

**ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION****August 2015 Report****Highlights**

- Four (04) new case files opened this month
- AC hotline phone received **53** calls
- HC hotline phone registered **22** calls this month
- A total number of 505 brochures distributed and 365 posters pasted in Yaounde

**General**

The AC hotline phone received **53** calls this month of August 2015, registering a total of **30** complaints; 17 corruption and corruption assimilated offences and 13 non-corruption related complaints.

AC volunteers made several investigative missions on the field following complaints received through the hotline phones and from the field.

Four new case files opened this month

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A new complaint file on bribery and corruption in the establishment of national identity cards was opened this month. The victim was demanded to pay 8000 F CFA in order to produce a national identity card at the Bafia 2<sup>nd</sup> police district. The actual sum for an ID cards is 2800FCFA after certification of birth certificate for 1600FCFA. AC has been receiving complaints of this nature since the government instituted strict measures to check national ID cards at every police checkpoint as a security measure following the Boko Haram saga. Investigations are ongoing.

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Another new complaint file was opened this month on bribery and corruption. The victim reported the administration of the Nkooza government secondary school for demanding that she pays 10,000 FCFA as bribe before her son is admitted into the school. This complaint was received from several other parents this school going season with various amount of money being asked ranging from 10,000 F CFA to 50,000 F CFA depending on the class of the student. Investigations are ongoing.

A new case file on bribery was opened this month. The victim was demanded 5,000 F CFA at the gendarmerie research unit in Bafoussam before he can deposit a complaint. It was incongruous for AC to learn that because depositing a complaint is free of charge at that level. Investigations are ongoing.

Investigations were carried out on a fraud complaint involving false pretense and usurpation of office this month. AC was contacted by a US based supplier of lighting and renewable energy (solar panels 4u) to report an attempt on false pretense using the name of one of Cameroon's ex prime ministers. The ex government official was alerted of the case and a copy of the mail forwarded to the national agency for information technology and communication (ANTIC) that is in charge of fighting cyber criminality.

Investigations were also carried out in education corruption cases involving two higher institutions of learning. Students from the state university of Yaounde I Ngoa-ekelle complained that they were asked to pay either 1000 or 2000 F CFA to certify diplomas obtained from the institution. The same complaint was reported by students from the higher institute of management and economics at Mfou who also have to pay 2000 F CFA before they can certify their diplomas.

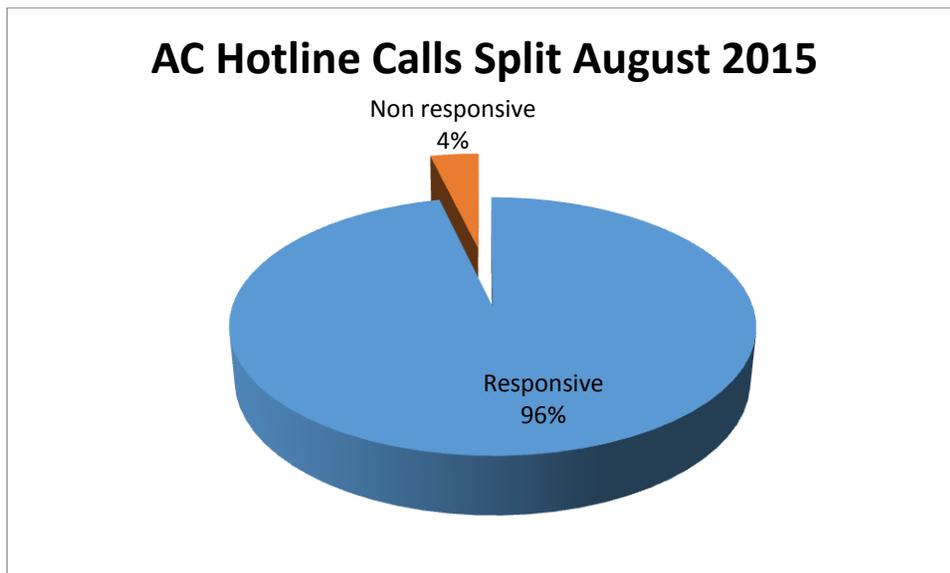
The distribution of brochures and pasting of posters remained the major activities carried out this month in order to recruit victims of corruption. Posters were pasted and brochures distributed in corruption hotspots around Yaounde. The administrative areas visited this month were the Yaounde central and Ekounou court houses, the Ministry of Finance and its environs, the Efoulan and Province judicial police stations and the central post office. Markets like the mokolo, Ekounou, Mfoundi and the central markets were also covered.

