

ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION**August 2016 Report****Highlights**

- Four (04) new complaint files were opened this month
- AC hotline received **44** calls this month
- Health Corruption hotline received **12** calls this month
- A total of 67 posters pasted and 177 brochures distributed in Yaounde

General

The AC hotline received 44 calls this month of August with a total of 16 complaints. Corruption complaints made 75% of the total complaints while non corruption complaints were just 25%.

AC volunteer carried out several field missions in order to gather information useful for the follow-up of cases that came in through the AC hotline phone and complaints gathered on the field. Structures visited included:

- The Directorate General of Taxation
- The Ministry of Basic Education
- The Delegation of Public Transport at Mvog-Mbi
- CNPS – National Social Insurance Fund head office
- The Mfoundi High Court

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A new case file on bribery and undue demand was also opened this month. The complainant, a candidate applying for the newly launched Higher Teachers Institute (ENS) competitive examination reported that workers in the Delegation of Taxation in Abong Mbang illegally withheld fiscal stamps from the market thereby creating artificial scarcity so they can sell it in

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the black market at elevated prices. According to him, the price of fiscal stamps sold in the black market ranged from 1500-1700 FCFA instead of the standard price of 1000FCFA. AC met with the head of service in charge of fiscal stamps at the tax directorate here in Yaounde who instituted measures to catch the culprits in flagrante delicto.

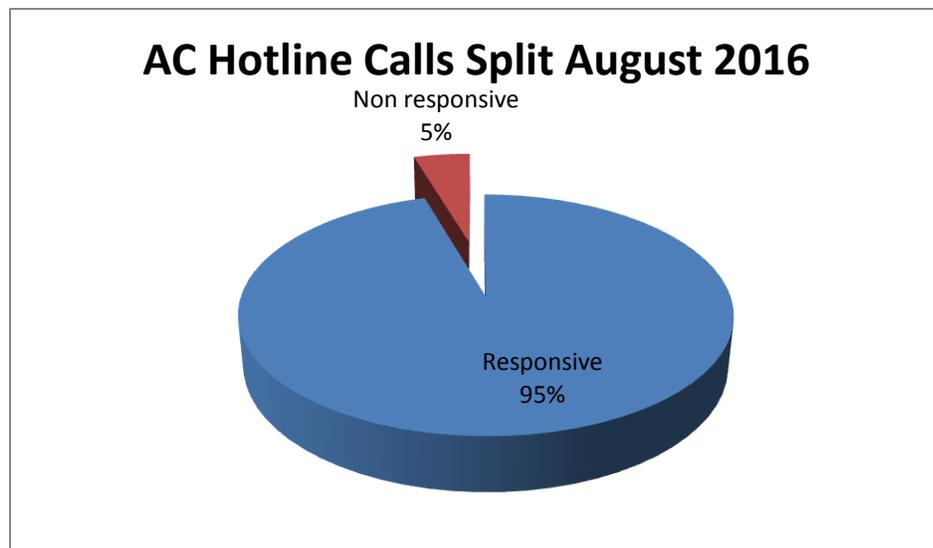
Another new case file on Oppression was opened this month. The complainant reported that she was illegally detained in a police cell in Minkar in the Nyong and Kéllé district with her rights disregarded because the commissioner had received bribe from the plaintiff. After numerous attempts to get the commissioner to respond to AC in vain, he finally came around and collaborated with AC and promised to resolve the problem amicably.

Another new case file on bribery was opened this month. The complainant, a student was solicited 5000 FCFA as bribe at the Classical Bilingual High School Bafang in the West region. AC contacted the principal of the institution who refuted the allegations but promised to put into place measures to get hold of the culprit.

