

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

- Two (02) new complaint files opened this month
- AC hotline received **24** calls this month
- Health Corruption hotline received **5** calls this month

**General**

The AC hotline phone registered 24 calls this month of May, 2020 with 11 corruption and corruption assimilated offences, and, 3 non-corruption offences.

One (01) new case file was opened this month

A new case file on bribery and corruption was opened this month. The complainant reported the state counsel of Ngaoundéré for complicity in bribery. He explained that his truck load of timber was seized by a gendarme and a custom officer working in complicity with the state counsel because they solicited 200,000 F CFA from him as bribe which he did not pay. He complained that this has caused him untold losses because he has missed selling his goods at the timber market on the market day. He further explained that he declared the goods and paid 50,000 F CFA to the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF) post at the entrance to Ngaoundéré, before entering with the goods. Nevertheless, the custom officer and gendarme still went ahead to extort 50,000 F CFA from the driver of the truck to whom he had paid 70,000 F CFA for his services. AC made an attempt to reach the state counsel through telephone but he refused to comment on the matter. Investigations are ongoing.

Another new complaint file on oppression and corruption was opened this month. The complainant reported the road safety post before Edea for acts of extortion and oppression. He explained that he was stopped by the road safety agents, instead of checking for safety tools in his car, they came up with a motive to extort money from him, asking him to pay 25,000 F CFA for overtaking a heavy duty truck on the Dibamba bridge. When he refused to pay and asked that a declaration be drawn against him and sent to the state counsel, the agents got angry and confiscated his car documents and kept him at their check point for more than one hour arguing with him. Investigations are also being pursued in the case.

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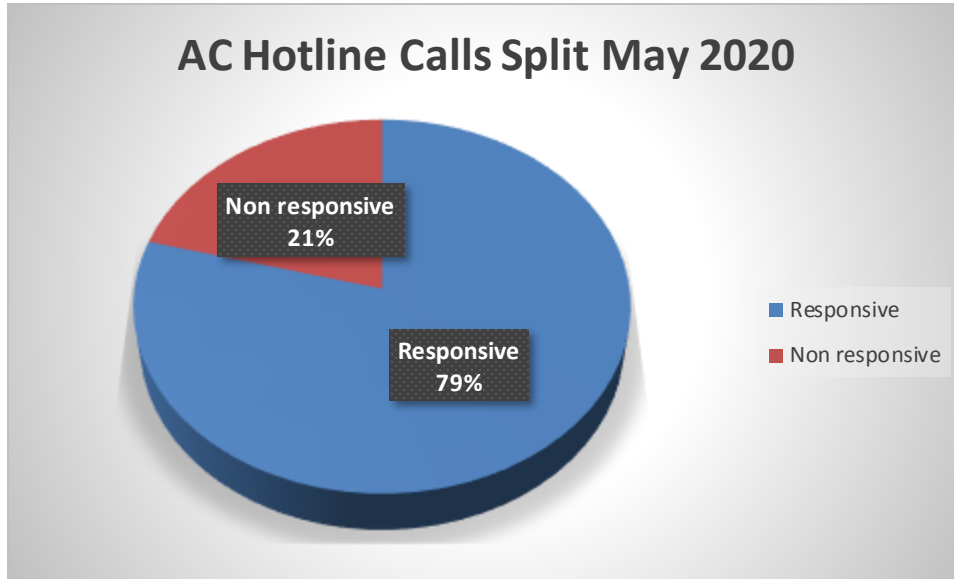
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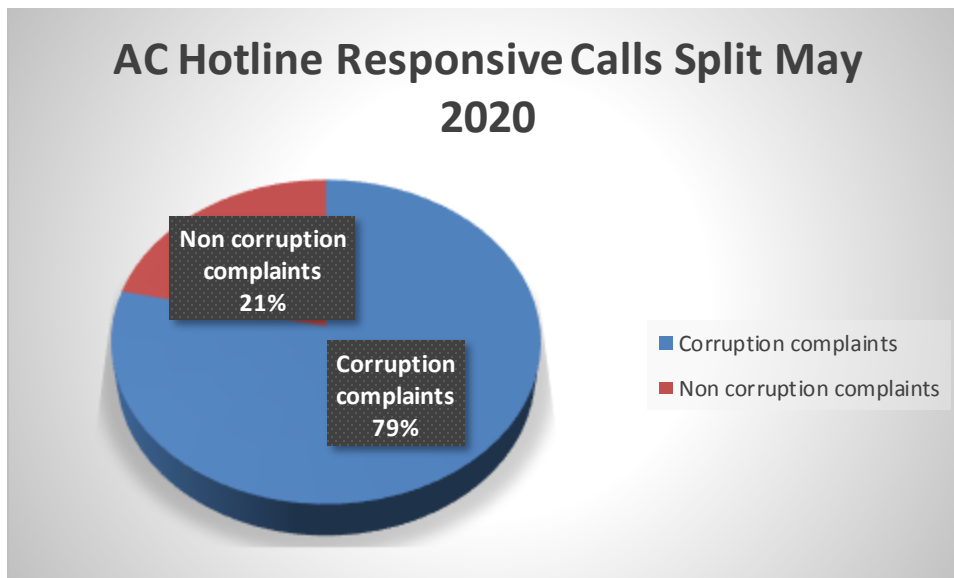
### AC Hotline Phone

