

ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION**February 2020 Report****Highlights**

- One (01) new complaint file opened this month
- AC hotline received 21 calls this month
- Health Corruption hotline received 06 calls this month

General

The AC hotline phone received 21 calls this month of February, 2020. Five corruption and corruption related offences were registered through the hotline phone as well as three non-corruption complaints.

One (01) new case file was opened this month

A new case file on Abuse of Power was opened this month. The victim complained that a gendarme threatened him with a gun at the gendarmerie brigade of Tonga, West region when he showed up to complain about the nonpayment of his money ordered by a court after due process. According to him, an agreed amount of the money is supposed to be paid once-a-month through an intermediary, the gendarme, who was also the investigator in the theft case he originally deposited at the brigade before involving the court when he could not get any results from the brigade. Investigations are ongoing.

Legal follow-up continued this month in the corruption case of many counts with about 300 victims opened in the month of August, 2017. AC is closely following up to assure that the judge draws up the second convocation while AC gets a bailiff to issue them to the accused/s as procedure demands, since they failed to honor the first convocation.

AC Hotline Phone

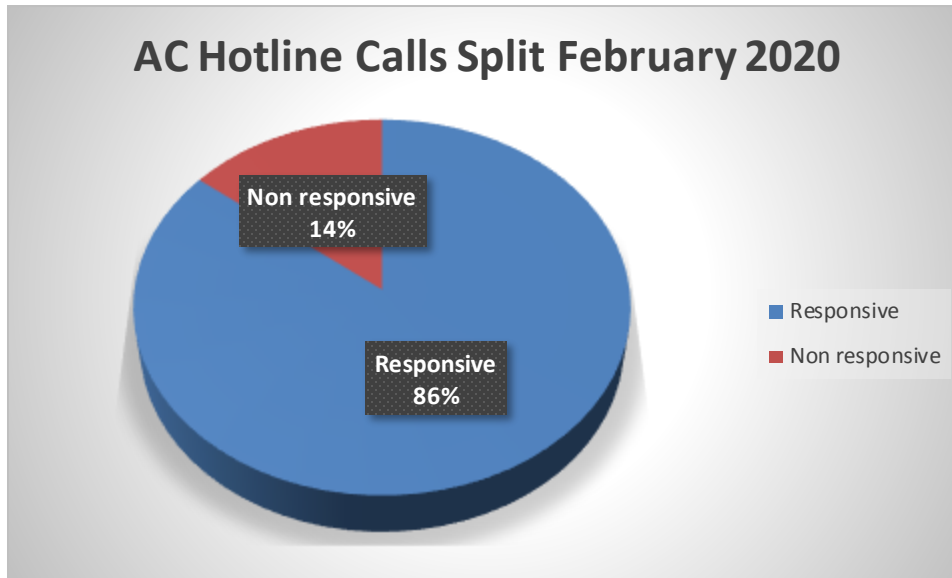
The AC hotline phone received 21 calls this month of February, 2020 with five (05) corruption and corruption related complaints, and three (03) non-corruption complaints.