Case follow-up this month continues with the old court case of motor bike riders against the head of the Nkolbisson municipal storeroom still at the level of hearings in the high court in Yaoundé. The case was adjourned again for an extended period with threats of it being thrown out of court if the plaintiffs like the defendant continue to miss court sessions. The plaintiffs are discouraged and giving up on the case. AC contacted the lawyer this month for updates on the case and he promised to push for closure of the case if the plaintiff does not attend the next hearing.

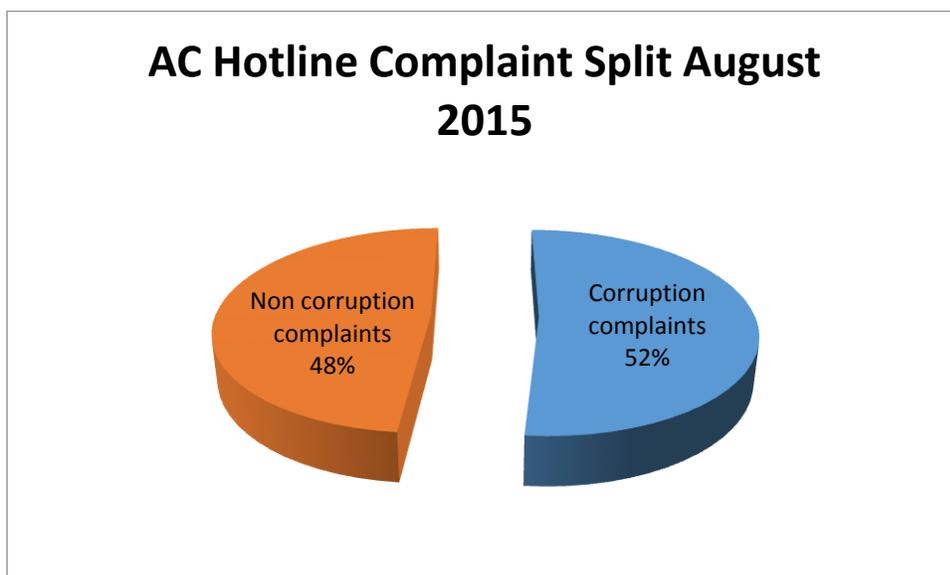
### AC Hotline Phone

The AC hotline phone registered **53** calls this month of August 2015 with **17** corruption and corruption assimilated offences and **13** non-corruption related complaints.