The AC hotline phone received 24 calls this month of May, 2020, registering eleven (11) corruption and corruption related complaints, and three (03) non-corruption complaints.

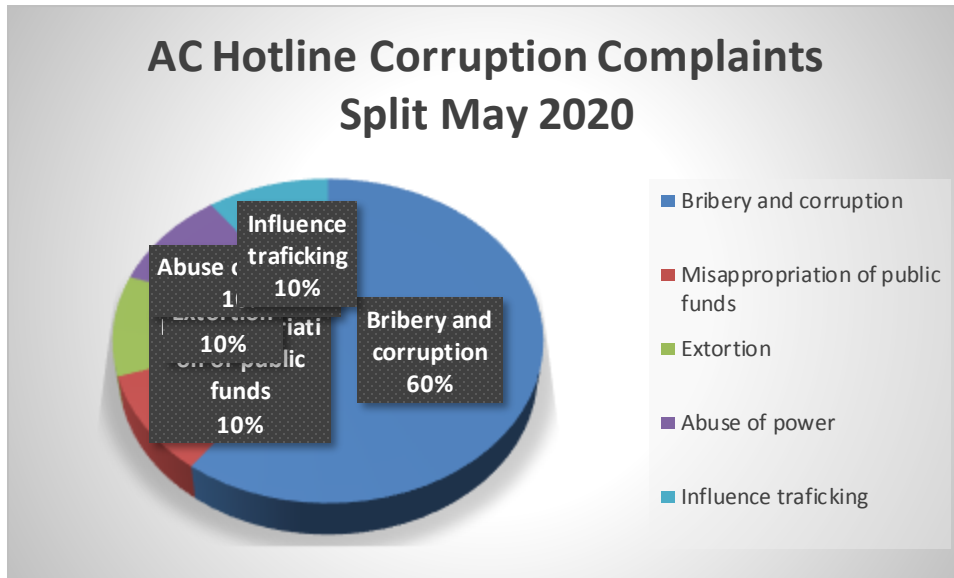
The calls have been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below;