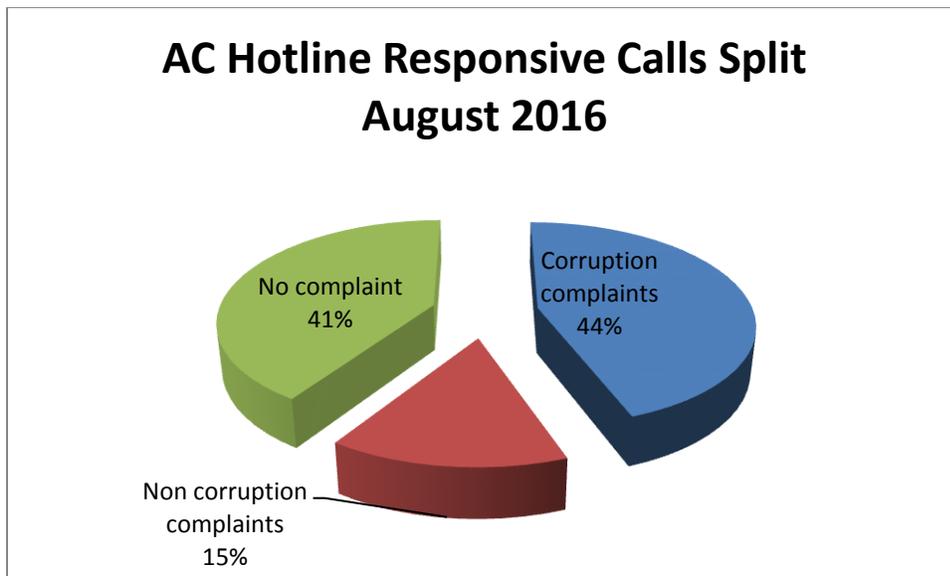
Brochure distribution and poster pasting were carried out this month in order to recruit victims of corruption. Posters were pasted and brochures distributed in corruption hotspots including the Ekounou and Mfou court houses, Provence, and Mokolo market in Yaounde

AC Hotline Phone

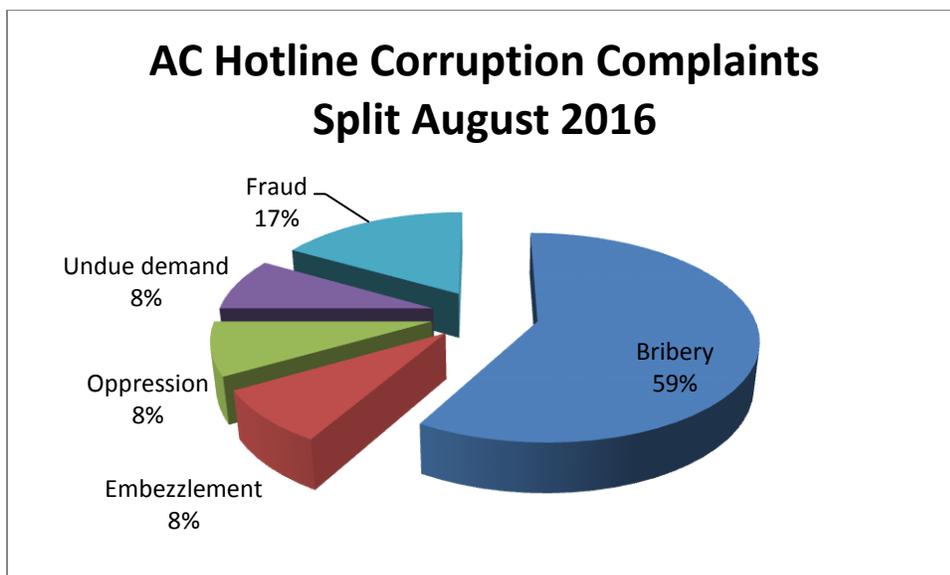
The AC hotline phone registered **44** calls this month of August 2016 with **12** corruption and corruption assimilated offences and **4** non-corruption related complaints. The calls have been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below.



