

Anti-corruption Organisation A.C. Activity Report of August 2009



I- HIGHLIGHTS

- **2 investigations out of Yaounde (Douala and Bamenda)**
- **AC wrote to Dutch Embassy requesting the suspension of funding.**
- **AC Director asked the Coordinator to retire.**
- **Partnership agreement with transporters syndicate is signed.**
- **Hon Akonte (Civil Society leader from Bamenda visited AC).**

II- INVESTIGATIONS

- **34 investigations** were conducted in the capital city of Yaounde and two out of Yaounde.
 - 3 were at the Legal Department and the Court premises
 - 3 at the Ministries of Basic and Secondary Education
 - 1 at the Ministry of Finance
 - 3 at the Ministry of Public Service
 - 1 at Immeuble Rose (hosting Three Ministries)
 - 1 at the Ministry of Public Health
 - 3 at the Elig Edjoa and Mokolo markets
 - 1 at Province
 - 4 meetings with the Syndicates
 - 1 meeting with ADDEC
 - 1 with the National Human Rights Commission
 - 1 at IRIC
 - 1 at the Judicial Police headquarters/CAMRAIL
 - 1 to Douala (Littoral Region)
 - 1 to Bamenda (North West Region)
 - 7 to Government High Schools
- AC sent an investigator to work with its partner NGO in Bamenda founded by Hon Andrew Akonte. During the exercise, AC taught MMDT how to conduct field investigations and how to talk to victims.
- AC Coordinator and the Legal Adviser travelled to Douala to conduct investigations on alleged corruption by the Principals of two government Colleges. The victims knew of AC through the hotline number. Victims of corruption (parents) called AC complaining of the fact that the principals of two government colleges were extorting money from parents more than required by law before registering pupils (undue demand).



AC visited the two schools. Had a working session with the parents. Their determination made AC meet a Bailiff Chamber where a “Constat” was arranged for the following day. The Constat did not finally hold because the bailiff came late. Hence, it was moved to Monday.

- AC held 4 workings with the syndicate on finalizing the text for partnership. The agreement was finally signed by the AC Director and national Coordinator of the syndicate.

III- A.C HOTLINE, E-MAILS, BROCHURES AND PUBLIC NOTICES

Emails:

36 electronic mails were received by AC.

- **16** mails were on corruption
- **14** were on human rights abuses
- **6** mails were seeking legal assistance.

AC Brochure:

- **900** AC information brochures were produced.
- **300** were taken to Bamenda,
- **200** were distributed in Douala and
- **400** in Yaounde.

Observation: For the second time within the year, AC moved to the Regions with brochures. The brochures for Bamenda were adapted to meet local realities. For example, the name of the partner NGO – MMDT was added to the brochure amongst other changes.

AC Public Notices:

- **500 Public Notices** were produced. **300** were taken to Bamenda, **100** in Douala and the rest in Yaounde.

Observation:

- For the second time in 2009, Ac anticorruption posters were posted out of Yaounde. The ones pasted in Bamenda led to six calls from victims on the hotline.

IV. LEGAL

- AC met with Bailiffs in Douala to discuss the modalities of conducting as “constat”. The AC terms were explained and accepted.
- AC held working session with the Vice President of ADDEC. The purpose was to discuss the aftermath of the aborted meeting with students on filling a case against the Director of ASMAC.



- **Status of Cases:** By the end of the month, the status of cases remained constant: 8 Active cases; 20 Open cases, where preliminary investigations are still going on and 13 closed cases.

V. MEDIA

- 2 meetings were held between AC, the MMDT NGO and CRTV Bamenda and Radio Hot Coffee – private radio station in Bamenda. The objective was to present Ac activities to the population of the North West region as a means of recruiting more victims of corruption.
- AC contact information to victims of corruption passed regularly over the national TV news bar. This led to an increase in the monthly number of calls.

VI. HUMAN RESOURCES

- A.C. Director asked the Coordinator to stop work. The official explanation was that the two have different approaches of work.

VII. RELATIONS WITH INSTITUTIONS

- AC attended a seminar organized by the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms. The seminar was on the Maputo Protocol. AC attended so as to get in contact with other civil society groups as a means of recruiting victims of corruption through their structures.

VIII. RELATIONS WITH NGOs

- 1 meeting was held between AC Director and the Director of MMDT in Bamenda. The purpose was to establish a partnership with the latter in the fight against corruption.
- 1 meeting was held between the Coordinator of AC and the Executive Director of **4-Rocks International**. The latter told AC of his readiness to hand big corruption cases to AC. However, he conditioned his collaboration with AC providing a copy of its legal authorization which AC is yet to be granted.
- AC Coordinator and Legal Adviser had two working sessions with the Association of Persons Living with AIDS. The purpose was to see how AC could help the latter file a law suit against members and authorities from the Public Health Ministry who allegedly embezzled CFA 40. 000. 000 Frs. being money meant to subvent the cost of anti-retroviral drugs for the members of the association.



IX. MANAGEMENT

- AC Director in a meeting with the Coordinator said the management style of the Coordinator is contradictory to that of his. For this, he suggested that the Coordinator should stop work at the end of August.

X. AC FINANCES

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