ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION

April 2015 Report

Highlights

- Three (03) new complaint files opened this month
- AC hotline receives 48 calls this month
- Health corruption hotline registered 22 calls this month
- A total number of 292 brochures distributed and 265 posters pasted in Yaounde

General

The AC hotline phone received 48 calls with 14 corruption complaints and corruption related offences and 7 non-corruption complaints.

The two jurists on test in AC made several field missions and investigations following complaints received from the field and some that came in through the AC hotline phone.

03 new case files opened this month

A new case file on Bribery was opened this month. The victim bribed 800,000 FCFA, paid installmently to the offender to aid her son gain employment in the national Cameroon Telecommunication Company (CAMTEL). The victim’s son was actually employed for the time frame the bribe was being paid but then, his contract was terminated immediately after the total amount of bribe was paid. The culprit is being pursued by CAMTEL itself for damages for both the victim and the organization.

Another new complaint file on Fraud and Embezzlement was opened this month. The victim complained that his employer issued him a fake contribution number for his National Social Insurance Fund (CNPS) contributions. In addition to that, 1,165 F CFA was deducted from his salary every month for seven years as payment for his CNPS contributions which in actual terms was never paid. Investigations are currently going on in this case with the CNPS head office.

Another new complaint file on bribery was opened this month. The victim paid 600,000 FCFA as bribe to the offender to help facilitate the entrance of his kid brother into the Higher Technical
Training College (ENSET) Kumba. The victim’s brother did not pass the entrance examination and he has been struggling to recuperate his money in vain. Investigations are ongoing.

The distribution of brochures and pasting of posters remain 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 Mvog-betsi, Madagascar, Melen, Mendong and Essos markets.

Case follow-up this month continues with the old court case of motor bike riders against the head of the Nkolbisson municipal storeroom still at the level of hearings in the high court in Yaoundé. The next hearing is slated to take place on June 17th 2015. AC is pushing for the defendant to be tried in absentia considering the fact that he has not been attending court hearings.

AC contacted the colonel in charge of the case of the concrete dealer against the Sheriff of the civil engineering unit of the military base located at Olembe that was being resolved following military rules. The colonel appealed to AC to hold on as the decision was not ready to be made public yet.

A court case is being prepared with regards to the case file opened last month on corruption and oppression. The victim complained against a market councilor and a commissioner of police who acted in complicity to arrest and lock her up in a male cell room at the mokolo police station where she was raped. AC is in the process of assembling other victims as replication for the case.

**Health Corruption Hotline**

The health corruption hotline received 22 calls this month with no complaints registered. Reason for this decrease in calls and lack of complaints is justified from the fact that health corruption field work which normally pushes the population to call has not been done since the beginning of the year.
78% of calls were responsive while 22% of calls were not responsive.

**Gender**

As usual, the male gender registered 71% of callers while the female gender participated with just 22% of calls.
Age Range of Callers

This month of April 2015, the youth age-range which is normally second came first with 71% of calls while the adult age range put in 29% of calls.

Regional representation

Interesting this month of May 2015 is that callers from the Centre region who never participate much in calls registered the highest number of calls with 34%, followed by the North West and Adamawa regions with 22% each and lastly, the West and South West regions which had 11% each as well.
AC Hotline Phone
The AC hotline phone received 48 calls this month with a total number of 21 complaints: 11 corruption complaints and corruption assimilated offences, as well as 7 non-corruption related offences.

In addition to calls received, field work was also carried out in a bit to recruit victims of corruption. In this regard, a total of 292 AC brochures were distributed and 265 posters pasted in the Mvogbetsi, Madagascar, Melen, Mendong and Essos markets resulting in 5 corruption complaints collected from the field.

90% of callers responded to calls while just 10% of callers did not respond to calls.
61% of responsive calls registered this month were corruption complaints, 22% of callers provided no complaint and 17% of callers had complaints which were not related to corruption.

Complaints bribery were the highest this month at 56%, followed by complaints against fraud and undue demand which had 13% each, complaints against embezzlement which had 12% and then abuse from forces of law and order which had 6%.
The highest number of non-corruption complaints this month was private problems with 34%, followed by land problems with 25%, breach of contract with 17% and lastly, abusive dismissal, debt recovery problems and breach of trust complaints which all had 8% each.

Gender

84% of callers this month of April 2015 were the male gender while the female gender participated with just a 16%.
Age Range of Callers

The adult age-range had the highest percentage representing 62% of calls, followed by the youth age-range with 28% and lastly, the elderly age-range with 10%

Regional representation

The Centre region had the highest number of complaints representing 62%, followed by Littoral, North and South West regions with 10% each and lastly, the West and North regions with 4% each.
Email/postal complaints
One corruption complaint came in through the email address on Embezzlement of state funds. One other complaint also came in through the postal box on Corruption and Fraud.

Investigations
Investigations were carried out in a new case file on bribery opened this month. The victim was solicited 800,000 F CFA in order that her son could be employed at the national Cameroon Telecommunication Company (CAMTEL). According to her, arrangements were made for the money to be paid installmentally with an upfront payment of 200,000 FCFA. During the time frame the bribe was being paid, the victim’s son was employed. His contract was terminated on the 9th month after payments for the bribe had been completed. AC contacted the CAMTEL head office here in Yaounde with a copy of the complaint after struggling to get the offender’s whereabouts in vain. A human resource officer from CAMTEL contacted AC later with information that the culprit is currently being pursued by the organization as it touches on their reputation directly.

Investigations were also carried out in a new complaint file on fraud and Embezzlement opened this month. The victim complained that his employer issued him a fake contribution number for his National Social Insurance Fund (CNPS) contributions. This means 1,164 F CFA was deducted from his salary every month for seven years as payment for his CNPS contributions which in actual terms was never paid. The CNPS head office working on resolving the case considering the offender in question is a giant security company which is one of their fervent customers.

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Legal follow-up
Case follow-up this month continues with the old court case of motor bike riders against the head of the Nkolbisson municipal storeroom still at the level of hearings in the high court in Yaoundé. The next hearing is slated to take place on June 17th 2015. AC is pushing for the defendant to be tried in absentia considering the fact that he has not been attending court hearings.
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**Management**

The two jurists retained for testing in the month of February are still being tested and evaluated
Finance

AC received funds this month from LAGA Cameroon

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