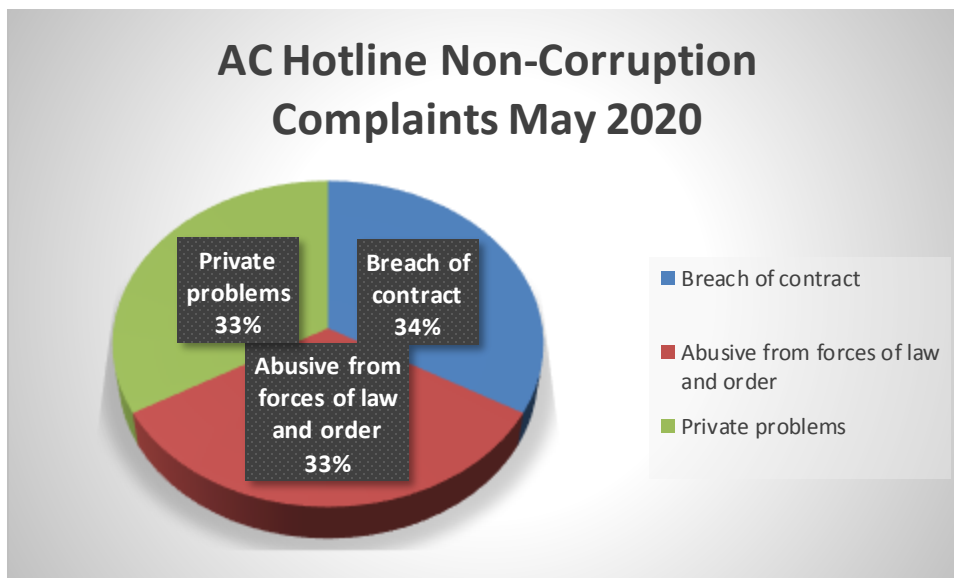
79% of calls were responsive this month of May, 2020, while 21% of callers' numbers were unavailable



Complaints against corruption and corruption assimilated offences represented 79% of complaints while complaints not related to corruption represented 21% of complaints registered this month.

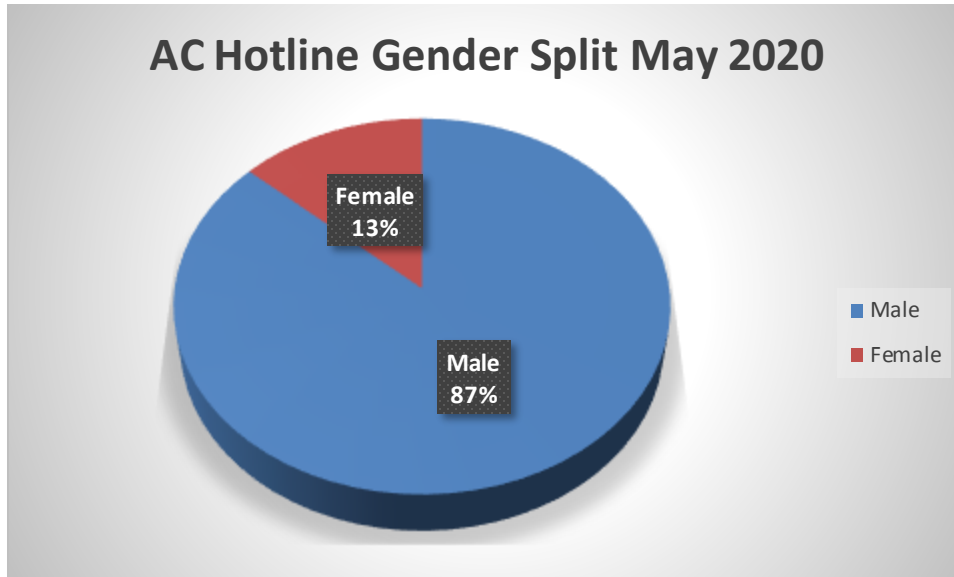


Complaints of bribery and corruption represented the highest corruption complaints reported this month represented by 60% of total corruption complaints, while complaints of influence trafficking, abuse of power, extortion, and misappropriation of public funds all represented 10% each of corruption complaints.



