

**ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION****December 2014 Report****Highlights**

- Three (03) new complaint files opened this month
- AC hotline receives **66** calls this month
- Health Corruption hotline receives **34** calls this month

**General**

Activities for this month were shortened because of the Christmas break which started on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. Interestingly, many complaints were still received through the AC and HC hotline phones during the holidays.

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A new complaint file on health corruption was opened this month. The victim was illegally asked to pay 2,000 CFA F for HIV/AIDS testing when the minister of public health's announcement had made it clear that it was going to be free on December 1st in celebration of the international AIDS day. AC could not get hold of the Director of the Nylon district hospital Douala on phone to get answers as to why his hospital did not respect the orders of the minister of public health.

A case file on bribe was opened this month. The victim was illegally asked to pay 200,000 CFA F to get back his taxi bike which was recovered by a police raid in Bafoussam. AC got an inspector of police on the phone who supposedly said that it is the commissioner that is asking for the money not him but refused to give the commissioner's telephone number. Investigations are still ongoing in this case.

Another complaint on bribe opened this month. The victim was asked to bribe 12,000 CFA F to legalize documents (photocopies of birth certificates) at the Yaounde I council. AC started investigation in the corruption hotspot in the council. A demand to meet the commissioner was strictly refused and the victim for fear of reprisal withdrew his interest in pursuing the case.

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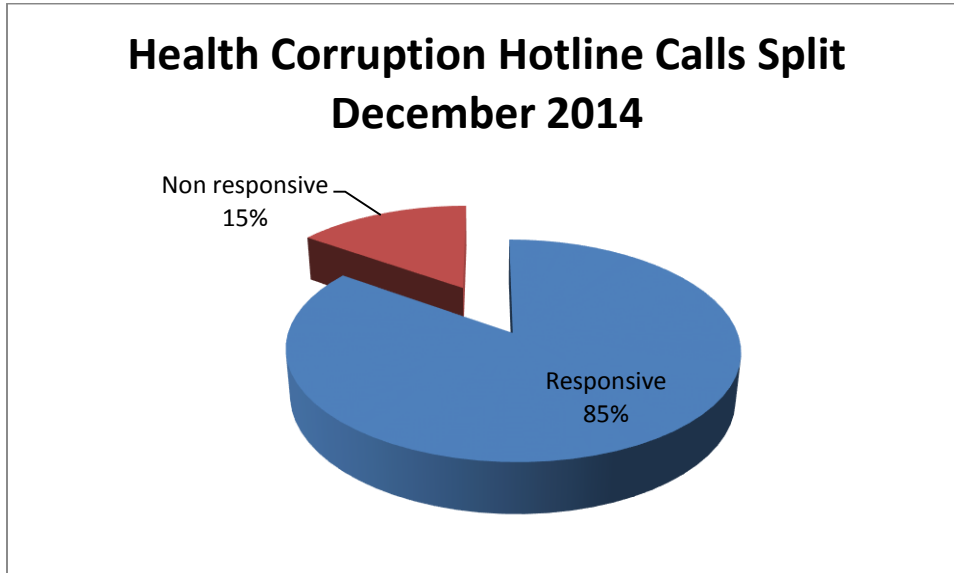
The AC hotline phone registered 66 calls this month with a total of 22 complaints. 15 of these complaints are corruption and corruption assimilated offences while 7 are non-corruption related complaints.

Case follow-up this month continues with the old 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.

