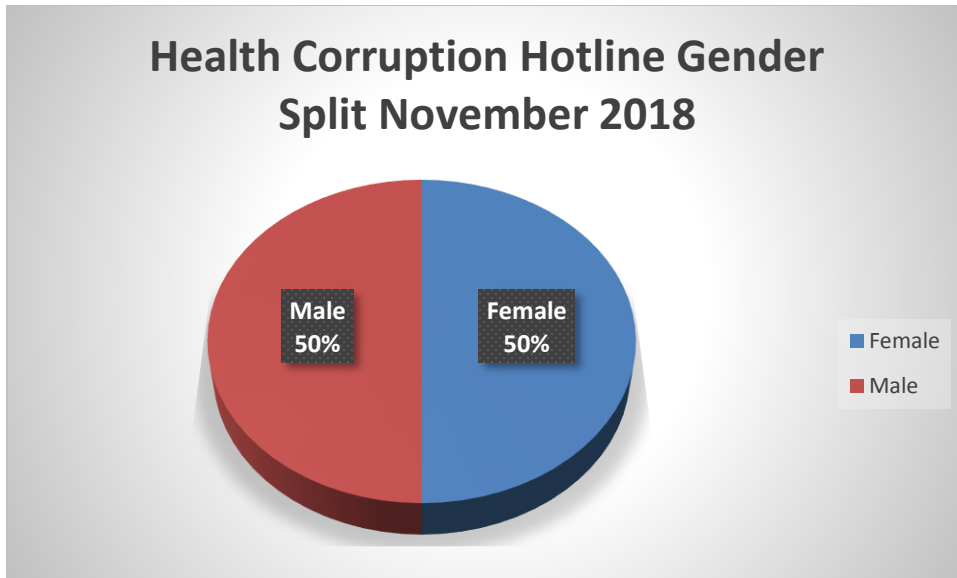
Data from the calls has been analyzed as is represented on charts below



67% of calls were responsive while 33% of calls were non responsive

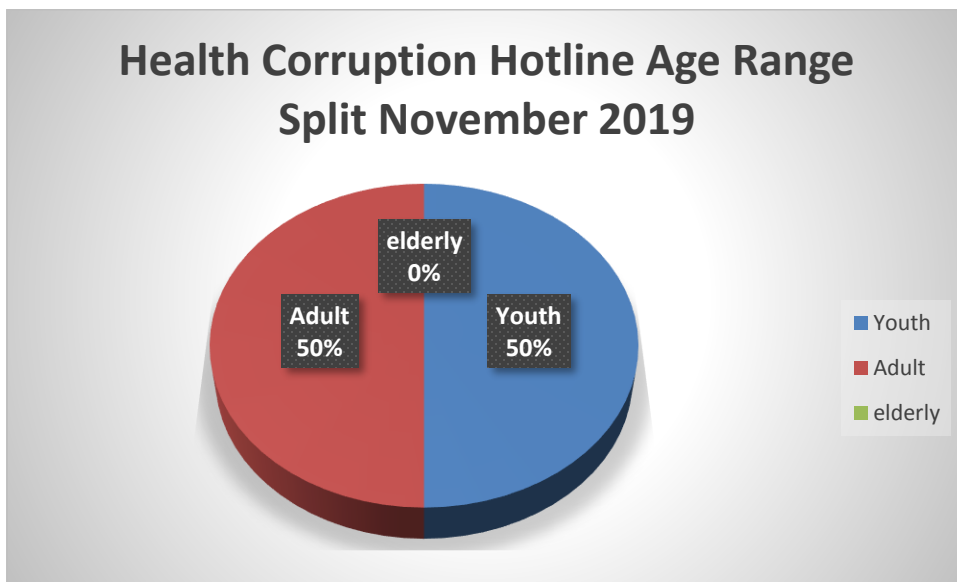
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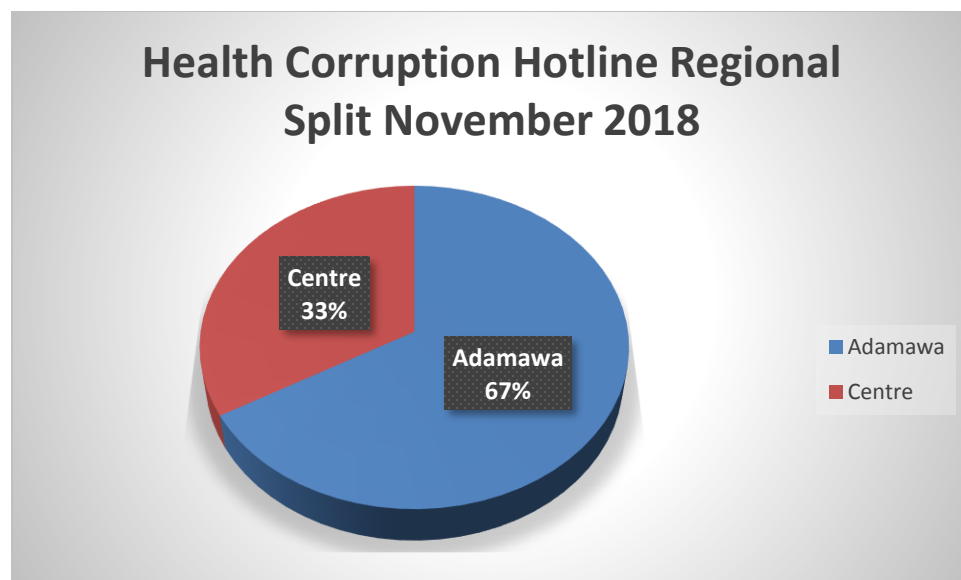


Both the female and the male gender participated with 50% of calls each this month of November 2018

### Age range of callers



### Regional representation



Just two regions participated in calls this month, the Adamawa region representing 67% and the Centre region representing 33%

#### Finance

AC received funds this month from NEU FOUNDATION

Rate: \$586.5

Amount in Francs CFA	Use	Details	Amount in USD
30,000	AC Hotline	75 calls received	<b>\$51.15</b>
5,000	HC Hotline	3 calls received	<b>\$8.52</b>
10,500	Investigations	150 AC posters 200 AC brochures	<b>\$17.90</b>
40,400	Legal	04 case follow-up	<b>\$68.88</b>
0	Media	0	<b>\$0.0</b>
390,450	Management	Co-ordination	<b>\$665.72</b>
5,000	Office	Office materials	<b>\$8.52</b>
<b>481,350</b>	<b>TOTAL Expenditure November 2018</b>		<b>\$820.72</b>

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**Donor Financial Report November 2018**

<b>Amount in FCFA</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Amount in USD</b>
<b>501,794</b>		<b>Balance from October</b>	<b>\$855.57</b>
<b>340,250</b>	<b>NEU FOUNDATION</b>	<b>Received in November</b>	<b>\$580.14</b>
<b>481,350</b>		<b>Used in November</b>	<b>\$820.72</b>
<b>360,694</b>		<b>Carried forward to December</b>	<b>\$614.9</b>