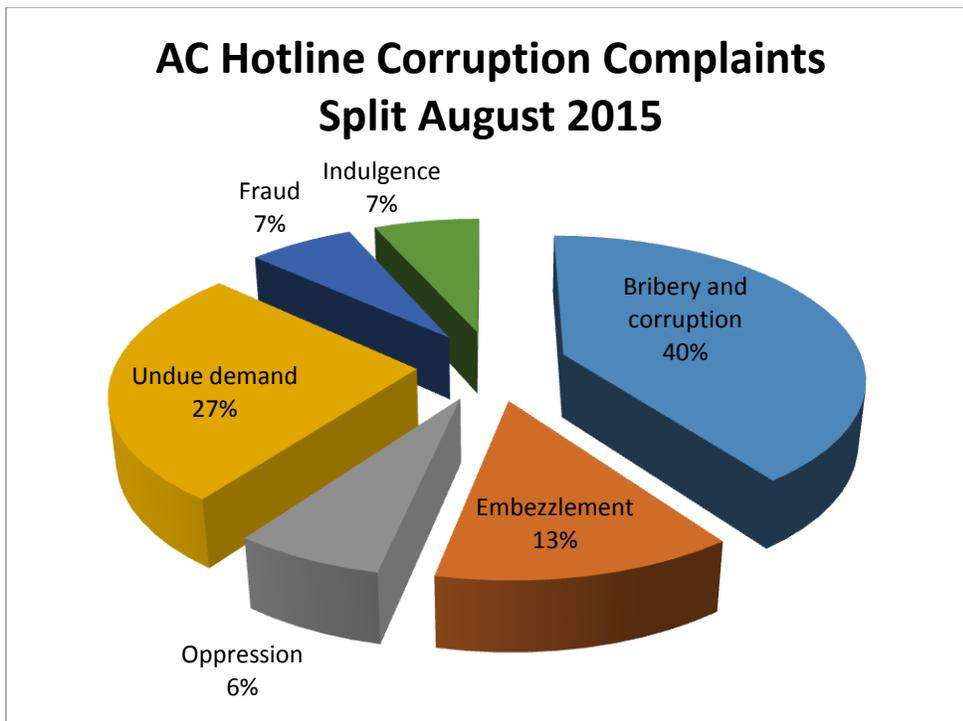
In addition to calls received through the AC hotline phone, field work was also carried out around corruption hotspots in Yaounde in a bid to recruit victims of corruption. In this regard, a total of 505 AC brochures were distributed and 365 AC posters pasted with **8** corruption complaints collected mostly on bribery and corruption. The total calls have been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below.



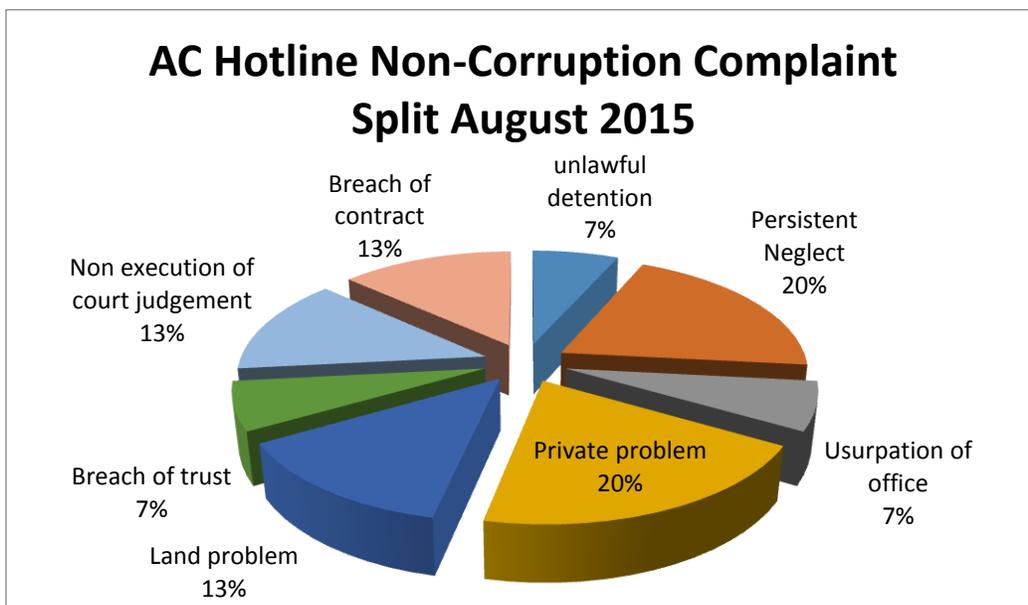
96% of calls this month were responsive while just 4% of calls this month were not responsive.



52% of complaints were corruption complaints while 48% were non corruption complaints.