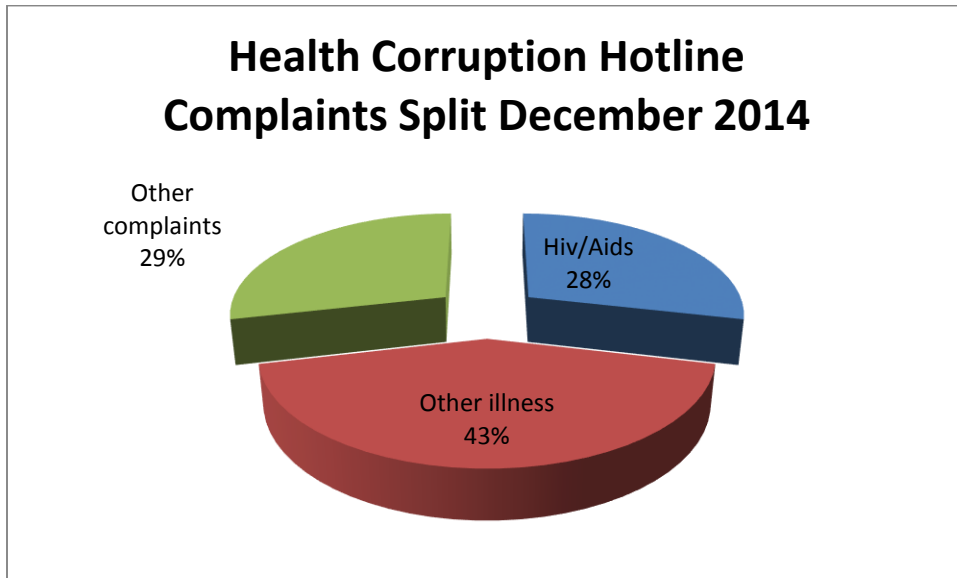
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### Health Corruption Hotline

The Health Corruption hotline received 34 calls this month with 2 complaints on hiv/aids, 3 complaints on other illnesses and 2 complaints ascertaining poverty as the cause of lack of access to medications. The information has been analyzed and is represented below.

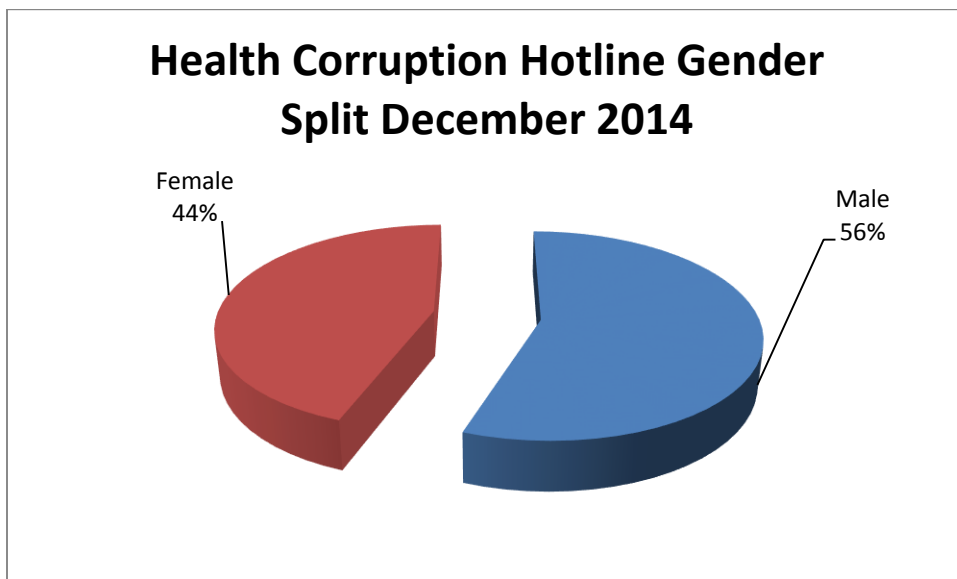


This month of December 2014, 85% of calls were responsive while 15% of callers' phones were either unavailable or they did not answer their phones.