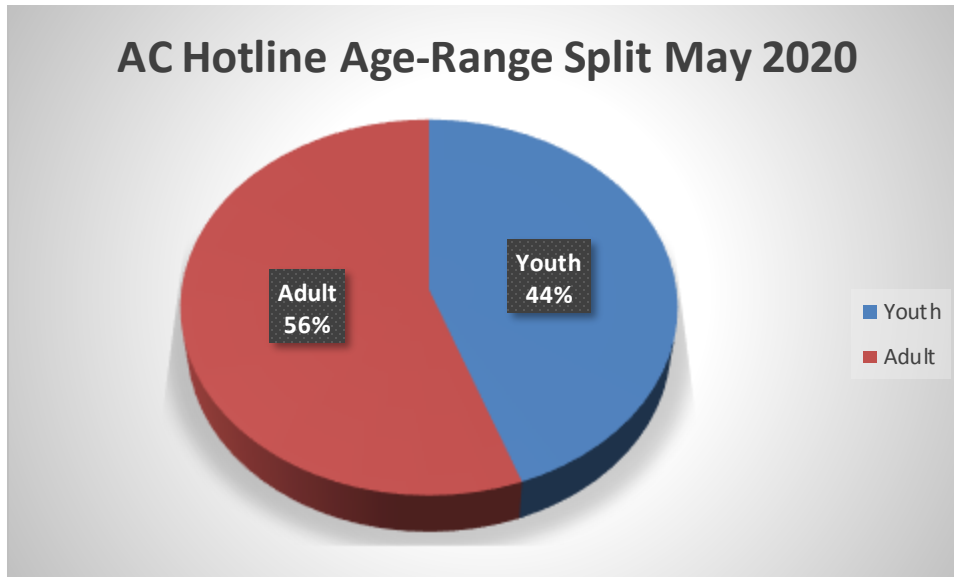
Complaints of breach of contract represented 34% of non-corruption complaints reported this month of May, 2020, while complaints of abuse from forces of law and order and private problems represented 33% each of non-corruption complaints.

### Gender



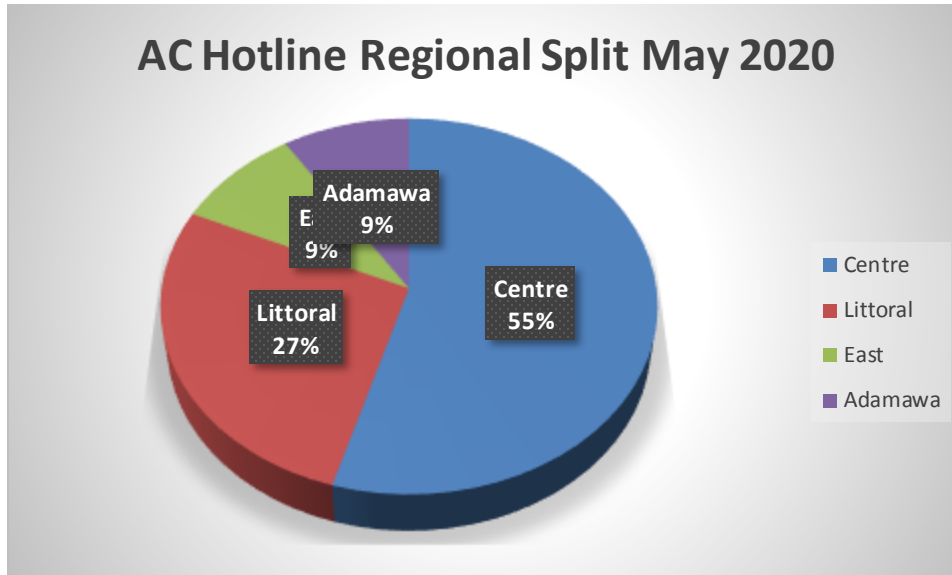
The male gender as usual participated with the highest number of calls represented by 87% while the female gender participated with 13% of calls

### Age Range of Callers



This month of May, 2020, just two age groups participated in calls: the adult range which represented 56% of callers and, the youth age range which represented 44% of callers

## Regional representation



The Centre region participated with the highest number of calls represented by 55% of calls, followed by the littoral region which represented 27%, then the East and Adamawa regions which represented 9% each of callers

## Investigations

Investigations were carried out in a new case file on bribery and corruption opened this month. The complainant reported that his merchandise worth a million francs CFA was seized by a gendarme and a custom officer, in complicity with the state counsel in the Ngaoundéré courts because he refused to pay a bribe of 200,000 F CFA that was solicited from him.