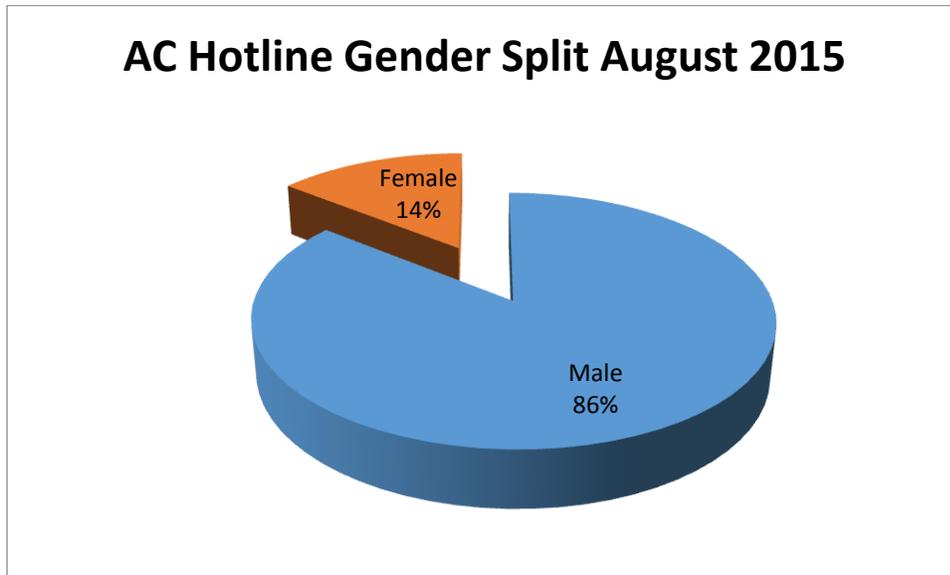


Bribery and corruption were the highest number of complaints received this month with a 40% representation, followed by complaints of undue demand with 27%, embezzlement with 13%, fraud and indulgence which have 7% each and lastly oppression with 6%.



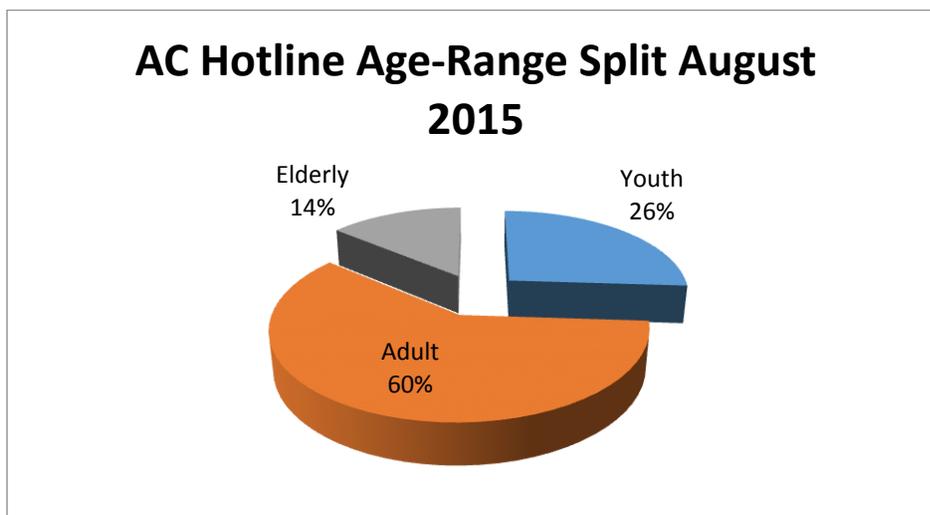
This month of August 2015, administrative negligence and private complaints were highest with 20% each, followed by breach of contract, non-execution of court judgments, breach of contract and land problems with 13% each, then breach of trust, unlawful detention and usurpation of office which had 7% each.