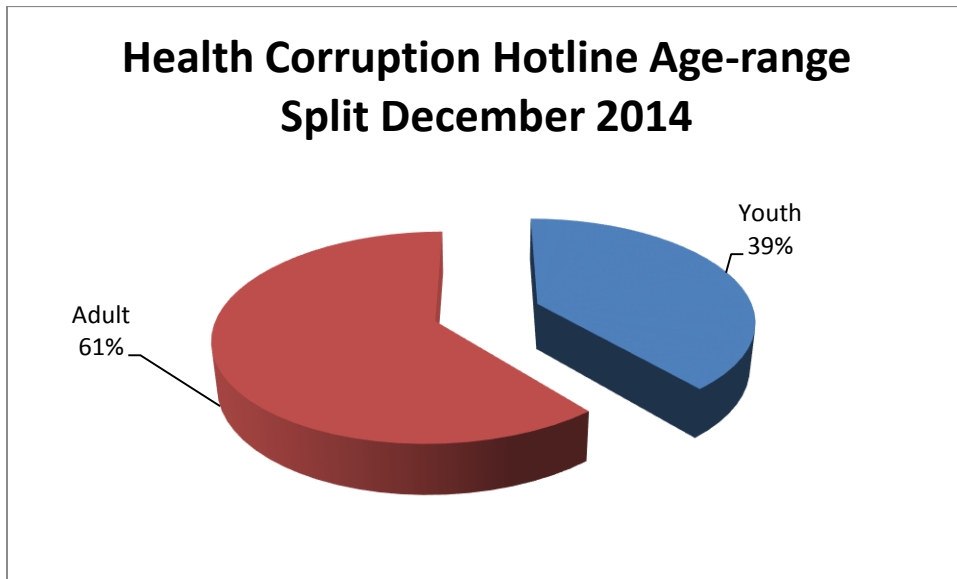
Complaints this month against subsidized medications were reported only against hiv/aids which has 28% while 43% of complaints were on other illnesses and 29% were complaints not relating to any illness.

### Gender



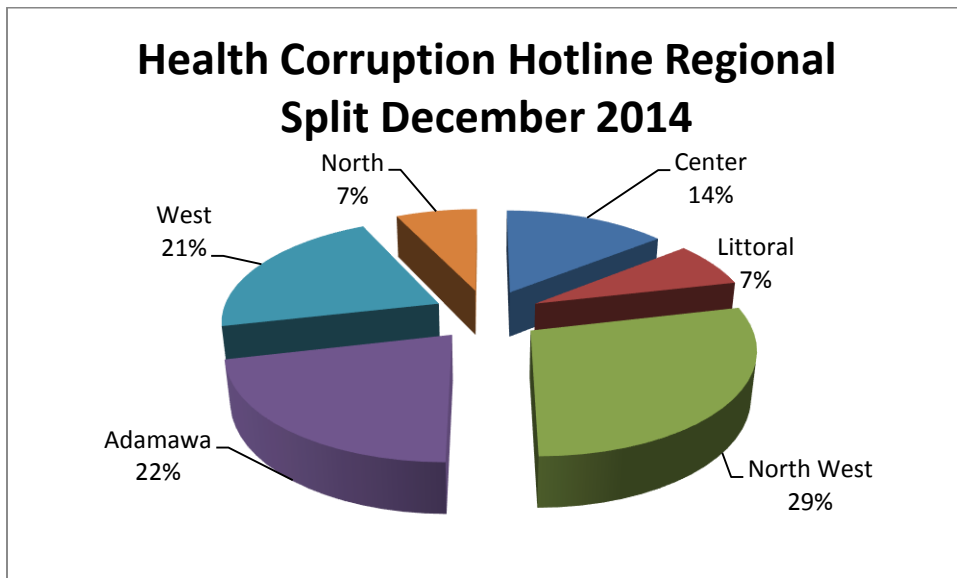
The male gender is highest with 56% while the female gender has impressively participated this month with a 44% representation.

**Age-range of callers**



Just two age groups participated this month with the highest being the adult age range with 61% of calls, followed by the youth age range with 39%. The elderly age range has been lacking in participation these past months with no clear reasons as to why.