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

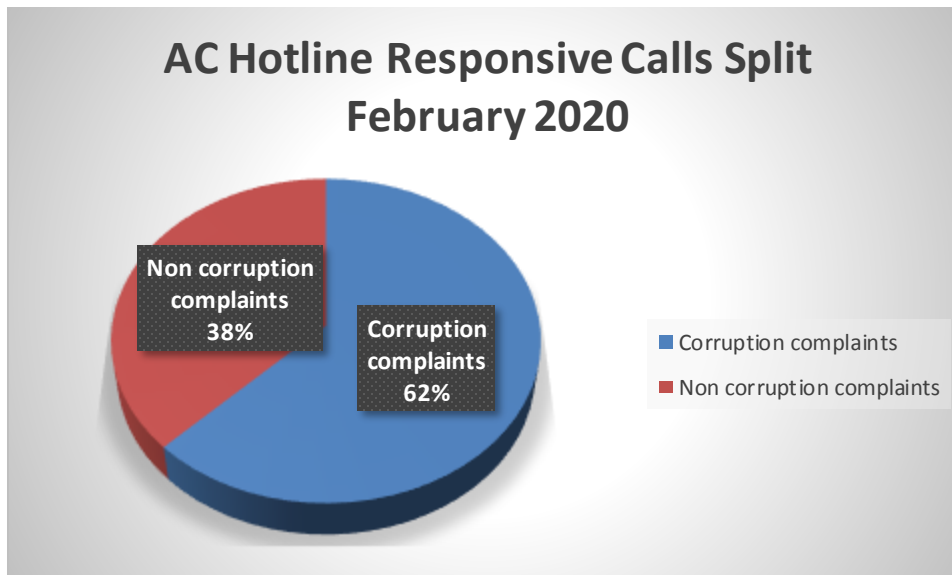
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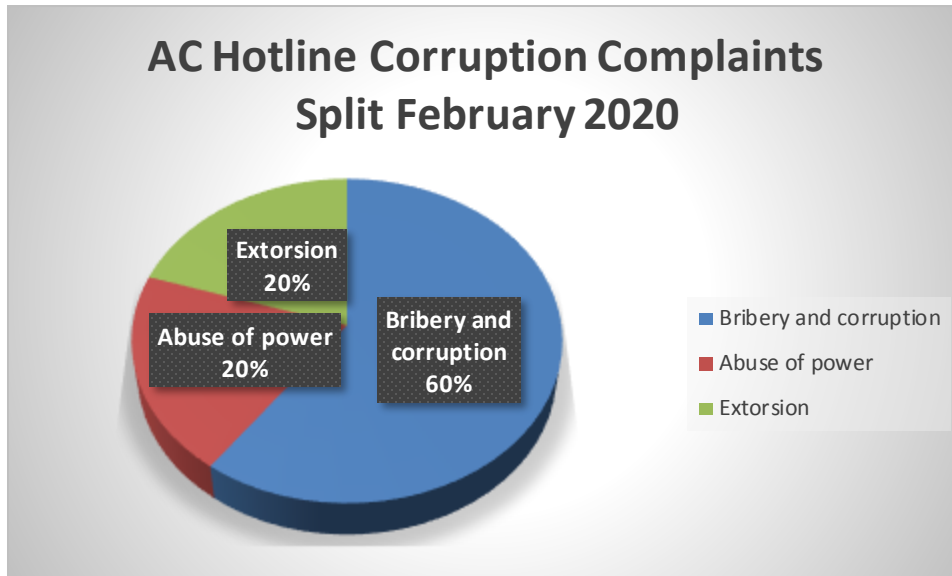
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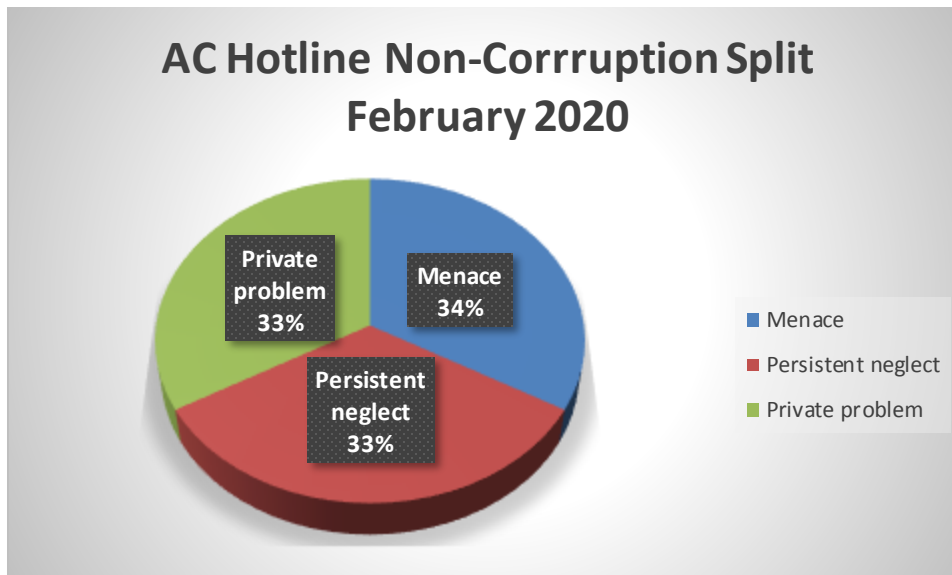
86% of calls that came in through the AC hotline phone were responsive while 14% of callers' phone was unavailable



Complaints against corruption represented 62% of complaints while complaints not related to corruption represented 38% of complaints