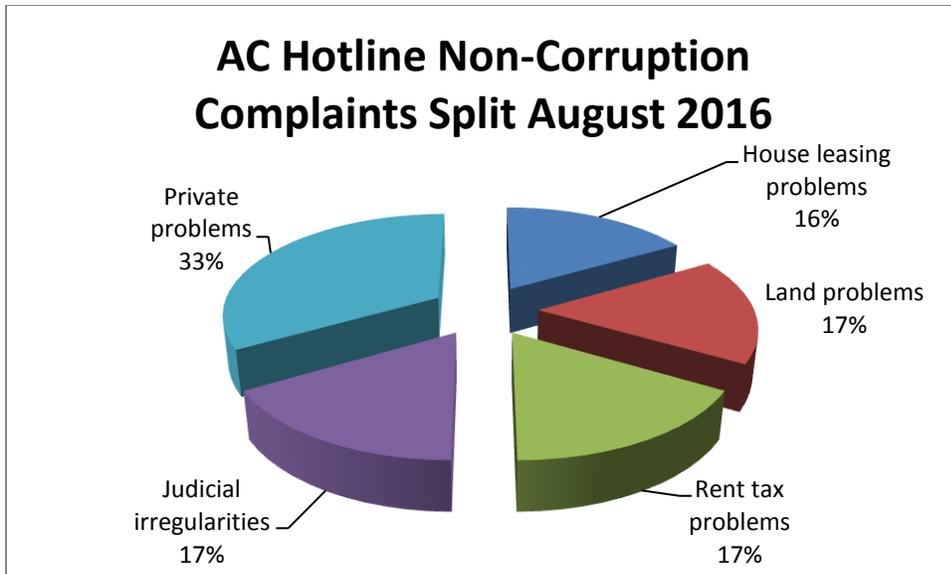
95% of calls that came in through the AC hotline phone answered responsive while 5% of callers either did not respond to their calls or had their phones switched off or unidentified.



This month of August 2016, 44% of callers’ reported corruption complaints while 41% of callers had no complaints to report and 15% had complaints which were not related to corruption

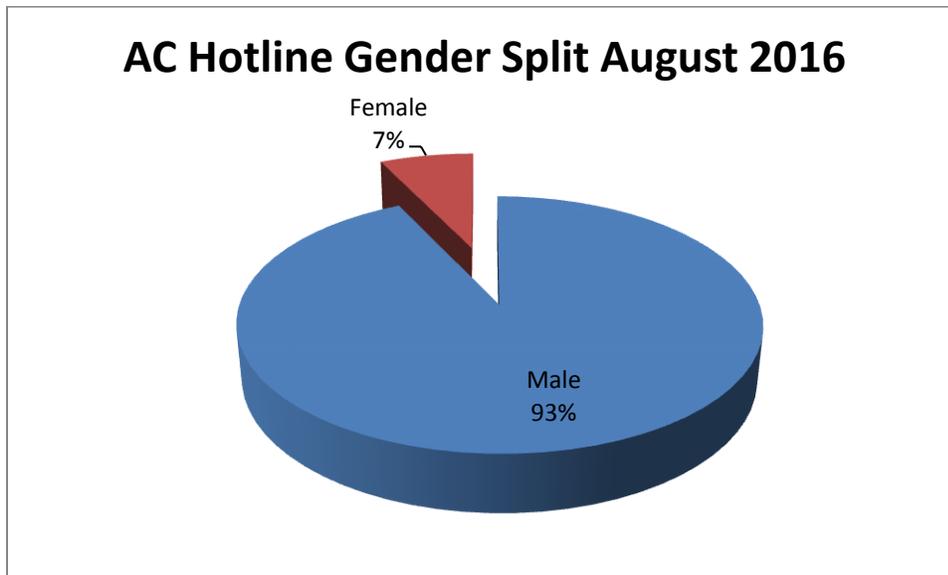


Bribery complaints topped the list of corruption complaints with 59%, followed by fraud complaints with 17% and lastly, complaints of undue demand, embezzlement, oppression with 8% each.