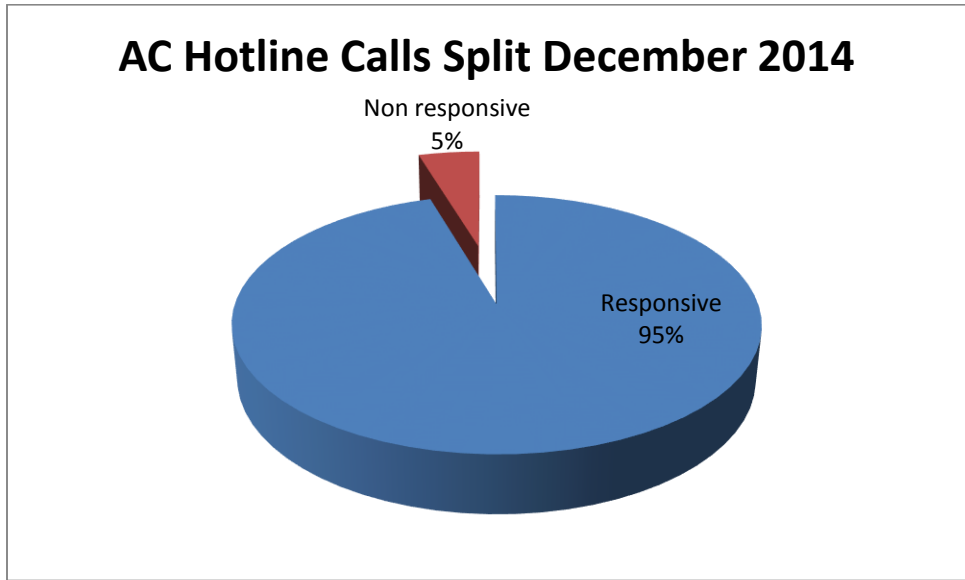
**Regional distribution of calls**



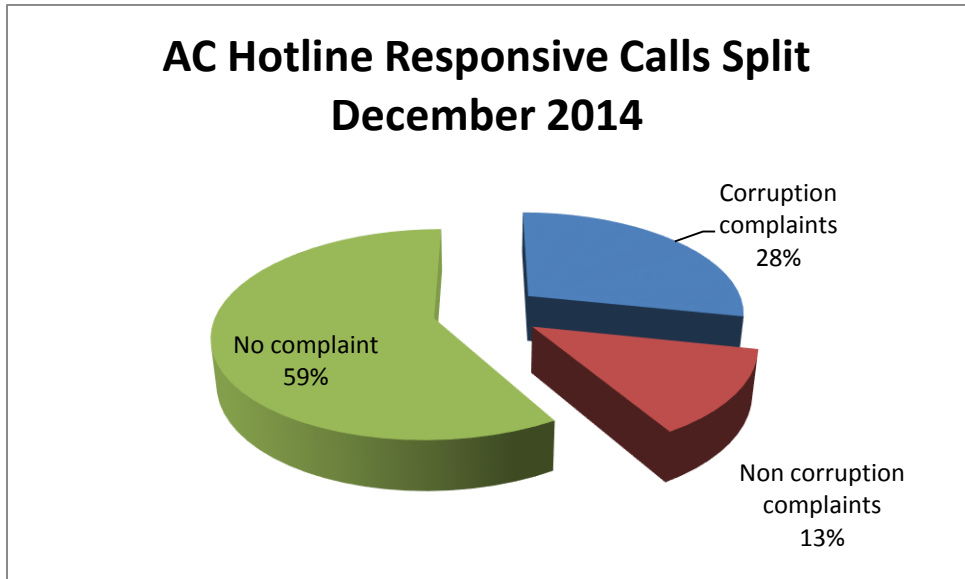
The highest number of participative calls this month originates from the North West region, followed by the Adamawa region with 22%, the West region with 21%, the Center region with 14% and lastly by the North and Littoral regions with 7% each.