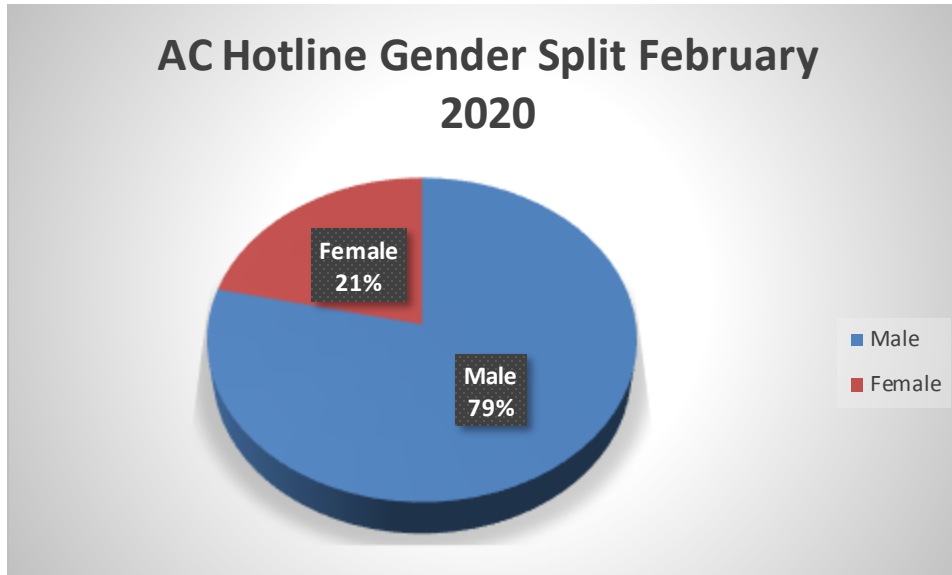


Complaints against bribery and corruption represented 60% of corruption offences while complaints of extortion and abuse of power represented 20% each of corruption related offences



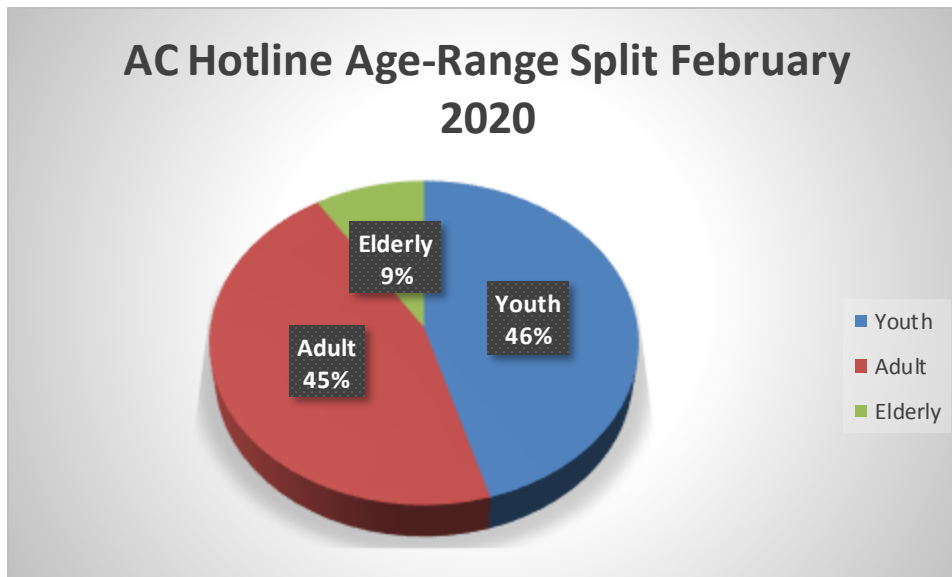
Complaints of persistent neglect represented 38% of non-corruption complaints, followed by complaints of aggravated threat with 34% and lastly, callers with private problems represented 33%