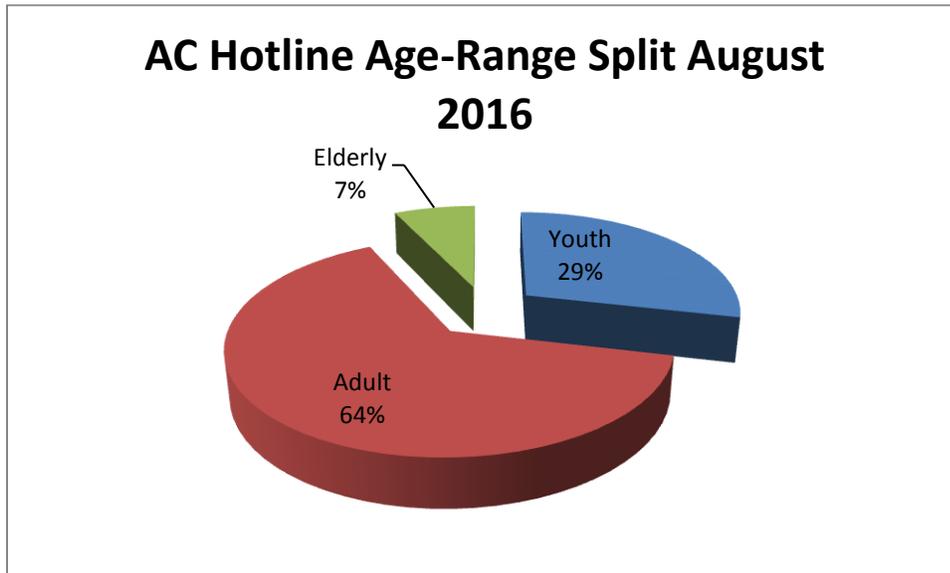
Private complaints were the highest non corruption complaints received with 33%, followed by judicial irregularities, rent tax and land problems with 17% each and lastly, house leasing problems with 16%.

Gender



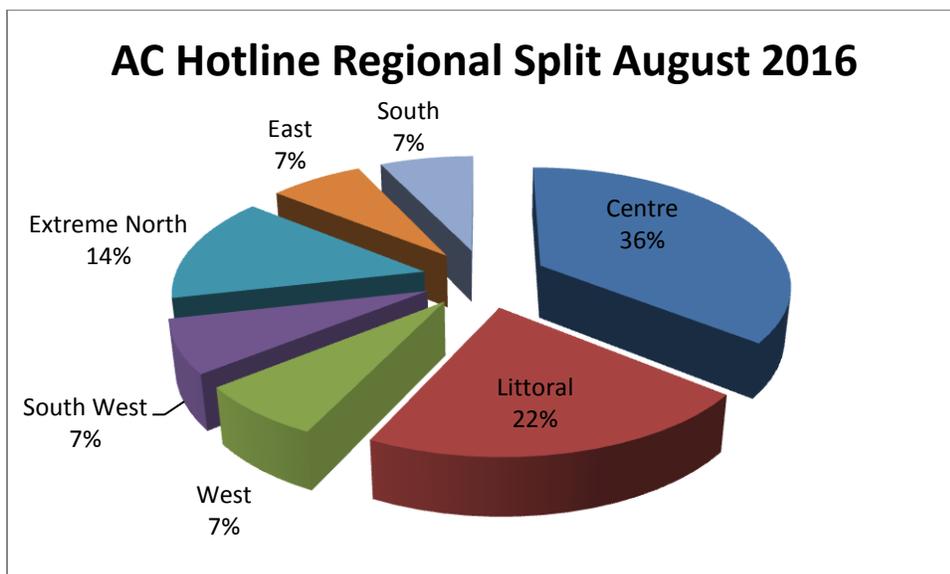
93% of callers who participated in calls this month of August 2016 was the male gender while the female gender participated with 7% calls

Age Range of Callers



The adult age range participated with 64% of total calls, followed by the youth age range with 29% and the elderly with 7% of calls

Regional Representation



The Centre region had the highest calls representing 36% of the total calls that emanated from the different regions. AC field work was carried out in the Centre region. The Littoral region

followed with 22%, then the Far North region with 14% while the West, South, East and South West regions all had 7% each.

