

# ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION

## November 2014 Report



### Highlights

- **65** calls received through the AC hotline phone this month
- HC hotline receives **33** calls this month
- Four (04) new case files opened this month
- A total of 296 AC brochures distributed and 174 AC posters pasted in Yaounde

### **General**

The AC hotline received 65 calls this month with 13 complaints; 7 corruption and corruption assimilated offenses and 6 other complaints not related to corruption.

Four new case files opened this month

A new case file on bribery was opened this month. The victim complained he has been compelled to sign an agreement with some workers at the Ministry of Secondary Education (MINESEC) to pay lodging allowances be released. AC establish a bribe transaction in case.

*Free Tuberculosis treatment denied patient by corrupt health official*

The victim was asked to pay 27 000 CFA F for a subsidized tuberculosis treatment and she couldn't afford all the money. We intervened and the victim was refunded 9 000 CFA F she had deposited for the Streptomycin injections which was administered for

20% as kickback of his before the payments can intends to get a bailiff to declaration during the January 2015 for a court

Another case file this month. The bribed at teacher promised to

on bribery was opened victim complained that he with 750,000 CFAF who facilitate his entrance into

the National Teachers Training College Bambili in 2012. He explained that he failed the competitive examination and has been struggling to recover his money in vain. Investigations are still ongoing to know the whereabouts of the teacher whose telephone number is no longer functional.

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An additional complaint received concerning Oppression and Abuse from the Forces of Law and Order was also opened this month. The complainant called from the police station that he was arrested arbitrarily and locked up because he has refused to sign a police statement that does not state the true facts of what ensued between him and the police officers. AC called the police inspector in question and the victim was released even without bail.

A Health Corruption case file was opened this month regarding the payment for Tuberculosis treatments. The victim filed a complaint against the head of the Tuberculosis Unit of the Okola District Hospital who asked him to pay 27,000 CFA F for anti-tuberculosis antibiotics (Streptomycin injections) as treatment for a relapse tuberculosis case for his younger sister. AC's intervention led to the return of the complainant's 9,000 CFA F which he had paid as deposit for the treatment. AC also wrote a letter to the Ministry of Public Health denouncing this act of corruption.

The health corruption hotline received 33 calls with 2 complaints; one relating to Tuberculosis and the other on malaria.

Brochure distribution and poster pasting have been the major activities carried out this month in order to recruit corruption victims. Posters were pasted and brochures distributed in corruption hotspots in Yaoundé around the City Hall, Intendance and Provence junctions, Emana and Messasi neighborhoods.

Case follow-up this month continues with the old 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.

AC is still waiting to hear the results of the decisions reached at in the case of the concrete dealer against the Sheriff of the Genie Militaire located at Olembe being resolved following military rules. AC contacted the colonel in charge and he said a decision has not been taken in the case yet.

The case file opened last month on fraud relating to the release of the Italian language results for entrance into the Teachers Training College Maroua is still undergoing investigations although the complainant has taken the case to CONAC, the National Anti-Corruption organ.

### **Health Corruption Hotline**

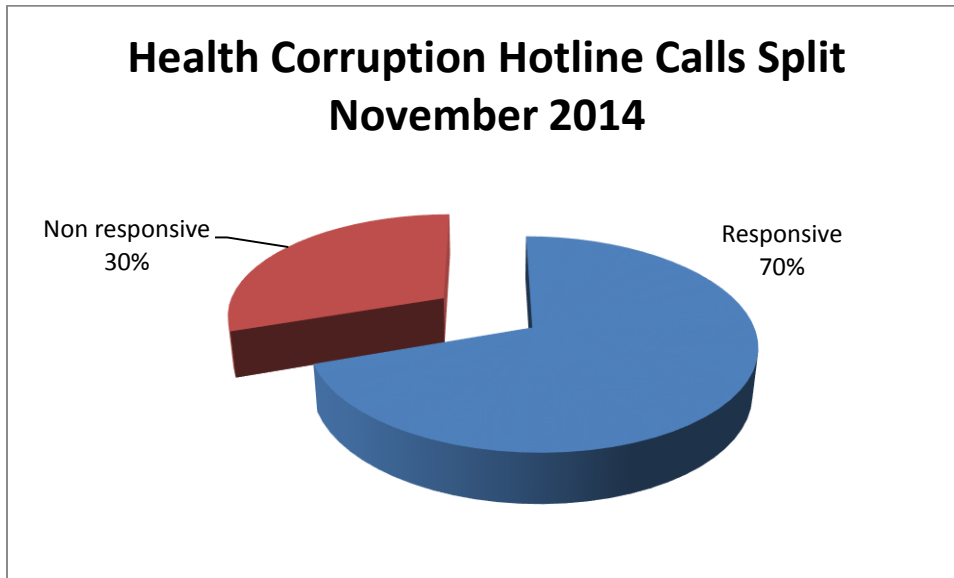
Calls received through the Health Corruption hotline phone saw a slight decrease this month from last month's calls. Explanation for this reduction in calls is explained by the fact that there was no field work carried out this month with regards to health corruption.