### AC Hotline Phone

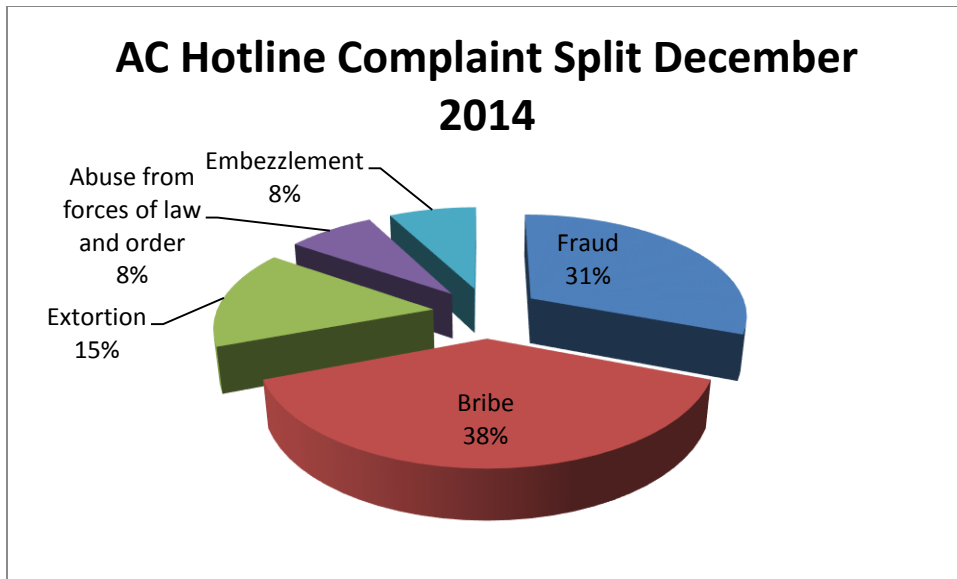
The AC hotline phone registered **66** calls this month of December 2014 with **15** corruption and corruption assimilated offences and **7** non-corruption related complaints.



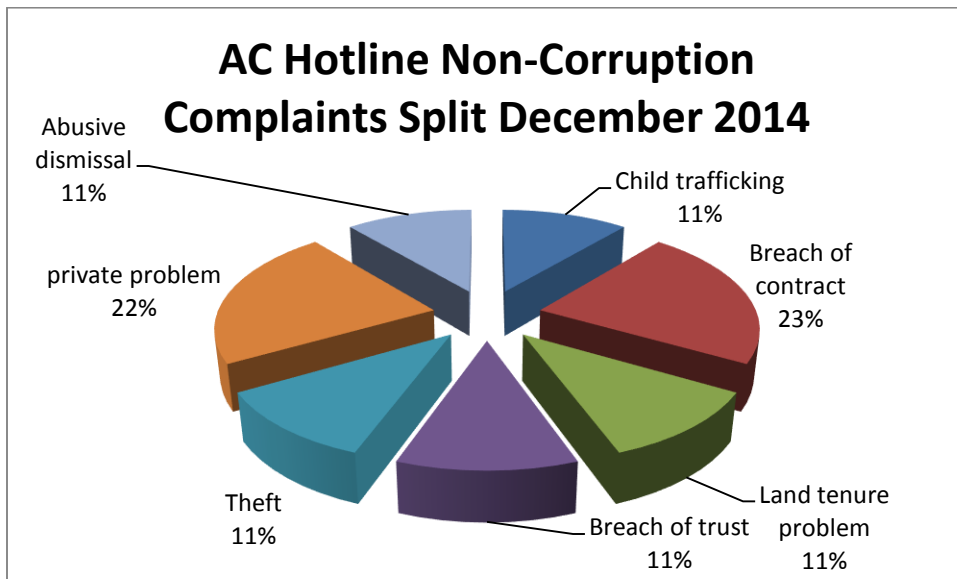
95% of AC hotline was responsive this month of December while just 5% of callers did not answer their calls.