Investigations

Investigations are ongoing on a new case file on bribery and undue demand opened this month. A candidate who wanted to register for the Higher Teachers Institute (ENS) competitive examination had difficulties accessing fiscal stamps in Abong Mbang. With the registration dateline quickly approaching, he contacted one of the workers of the delegation of taxation to find out why there was shortage of fiscal stamps and when he could come back for it but was informed that he could get the fiscal stamps which were sold behind closed doors at elevated prices, ranging from 1500- 1700 francs CFA instead of the standard price of 1000 francs CFA. AC took the complaint to the general directorate of taxation here in Yaounde to investigate whether prices of fiscal stamps had been increased but discovered the contrary. The head of service in charge of fiscal stamps was contacted and he immediately put in some measures to verify the authenticity of the complaint and catch the culprit red handed.

AC was able to resolve a corruption attempt case this month. The victim, an autobus commercial driver was solicited 10,000 francs CFA as bribe by two police officers at the Dibamba check point along the Douala-Yaoundé highway road. Knowing that all his paperwork was legal, the victim refused to comply with their demand and his car papers were confiscated. Without his car papers, he could not carry on with his daily duties. AC intervened by contacting the commissioner of police of the GMI unit of Wourri in Douala who descended to the scene, called his subordinates to order and got the victim quickly released without him paying the solicited bribe.

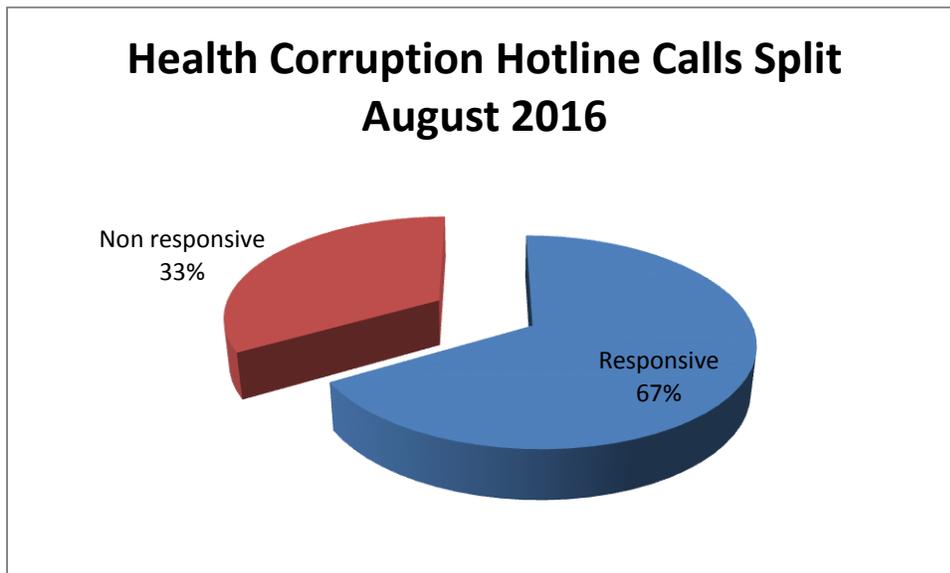
Investigations were also carried out on a new case file opened this month involving bribery and oppression. The complainant called from a police cell in Minkar in the Nyong and Kélé district reporting that she had been illegally detained for two days now. According to her, the police superintendent had collected bribe from the plaintiff that was why all her rights as a citizen were disregarded. She was not allowed to call anyone from her family nor receive visitors. After numerous discussion sessions with the family of the victim and the plaintiff, AC contacted the commissioner of police in a bit to verify the complaint and reach a compromise. He only accepted to speak after persistent calls and when he eventually decided to collaborate, AC discovered that he gave a wrong version of the facts of the case. He denied the fact that the victim was detained in his police cell but only interviewed. He also told AC that the victim had confessed the crime of stealing. Unknown to him, AC had also spoken with the plaintiff who even though did not accept to corrupting the police but gave AC the clear facts of the case. The plaintiff informed AC that the victim was just a scapegoat who fell prey to a longtime family

