ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION

March 2020 Report

Highlights

- One (01) new complaint file opened this month
- AC hotline received 14 calls this month
- Health Corruption hotline received 06 calls this month

General

The AC hotline phone registered 14 calls this month of March, 2020 with 6 corruption and corruption assimilated offenses, and 2 non-corruption offenses.

One (01) new case file was opened this month

A new case file on oppression and bribery and corruption was opened this month. The caller complained that his commercial motor bike was impounded by a police officer of the GMI unit because he refused to pay him the 1,000 F CFA he solicited as bribe. He explained that he has gone to retrieve the bike with 50,000 F CFA but his bike is nowhere to be found. According to the complainant, police officers in Bambana solicit 500 or 1,000 FCFA during police controls which is described as raids even after checking their papers and seeing that it is in order. When he refused to pay on this particular occasion, explaining that all his papers were in order, the police officer got angry and asked him if he was going to eat his papers and forcefully took his bike to be impounded. AC intends to forward a copy of the complaint to the governor of the North West region for proper follow-up.

Legal follow-up continued this month in the corruption case of many counts with about 300 victims opened in the month of August, 2017. A bailiff collaborating with AC was sent to collect the second convocations drawn up by the judge in Ntui. The accused persons were served the convocations on the sixteenth and seventeen of this month to present at the First Instance court of Ntui on the thirtieth of this same month 2020.

AC Hotline Phone

The AC hotline phone received 14 calls this month of March, 2020 with six (06) corruption and corruption related complaints, and two (02) non-corruption complaints.

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

Anti – Corruption Cameroon (AC - Cameroon)
Website: www.kick-corruption.org
ac.cameroon@yahoo.com
Responsive calls represented 93% of calls that came in through the AC hotline phone while non responsive calls represented 7%.

Complaints of corruption represented 75% of complaints received through the AC hotline phone this month while complaints not related to corruption represented 25%.

Anti – Corruption Cameroon (AC - Cameroon)
Website:  www.kick-corruption.org
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Complaints against bribery and corruption represented 50% of corruption complaints, followed by complaints of undue demand and extortion which represented 17% each of corruption complaints and, lastly, complaints of oppression which represented 16% of corruption complaints.

Complaints of abuse from forces of law and order and land problems represented 50% each of non-corruption complaints reported this month of March, 2020.
Gender

The male gender participated with 75% of calls while the female gender represented 25% of callers who participated in AC calls this month of March, 2020.

Age Range of Callers

The adult age group’s participation represented 70% of callers, followed by the youth age group which participated with 20% of callers and lastly, the elderly age group which participated with 10% of callers.
Regional representation

The Centre region’s participation represented 55% of total calls that came in through the AC hotline phone, followed by the North region which represented 18% of total calls, while the Littoral, South West and North West regions all represented 9% each of total AC calls.

Investigations

Investigations are ongoing on a new complaint file opened this month on oppression, bribery and corruption. The complainant reported police officers of the Bamenda, GMI unit in the North West region for perpetrating acts of corruption and oppression. He complained that his commercial motor bike was forcefully and illegally impounded by a police officer of the GMI unit because he refused to pay him 1,000 F CFA he solicited as bribe. He added that he went to retrieve the bike with the 50,000 F CFA demanded by the station but the bike cannot be found.

According to him, police officers in Bamenda solicit 500 or 1,000 FCFA during police controls even after checking the papers of commercial motor bike riders and seeing that it is in order. On this particular occasion, he refused to pay the solicited sum explaining that all his papers were in order but the police officer still went ahead to seize his bike to be impounded and grumpily asked him if he was going to eat his papers.

With the civil unrest plaguing Bamenda since three years now, the town seems to be in a state of anarchy which makes it nearly difficult to follow-up complaints there. AC intends to forward a copy of the complaint to the governor of the North West region for proper follow-up especially because the complainant informed AC that motor bike riders were planning on going on strike to decry the situation.
Legal follow-up
Legal follow-up continued this month in the corruption case of many counts with about 300 victims opened in the month of August, 2017. A bailiff was sent to Ntui to collect the second convocations drawn up by the judge. The accused persons were served the convocations on the sixteen and seventeen of this month to present at the First Instance court of Ntui on the thirtieth of this same month 2020.

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 March, 2020 registering one corruption complaint regarding the sale of subsidized malaria treatments.

Data from the calls has been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below;
Corruption complaints represented 100% of complaint registered through the HC phone while no other complaints were reported.

**Gender**

The female gender participated with 75% of callers while the male gender participated with 25% of callers.
Age Range of Callers

Just two age groups participated in calls this month of March, 2020. The youth age group represented 67% of callers and the adult age group represented 33% of callers.

Regional representation

Just two regions participated in HC calls this month of March, 2020. The Adamawa region participated with 67% of calls while the south west region participated with 33% of calls.
Finance
AC received funds this month from NEU FOUNDATION
Dollar Rate 586.5

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