As a timber vendor, he exploits timber from Bertoua which he sells in the timber market of Ngaoundéré in the form of firewood and planks. On this particular occasion, he left with a truck load of timber from Bertoua heading to Ngaoundéré, upon entering the town, he declared the cargo and paid 50,000 F CFA to the MINFOF post. To his greatest dismay, he was intercepted at the entrance to the timber market by a gendarme who was in the company of a custom officer and they derailed the truck of logs to the state counsel's chambers, claiming it was on the request of the state counsel who had received a complaint regarding the truck. The state counsel received him in his chambers and he explained the problem to him, insisting that there was no reason to withhold his goods because he had it declared at the MINFOF post and paid 50,000 FCFA. The state counsel hastily sent him out of his office to go negotiate with the gendarme and the custom officer, without making an attempt to resolve the problem. He left and met with the gendarme and custom officer as ordered by the state counsel but was surprised when they told him that he

had to pay 200,000 F CFA before the truck of timber would be released. Being unable to pay the solicited amount, and arguing that he did not have to pay in the first place because he had the goods declared already to the right organ, he was asked to go without the truck until he can pay the money. He said they told him overtly that a Bamiléké (a native of the West region of Cameroon) cannot be allowed to come make money off their natural resources. While leaving the scene with the driver of the truck, the officers called the driver and collected 50,000 F CFA out of the 70,000 F CFA which he had paid to the driver for his services rendered.

Attempts by AC to get the state counsel on the phone to resolve the matter proved aborted because he refused to take AC's calls. AC is still following up the case for a proper resolution. What is of interest to note here is that an article had referred to this same state counsel as 'a potential "outlaw" in power', following his involvement in a case of denial of justice and corruption.

Investigations were also carried out in another new complaint file on oppression and corruption opened this month. The complainant reported the road safety post before Edea for acts of extortion and oppression. He explained that he was stopped by road safety agents, instead of checking for safety tools in his car, they invented a motive to extort money from him, claiming that he had to pay 25,000 F CFA for overtaking a heavy duty truck on the Dibamba bridge in Douala.

He refused to pay the amount solicited and requested that a declaration for the infringement be made against him and a legal procedure opened before the state counsel to which he was ready to respond and besides, he informed them it was not within their competence and this got them riled up so they confiscated his car documents. They kept him at their post for more than one hour arguing that they will keep him there in order to waste his time since he did not want to pay. AC intends to copy the National Delegation for Security on this case for further investigations.

### **Legal follow-up**

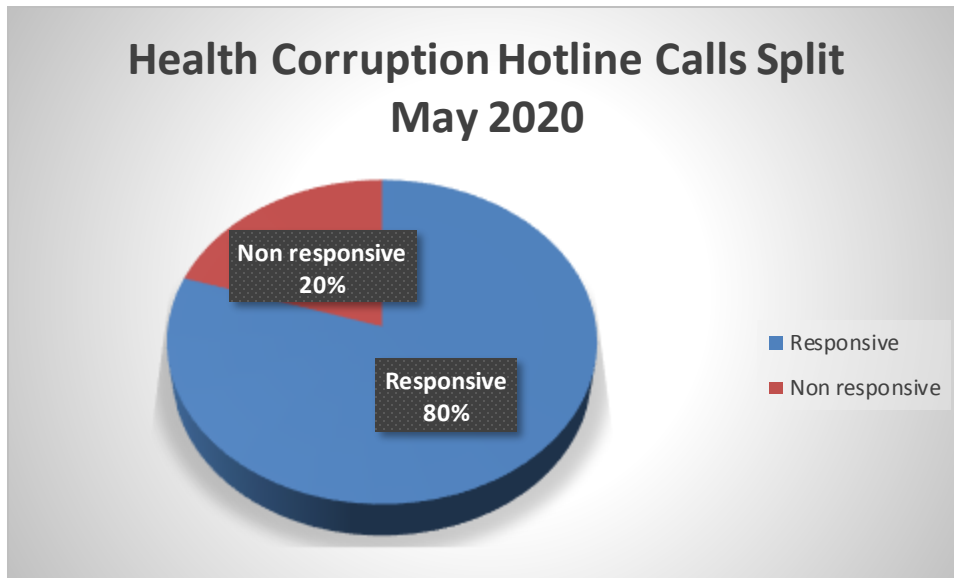
Legal follow-up continued this month in the corruption case of many counts with about 300 victims opened in the month of August, 2017. The judge had to extend the date for the preliminary hearing of the accused persons because the principal accused in the case made a request through his representative for an extension of the hearing date since he was engaged with security at the covid-19 emergency center in Yaounde, as the focal person in charge of security measures. An additional grace period of one more month was given to the accused/s to prepare for their hearing.