feud concerning their inheritance. AC tried to reason out with the commissioner who eventually released the victim on bail and proposed amicable settlement to both parties.

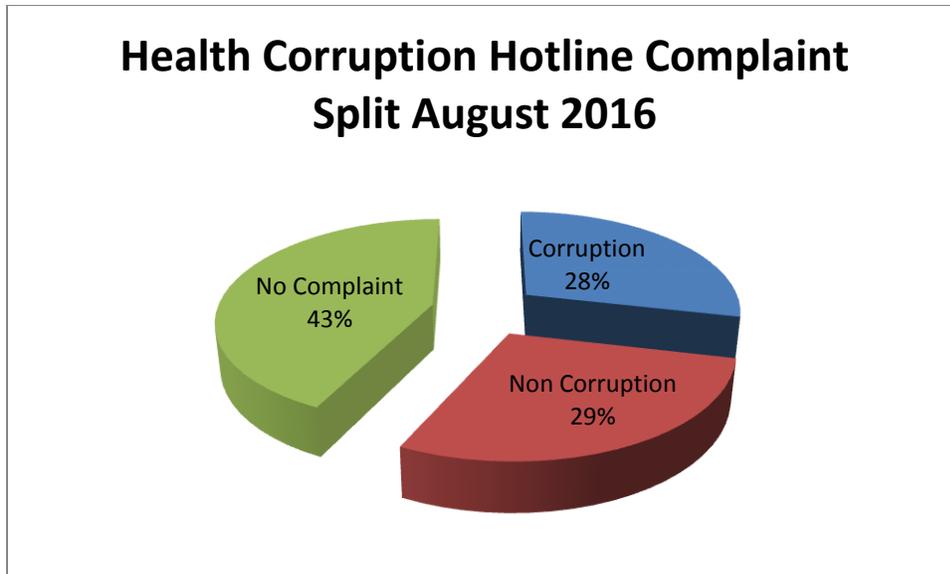
Investigations were also carried out on an education corruption case opened this month. An upper sixth student was solicited bribe from the Classical Bilingual High School Bafang in the West region. He wanted to change from the 'C' to the 'D' series and was asked to pay 5,000 francs CFA before the change could be made. AC contacted the school in a bit to find out if the monetary charge was legal and got the principal who said no money has to paid to enable such a change. With AC's advice, he promised to verify the complaint and put in place measures to protect other students from such corrupt teachers.