Gender



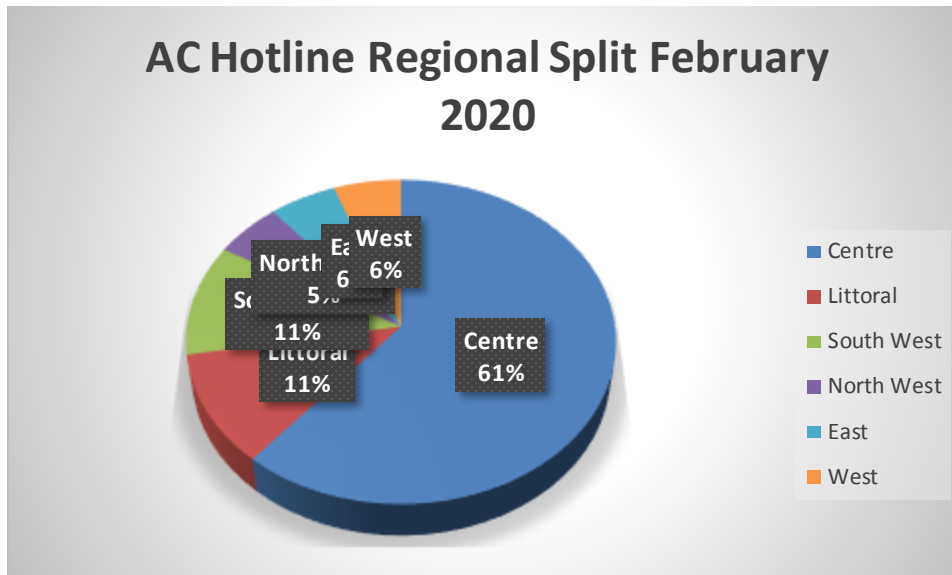
79% of the male gender participated in the AC hotline calls while the female gender represented 21% of callers. The usual trend with AC hotline calls is the participation of more men than women even with the numerous strategies adopted over the years to get more women to participate in our anti-corruption programs.

Age Range of Callers



The youth age-group participated with 46% of calls, followed by the adult age group with 45% of calls and lastly, the elderly age group which participated with just 9% of calls.

Regional representation



The Centre region participated with the highest number of calls represented by 61% of total calls, followed by both the Littoral and South West regions with 11% each of callers, the West and East regions with 6% each and lastly, the North West region which represented 5% of callers

Investigations

Investigations are ongoing in a new complaint file on Abuse of Power opened this month. The victim complained that he was threatened numerously with a gun by a gendarme because he constantly went to the brigade to ask the gendarme, who is the investigating officer in a theft case he deposited at the gendarmerie to put more efforts in helping him recuperate his money from the bandits after the court ruled in his favor.

According to him, thieves break into his compound and made away with bags of cocoa and other farm produce. He succeeded in identifying and getting the thieves to the gendarmerie brigade where they were locked up. He noticed the next day that the thieves had been released on caution with no due procedure and the investigating officer was unable to tell him conclusively what measures he has taken about the case before the release of the thieves.

He deposited a complaint with the state counsel who sent the case to court and the court held that the thieves should pay him 333,000 F CFA for his goods and requested the investigating officer at the gendarmerie brigade to negotiate the terms of payment. The thieves proposed to pay 25,000 FCFA monthly which he agreed and they all signed an agreement to that effect. Payment was made just for two months and he went to the gendarmerie on the fourth month to find out

why he had not been contacted for two months to pass and pick up his payment. The gendarme informed him that the thieves had defaulted payment because they lost their father and were unable to pay due to the expenditures incurred during the burial. On the sixth month again, he went to ask what they can do for the thieves to resume payment but he instead met with stiff resistance from the gendarme who ordered him out of his office and threatened to shoot him with a gun if he showed up at the gendarmerie brigade again. This made the complainant feel like the gendarme had been bribed to close his mouth.

AC has been trying to reach the investigator through phone in vain to understand why the complainant claims he has received bribe from the thieves and is feeling threatened. Investigations are ongoing