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

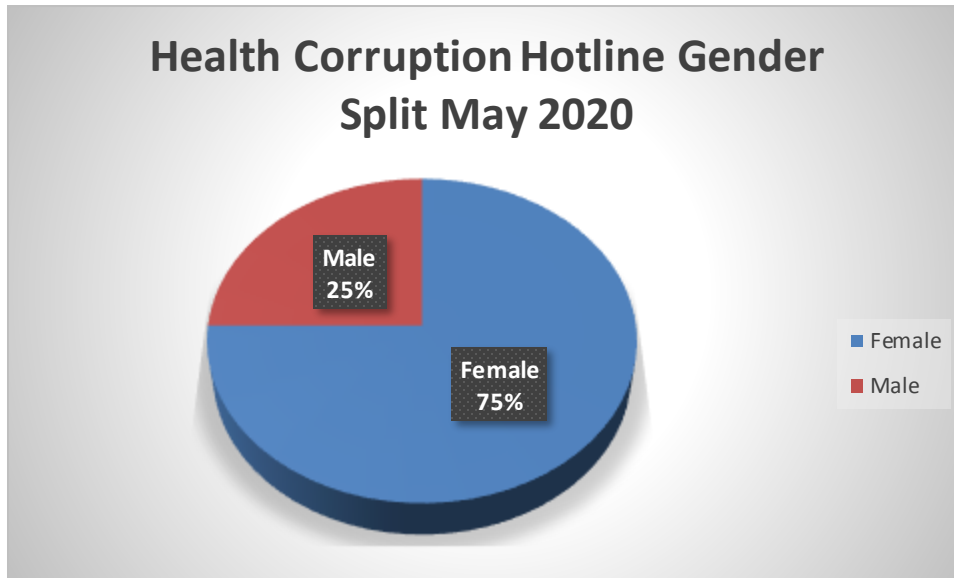
The Health Corruption hotline phone received 5 calls this month of May, 2020, registering no corruption complaint.

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



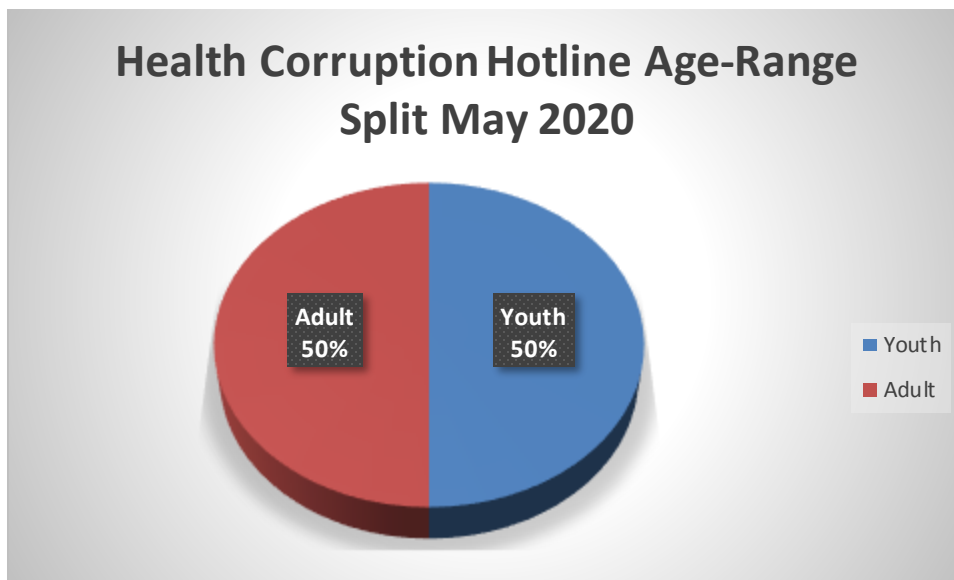
This month of May, 2020, 80% of health corruption calls were responsive while 20% were non-responsive