**Gender**



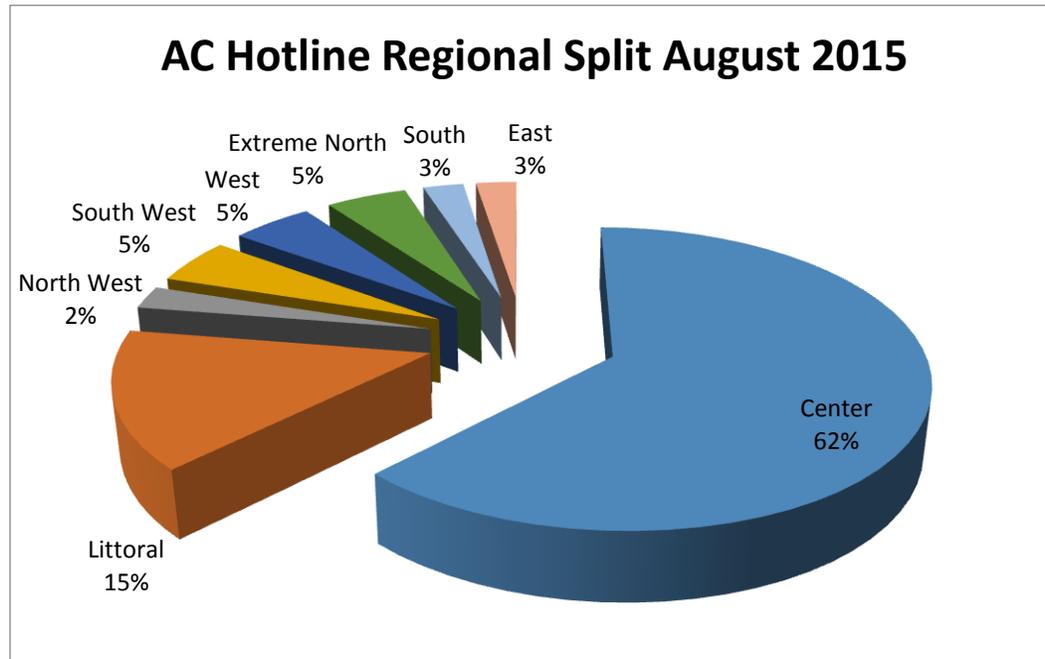
86% of calls this month of August 2015 were from the male gender while the female gender had just 14% of calls

**Age Range of Callers**



The adult age range was highest this month with 60% of calls, followed by the youth age range with 26% and lastly the elderly age group which had 14% of calls.

## Regional Representation



The Centre region had the highest number of calls this month of August 2015 representing 62% of total calls, followed by the littoral region with 15%, then the West, Extreme North and South West with 5%, the South, the East with 3%, lastly the North West with 2%.

## Email/postal complaints

Three complaints were received through the email address. The first complaint involving fraud and usurpation of office, the second on undue demand and oppression by council market workers and the third on a scam and false pretense orchestrated by a Cameroonian that has rendered an elderly British man penniless.

## Investigations

Investigations were necessary for a new case file involving bribery, corruption and undue demand opened this month. The victim, in wanting to follow the right procedures to establish a certificate of non-conviction at the Ekounou court house in Yaounde was redirected to follow an illegal route that demands bribe. He ended up paying 1000 F CFA more for the service. AC volunteer descended to the court house to verify the complaint and it was confirmed that every person wanting to establish a non conviction certificate was redirected outside by the court

workers. Reason for this being they get a commission from the intermediaries outside who then bring the documents for signing. The normal procedure demands four days after a cash deposit of 2,500 F CFA and photocopies of ID cards and/or birth certificates but when you follow the intermediary route from outside where bribery is solicited, the process takes just twenty four hours. AC is in the process of regrouping victims, many of whom are yet to show interest to file a complaint against the court officials for bribery and corruption and distorting public order.

Investigations were also necessary on a new complaint file of bribery and undue demand opened this month. The victim was solicited 8,000 F CFA at the Bafia 2<sup>nd</sup> police district for the establishment of a national Identity card. The actual sum for an ID cards is 2800 F CFA. But in special cases where you have to provide a certificate of lost, an additional 1,000 F CFA is asked which means the victim had to pay 3,800 instead of 8,000 F CFA. AC has been receiving complaints of this nature since the government instituted strict measures to check national ID cards at every police checkpoint as a security measure following the Boko Haram saga. Investigations are ongoing.