Legal follow-up

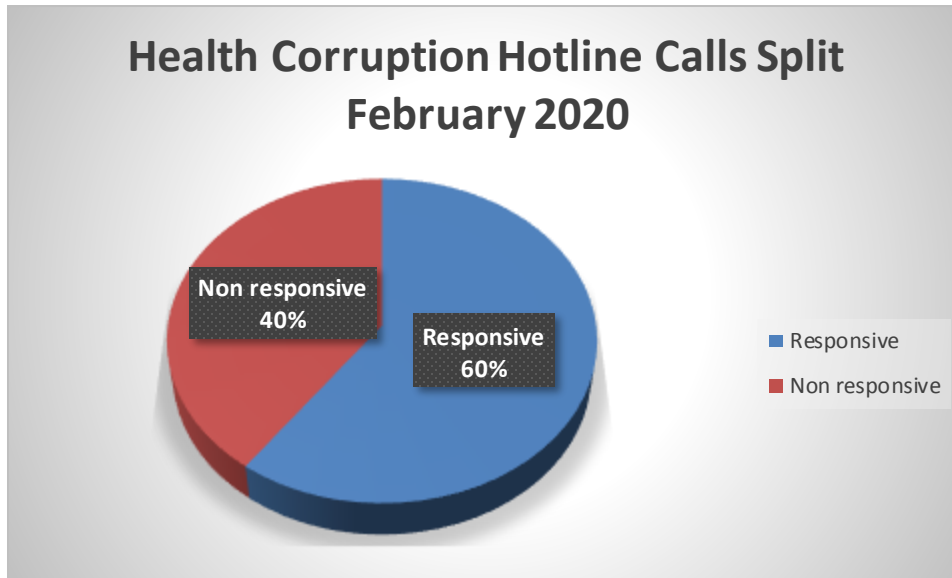
Legal follow-up continued in the case pitting vendors of the Mokolo market against the Commissioner of Police of Yaounde II, Mokolo, here in Yaounde. AC is closely following up to assure that the judge draws up the second convocation, which will be issued by a bailiff collaborating with AC to make sure that the accused/s acknowledge receipt of the convocation this second time. This is because the accused/s failed to honor the first convocation and can claim they did not receive it. The first convocation was issued to the accused/s on December 4, 2019 and delivered on December 18, 2019.

The case, is a corruption case involving many counts embodying a civil claim, with about three hundred victims which was originally deposited at the Court of First Instance of the Yaounde Administrative Center in the month of August, 2017. With the principal accused being a Commissioner of Police, another jurisdiction other than that where his duties are exercised had to be chosen to guarantee fair trial which is why the court of First Instance, Ntui, was designated as the competent trial court.

Health Corruption Hotline

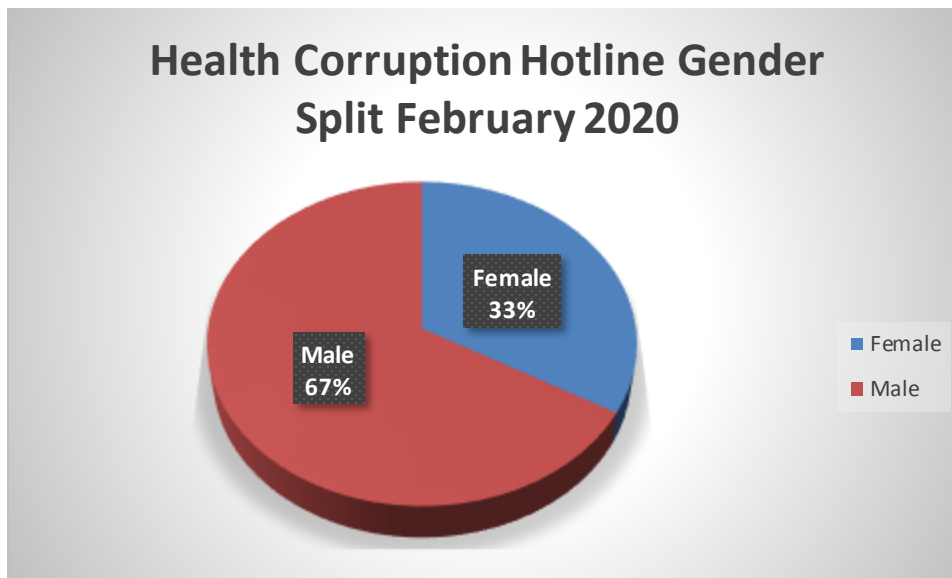
The Health Corruption hotline phone received 06 calls this month of February, 2020 registering no complaint.