Health Corruption Hotline

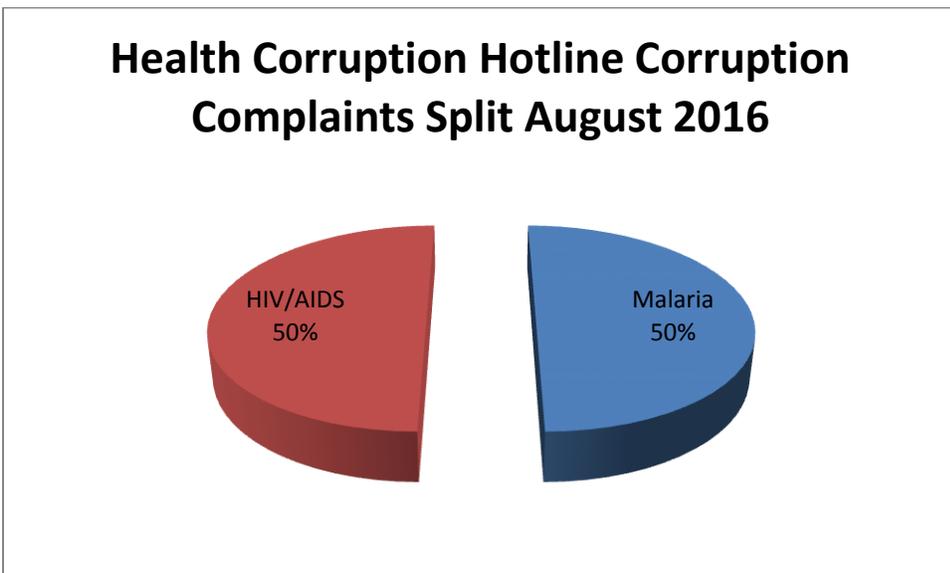
The Health Corruption hotline received 12 calls this month of August registering four (04) complaints: Two (02) corruption and two (02) non-corruption related complaints. Data from the calls has been analyzed as is represented on charts below.



67% of calls that came in through the Health Corruption hotline phone were responsive while 33% of callers' did not respond to calls or whose numbers were unavailable.

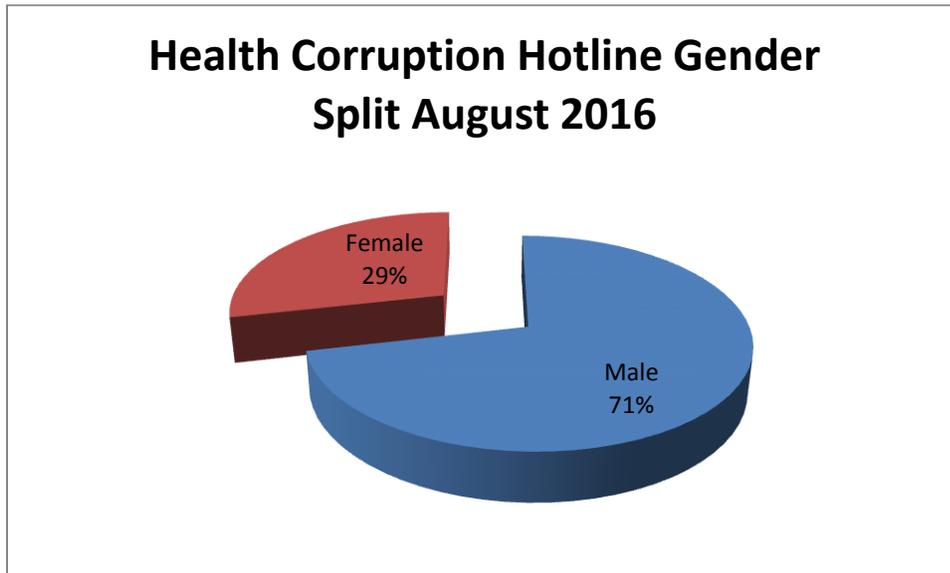


Calls reporting no complaints had 43% while non-corruption complaints had 29% and lastly corruption complaints had 28%