Investigations were also carried out on a new complaint file opened this month on bribery and corruption. The victim reported the administration of the Nkozoa government secondary school for soliciting 10,000 F CFA as bribe before her son is admitted into the form two of the school. This complaint was received from several other parents this school going season. The money usually asked ranged from 10,000 to 50,000 F CFA depending on the class of the student. AC contacted the principal of the school in question who was astonished to hear of such allegations coming from his school. He asked for the name of the offender and promised to put the situation in check. AC is expecting updates from the principal after the investigations he promised to carryout.

Investigations are ongoing on a new case file on bribery opened this month. The victim was solicited 5000 F CFA as bribe by the secretary at the gendarmerie research unit in Bafoussam before he can deposit a complaint. It was incongruous for AC to learn that because there are no charges involved in depositing a complaint at that level. AC intends to contact the commander himself who the secretary said is actually out of the country at the moment AC called.

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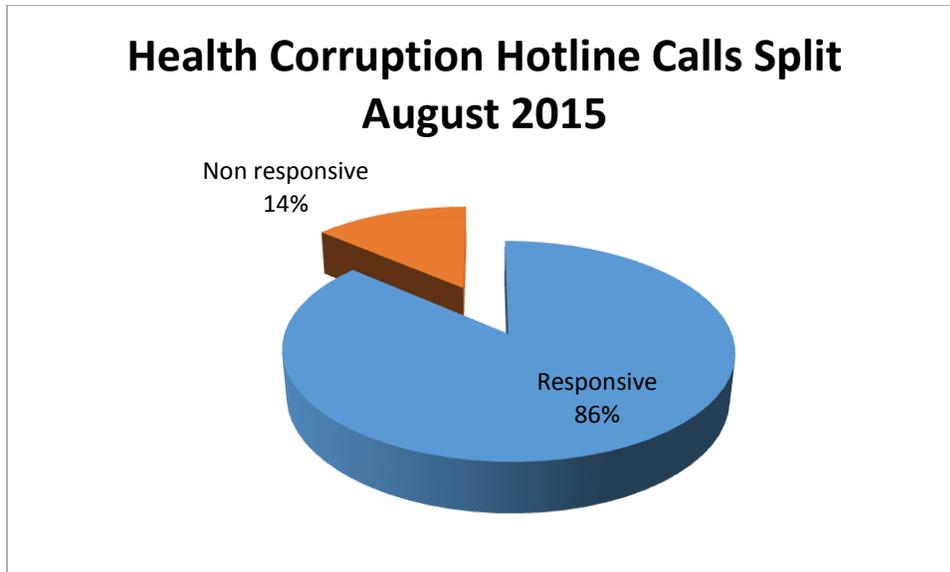
### **Legal follow-up**

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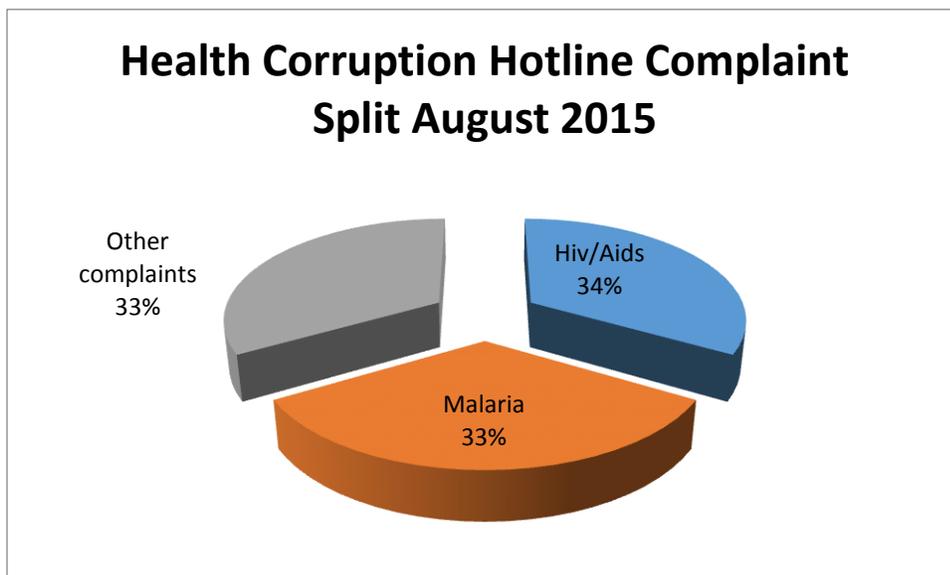
### **Health Corruption Hotline**

The health corruption hotline received 22 calls this month and registered 3 complaints. One on the sale of subsidized malaria treatment including artesunate for children below five years and pregnant women from health centre far off in Idenau; and the second regarding payment fee attached to receiving antiretroviral treatment.