Data from the calls has been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below;



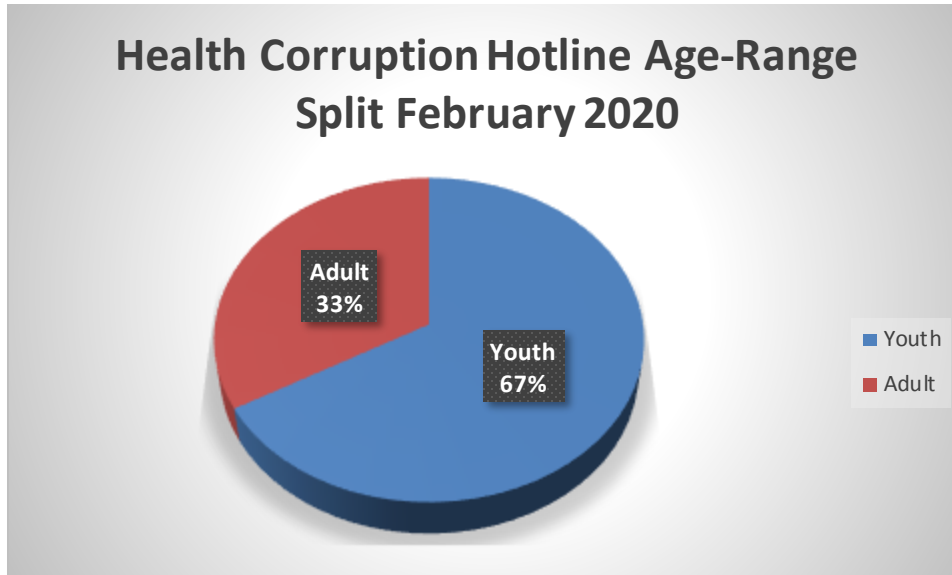
60% of calls that came in through the Health Corruption hotline phone were responsive while 40% of callers' numbers was unavailable

Gender



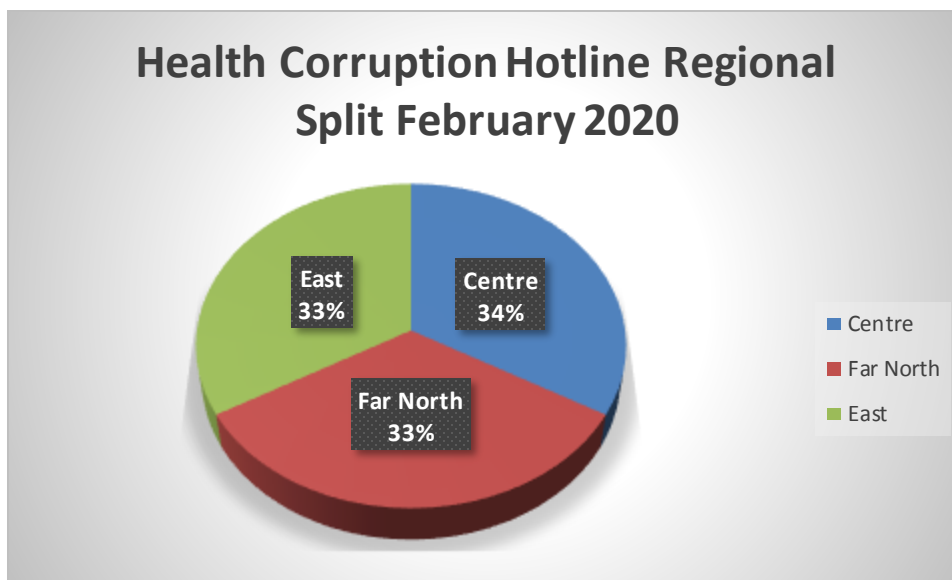
The male gender participated with the highest number of calls represented by 67% while the female gender's participation represented 33% of calls

Age range of callers



This month of February, 2020, just two age groups participated in health corruption calls. The youth age range participated with 67% of callers while the adult age range participated with 33% of callers. The elderly age range did not participate in calls this month

Regional representation



The Centre region participated with a 34% representation in Health Corruption calls this month while both the East and Far North regions participated with a 33% representation

Finance

AC received funds this month from NEU FOUNDATION

Dollar Rate 586.5

Amount in Francs CFA	Use	Details	Amount in USD
25,000	AC Hotline	calls received	\$42.6
10,000	HC Hotline	calls received	\$17.0
0	Investigations	-	\$0.0
0	Legal	01 case follow-up	\$0.0
0	Media	0	\$0.0
394,900	Management	Co-ordination	\$673.3
276,900	Office		\$472.1
706,800	TOTAL Expenditure February 2020		\$1,205.1

Donor Financial Report February 2020

Amount in FCFA	Donor	Month	Amount in USD
0		Balance from January	\$0.0
701,705	NEU FOUNDATION	Received in February	\$1,196.4
706,800		Used in February	\$1,205.1
0		Carried forward to March	\$0.0