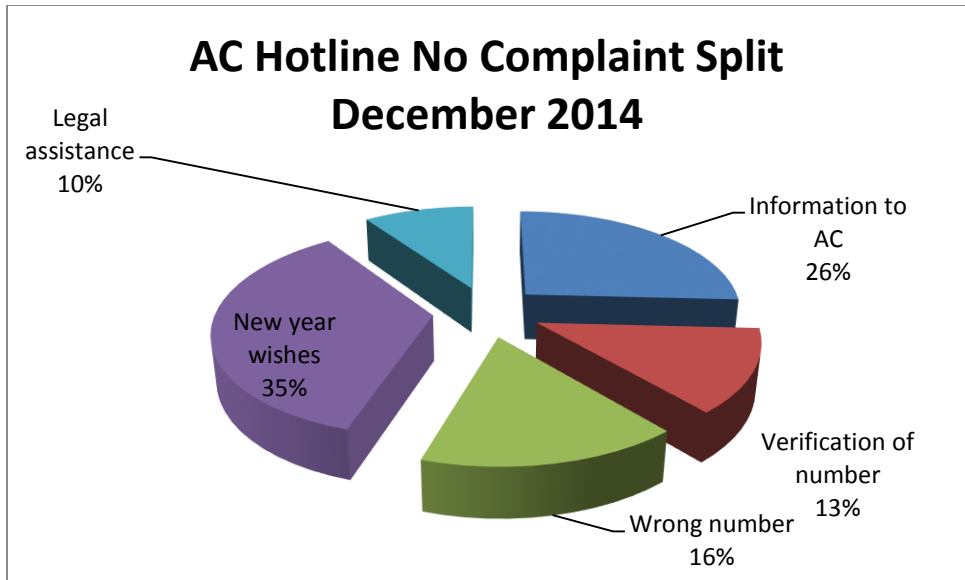
59% of callers this month did not report any complaint while 28% of callers were victims of corruption and corruption related offences. 13% of callers filed complaints that were non-corruption related.



Bribe has the highest complaints with 38%, followed by fraud with 31%, extortion with 15%. Embezzlement complaints and complaints on abuse from forces of law and order both have 8%.

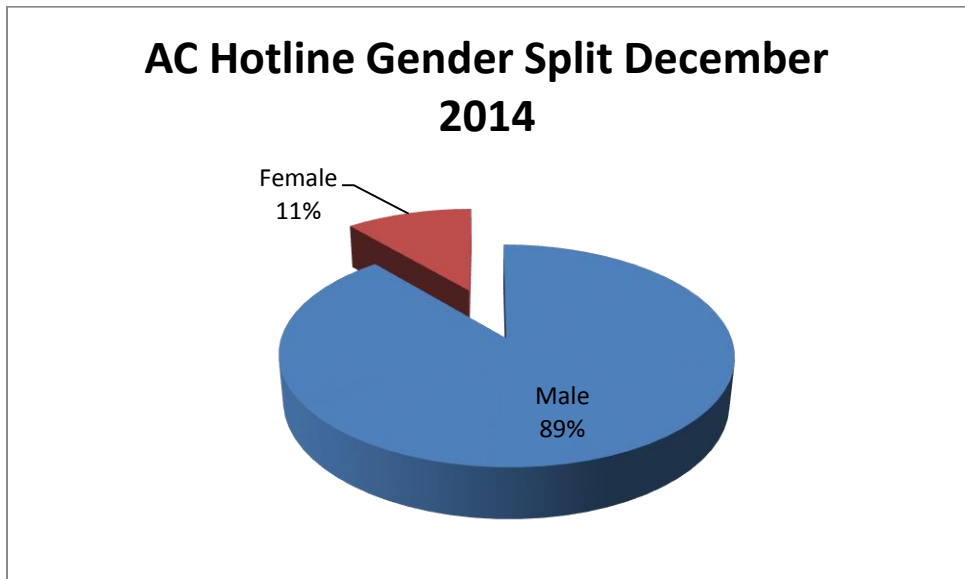


Breach of contract tops the list with 23%, followed by private problems with 22%, then child trafficking, theft, breach of trust, land problems and abusive dismissal which all have 11% each.