A third complaint that is not related to the health corruption diseases but very important as it prevents access to health care services. The caller called very sick from a newly inaugurated hospital in the Awing village and complained that all health personnel have deserted the hospital for days and there is no one to attend to her since two days. The data from the calls has been analyzed as is represented below

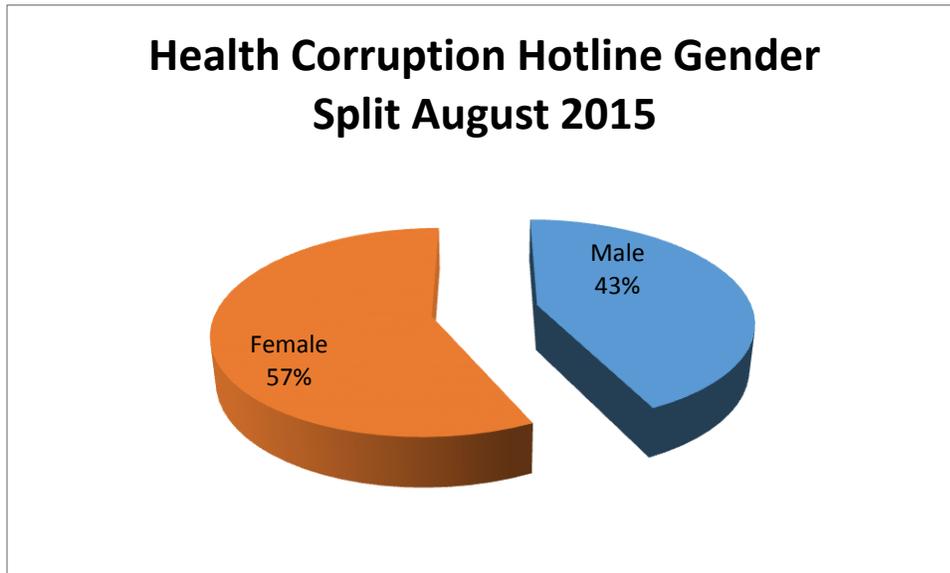


This month of August 2015, 86% of health corruption calls were responsive while just 14% of calls were non responsive.



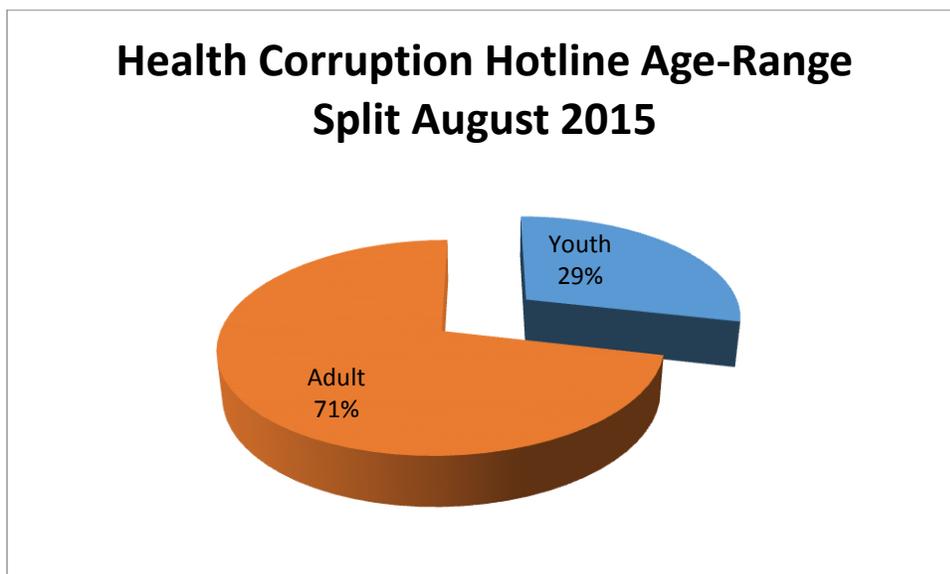
34% of complaints this month of August 2015 were regarding the difficulties of paying the median fee of 1000 F CFA before collection of ARVs, followed by 33% of calls that was on the sale of subsidized treatments for malaria for children below five years. 33% of calls were concerned personnel negligence preventing access to treatment.