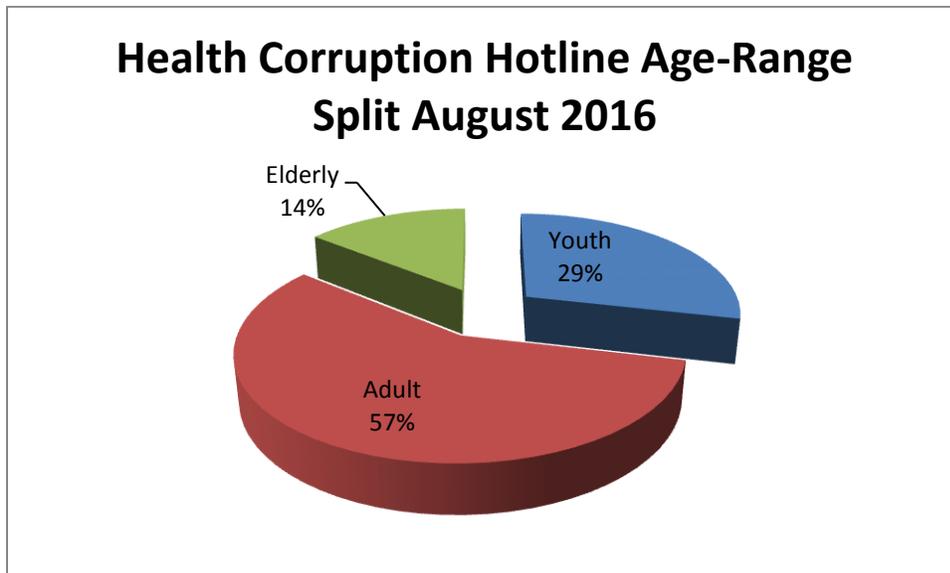
This month of August 2016, both complaints against the sale of HIV/AIDS and malaria treatment had 50% each

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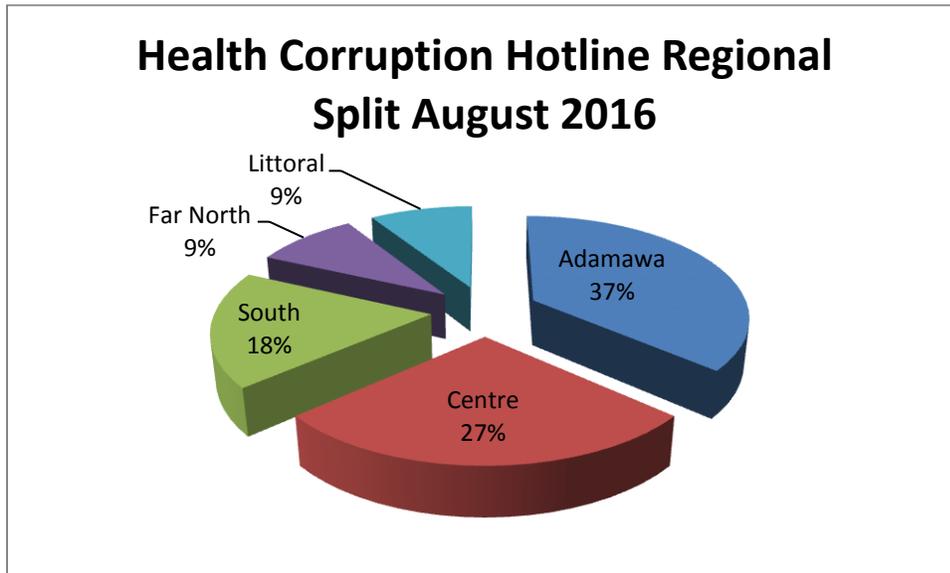
As usual, the male gender participated more representing 71% of calls while the female gender had 29%

Age-Range of Callers



The adult age range had the highest calls representing 57% of total calls, followed by the youth age range with 29% and lastly, the elderly age range with 14%.

Regional representation



The Adamawa region participated with the highest calls representing 37% of total calls, followed by the Centre region with 27%, the South region with 18% and lastly, the Littoral and Far North regions with 9% each

Finance**AC received funds this month from NEU FOUNDATION**

Amount in Francs CFA	Use	Details	Amount in USD
20,000	AC Hotline	44 calls received	\$40.0
7,500	HC Hotline	12 calls received	\$15.0
6,000	Investigations		\$12.0
	Legal	04 case follow-up	
0	Media	0	
242,200	Management	Co-ordination	\$484.4
	Office	0	
275,700	TOTAL Expenditure August 2016		\$551.4

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Amount in FCFA	Donor	Month	Amount in USD
274,000	NEU FOUNDATION	Used in August	\$548.0