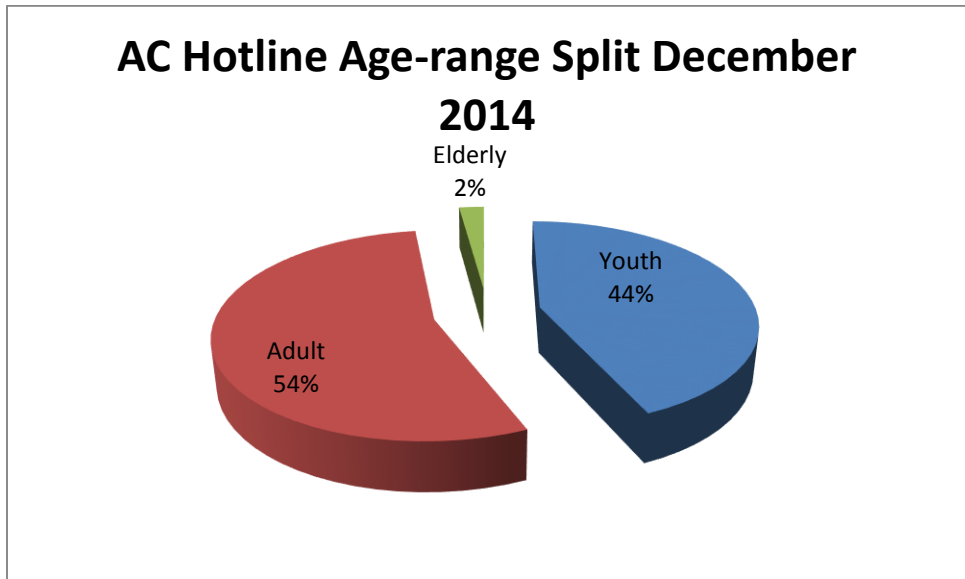
35% of no complaint calls this month was to wish AC a happy new year, followed by 26% of callers who wanted to give information to AC, 16% claimed to have dialed the wrong number, 13% had just gotten the number and was testing the functionality while 10% needed legal assistance with personal issues.

## Gender



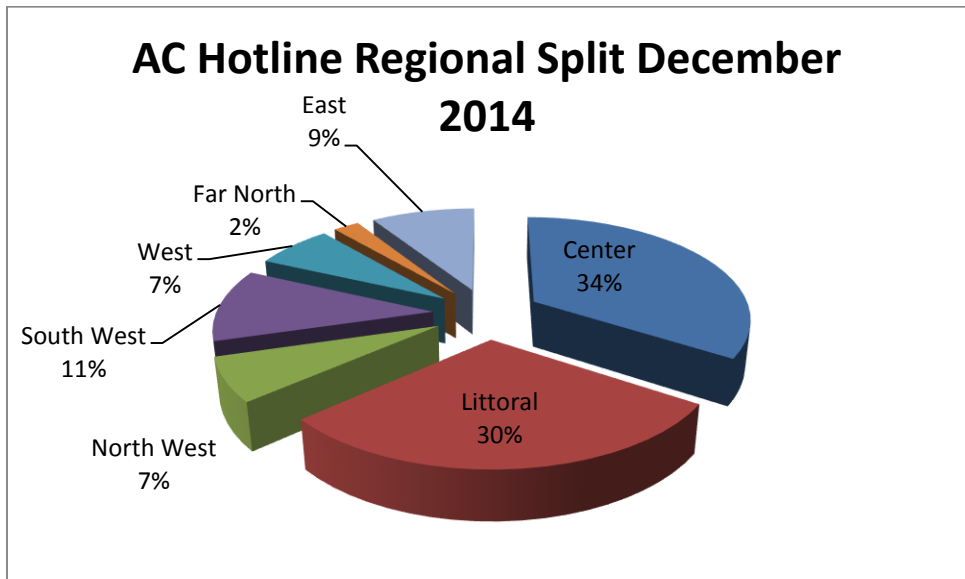
As usual, the male gender participated more with 89% of calls while the women folk represent just 11% of calls received this month. Reasons for women participating less is not clear especially given that the women gender is given more attention during field work activities.