**Gender**



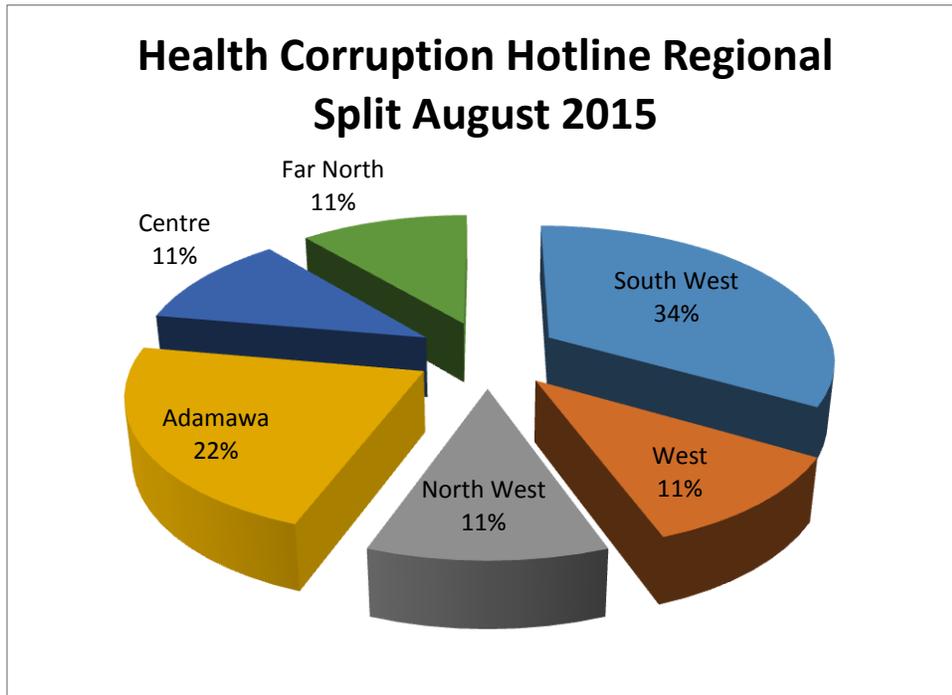
Interestingly this month of August 2015, more women participated overriding the male gender with 57% while the male gender represented 43%

**Age range of callers**



The adult age-range registered 71% of calls this month while the youth age-range registered 29% of calls. The elderly age group is absent from action this month

### Regional representation



The highest number of calls this month came from the South West region with 34%, followed by the Adamawa region that sent in 22% of calls, and lastly, the Centre, Far North, North West and West regions all have 11% each of calls.

**Finance****AC received funds this month from LAGA**

<b>Amount in Francs CFA</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount in USD</b>
30,000	AC Hotline	53 calls received	\$51.0
30,000	HC Hotline	22 calls received	\$51.0
28,000	Investigations	505 brochures - 365 posters	\$47.0
244,600	Legal	04 case follow-up	\$415.0
0	Media	0	
246,800	Management	coordination	\$418.0
0	Office	0	
<b>579,400</b>	<b>TOTAL Expenditure August 2015</b>		<b>\$982.0</b>

**Donor Financial Report August 2015**

<b>Amount in FCFA</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Amount in USD</b>
<b>496,000</b>	<b>LAGA</b>	<b>Used in August</b>	<b>\$841</b>