ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION

September 2019 Report

Highlights

- Two (02) new complaint files opened this month
- AC hotline received 12 calls this month
- Health Corruption hotline registered 05 calls this month
- A total number of 24 brochures distributed and 19 posters pasted in Yaounde

General

The AC hotline phone registered 12 calls this month with 6 corruption complaints and corruption assimilated offences, as well as 3 non-corruption related complaints.

Two (02) new case files were opened this month.

An education corruption complaint file was opened this month. The complainant, a distressed parent, reported the principal of the Government Technical School of Mbankomo for soliciting bribe from him before enrolling his son in the school. He explained that he went in to register his son in the school and was asked to pay 100,000 F CFA for a bench that will accommodate the child and 48,000 F CFA as registration and fees. AC intends investigating the matter further at the school premises.

Another new complaint file on Bribery and Oppression was opened this month. The complainant reported a police officer in the District of Ngoro, in the Mbam and Kim Division for soliciting bribe and harassing road users. He complained that the inspector of police demands 2,000 F CFA from him and every citizen from that locality who presents an ID card receipt instead of the computerized national ID card. He explained that ID cards made in the locality since 2015 have not been produced as every person who deposited for an ID in 2015 only has the receipt till date that is continuously renewed. Investigations are ongoing.

The distribution of brochures and pasting of posters remained the major activity carried out this month. AC carried out investigations at the Government Technical School Mbankomo and its environs in a bid to recruit more victims of corruption, after the report received earlier this month.
on bribery and corruption from the school. To this effect, 19 posters were pasted and 24 brochures distributed in around the school premises.

Case follow-up this month continued with 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 presently at the legal department of the Yaounde administrative Centre pending transfer to the Court of First Instance, Ntu, which is the jurisdiction that has been designated by the president of the Court of Appeal to hear and judge the matter.

**AC Hotline Phone**

The AC hotline phone registered **12 calls** this month of September 2019 with **6** corruption and corruption assimilated offences and **3** non-corruption related complaints.

The calls have been analyzed and presented on charts as seen below;

This month of September 2019, responsive calls were **67%** while non responsive calls was **33%**.
Corruption complaints reported this month represented 67% of complaints while the complaints not related to corruption represented 33% of total complaints.

As is the usual trend with corruption complaints, complaints against bribery and corruption were the highest registered this month of September 2019, represented by 50% of total corruption complaints. Complaints against oppression represented 33% of complaints while complaints of fraud represented 17% of corruption complaints.
Private complaints represented 34% of non-corruption complaints, while complaints of scamming and land dispute both represented 33% each of non-corruption complaints.

Gender

The male gender represented 87% of calls while the female gender represented 13% of calls.
Age Range of Callers

The adult age range represented 50% of callers, followed by the youth age range which represented 33% of callers, and, the elderly age range which represented 17% of callers.

Regional representation

The Centre region registered the highest number of callers represented by 50% of total calls, the South West and Far North regions represented 13% of callers while the West and the Littoral regions both represented 12% of callers.
Investigations

Investigations were carried out in a new complaint file on Bribery and Corruption opened this month. The complainant, a distressed father was solicited 100,000 F CFA for a bench and 48,000 F CFA as registration and fees by the administrators of the Government Technical School of Mbankomo, when he went in to register his son for the 2019/2020 school year.

He explained that he was informed by the principal that his son will not be offered a place if he does not pay the 100,000 F CFA solicited, because the money was meant for a bench that will accommodate the child in class. AC acknowledges that this is illegal as students should not be paying individually for benches, which are stuff taken care of by the school and the PTA fees levied on students of every school.

AC carried out investigations around the school compound in a bid to replicate the case but was unable to find other parents or students to report this same complaint because of the fear of reprisals. AC intends to pay an investigative visit to the school administrators.

Investigations were also carried out in another new complaint file on Bribery and Oppression opened this month. The complainant reported a police officer in the Ngoro District, in the Mbam and Kim Division for acts of corruption.

According to the complainant, they barely have a place to refer to for the production of ID cards in their locality. He explained that a small structure was put up to receive application files for ID cards but everyone who has deposited an application for an ID card in that structure since 2015 has been unsuccessful in getting the computerized ID card as they always tell them that it is still in the process of production. This is the situation that inhabitants of Ngoro find themselves in which is being exploited now by police officers to extort money from them.

He complained that the police officer solicited 2,000 F CFA from him and when he refused to pay, the receipt of his ID card, which was prolonged till December 2019, was held back by the police officer in question, threatening that until he pays the money or can present his computerized ID card.

Considering that this could be a systemic problem, AC intends to inform the General Delegation of Security to address the problem of ID cards and call the police officer to order.

Legal follow-up

Case follow-up this month continues with 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 presently at the legal department of the Yaounde Administrative Center pending transfer to the Court of First Instance, Ntui, which is the jurisdiction that has been designated by the president of the Court of Appeal as the competent court to hear and judge the matter.
Health Corruption Hotline

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.

The calls have been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below;

80% of calls were responsive while 20% of callers phones were unavailable

Gender

Both the male and female genders represented 50% of calls this month of September 2019
Age Range of Callers

This month of September 2019, just two age groups participated in Health corruption calls. The adult age range represented 80% of calls while the youth age range represented 20% calls.

Regional representation

The Centre region participated with 50% of callers while the Far North and The Littoral regions both participated with 25% each.
Finance
AC received funds this month from NEU Foundation
Rate: $586.5

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