### Age range of callers



The adult age range participated most this month with 54% followed by the youth age range with 44% and lastly the elderly age range which has just 2% of callers.

### Regional distribution of calls



The highest calls originated from the center region with 34% of calls, followed by the littoral region with 30%, the south west with 11%, the east with 9%, North West region with 7% while the far north region has 2% of calls. Normally active regions like the Adamawa have become



dormant while participation has greatly reduced from the North West because of the lack of field work action in these towns.

### **EMAIL/POSTAL Complaints**

Five (05) complaints received through the AC email address on tax payment fraud, custom duty fraud, child trafficking, forgery of official documents (national IDs for foreigners and fake resident permits) and extortion perpetrated by road safety police.

### **Investigations**

Investigations were carried out at the Biyem Assi, SOA and Njougolo district hospitals in Yaounde following a complaint received from Douala. The victim complained that he was asked to pay 2,000 CFA F for an HIV/AIDS test at the Nylon district hospital Douala on December 1<sup>st</sup>. This demand was in contrast to the Minister of Health's prior announcement that testing for HIV/AIDS will be free in all public and para-public hospitals on December 1<sup>st</sup> in celebration of the international aids day. AC found out during its mission that the free testing period for HIV/AIDS was extended to cover the whole first week of December. AC could not get hold of the Director of the Nylon district hospital on phone to find out why its hospital did not respect the orders of the minister of public health.

Investigations were also carried out at the Yaounde I police district to get information regarding a bribe case opened this month. The complainant, a bike rider complained that his stolen bike was recovered from the hands of the bandits during a police raid in Bafoussam but the commissioner wants him to pay 200,000 CFA F before the bike is given back to him. AC was able to get helpful information pointing an accusing finger at the commissioner because as the information stipulates, the owner of the bike only needs to show proof that the bike is his and it will be returned to him. He presented the bike documents as was counseled by AC but still had problems getting back his bike. AC got an inspector of police on the phone who said it is the commissioner that is asking for the money not him but refused to give the commissioner's telephone number.

While investigations were ongoing in a complaint involving bribe opened this month against the Yaounde I council office, the complainant withdrew his interest to pursue the matter. The complainant, a teacher was asked to bribe 12,000 CFA F before they sign the photocopies of students' birth certificates he deposited for legalization in preparation for the French General Certificate of Secondary Education (BEPC) examinations. He was unable to produce the name and position of the culprit in question and after AC made a demand to meet the commissioner, the victim promptly withdrew his interest and the case was dropped.

## Legal follow-up

Legal Case follow-up this month continues with the old 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.

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## Finance

AC received funds this month from private donors

Amount in Francs CFA	Use	Details	Amount in USD
27,500	AC Hotline	66 calls received	\$55.0
25,000	HC Hotline	34 calls received	\$50.0
	Investigations		
418,650	Legal	03 case follow-up	\$837.3
	Media		
	Management		
	Office		
<b>471,150</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$942.3</b>

## Donor financial report August 2014

Amount in FCFA	Donor	Month	Amount in USD
<b>471,150</b>	<b>Private Donor</b>	<b>Used in December</b>	<b>\$942.3</b>