### Gender



The female gender participated with 75% of callers while the male gender participated with 25% of callers

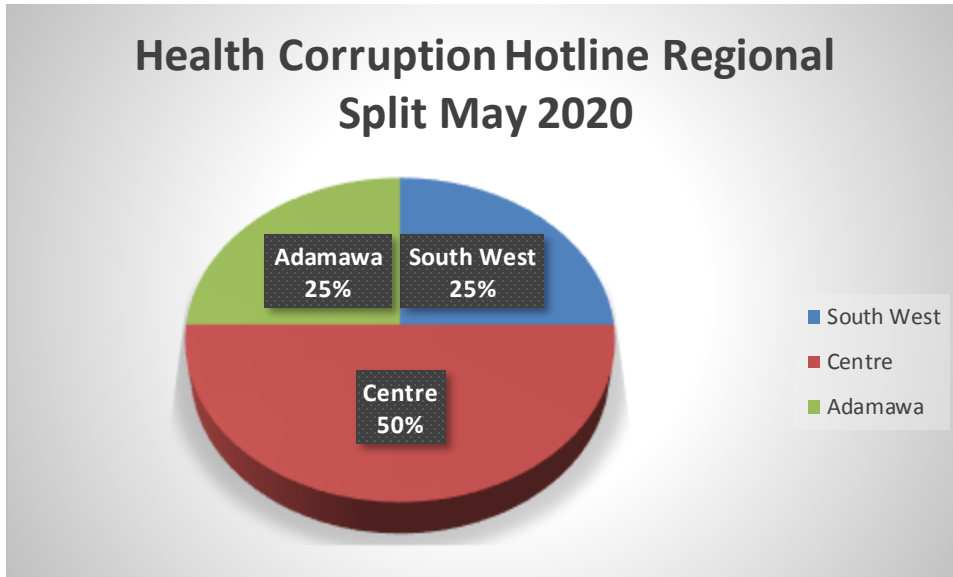
### Age Range of Callers



Both the adult age range and the youth age range participated with equal number of calls represented by 50% each



### Regional representation



Just three regions were represented in Health Corruption calls this month of May, 2020: The Centre region participated with the highest number of callers represented by 50% of calls, while the Adamawa and the South West regions participation was represented with 25% each of callers

**Finance**

AC received funds this month from NEU FOUNDATION

Dollar Rate 586.5

Amount in Francs CFA	Use	Details	Amount in USD
20,000	AC Hotline	24 calls received	\$34.1
5,000	HC Hotline	5 calls received	\$8.5
0	Investigations	-	\$0.0
0	Legal	02 case follow-up	\$0.0
0	Media	-	\$0.0
677,450	Management	Co-ordination	\$1,155.0
0	Office	-	\$0.0
<b>702,450</b>	<b>TOTAL Expenditure May, 2020</b>		<b>\$1,197.7</b>

**Donor Financial Report May, 2020**

Amount in FCFA	Donor	Month	Amount in USD
15,417		Balance from April	\$26.3
695,000	NEU FOUNDATION	Received in May	\$1,184.9
702,450		Used in May	\$1,197.7
7,450		Carried forward to June	\$12.7

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