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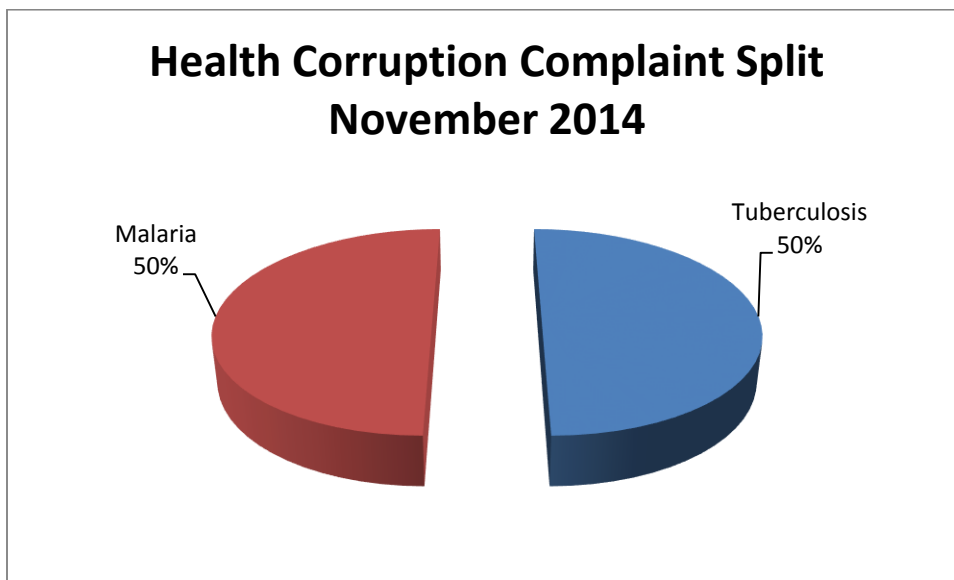
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However, 33 calls were received this month through the health corruption hotline phone with 2 complaints; one on the payment for tuberculosis treatment and the other on the payment of anti-malarial. The data has been analyzed and is represented on charts as seen below.



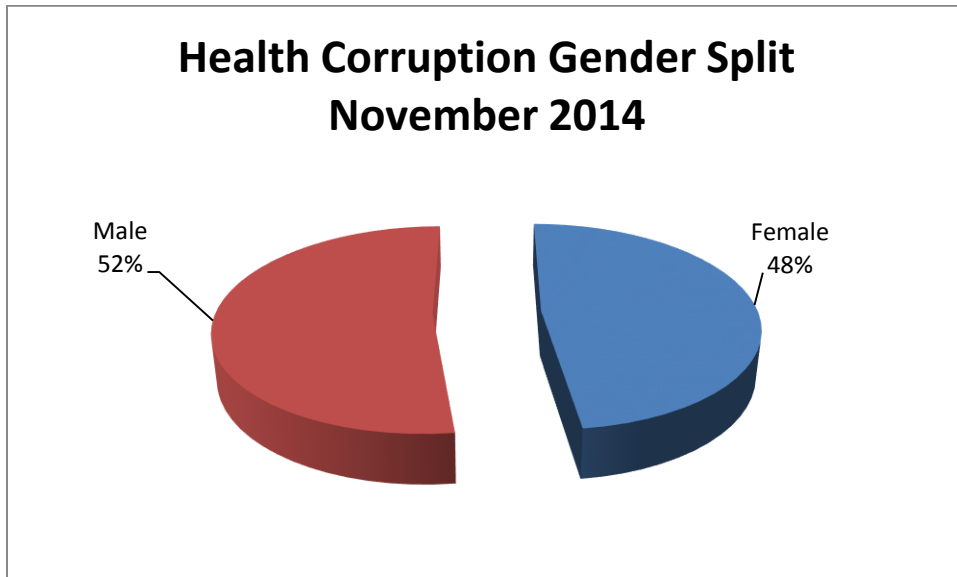
70% of calls were responsive this month while 30% were not responsive. Experience has proven that most non responsive calls emanate from the Northern parts of the country which most often than not have network problems.



Complaints regarding payment for Malaria and Tuberculosis treatments are both at 50% each since only two complaints were received this month.

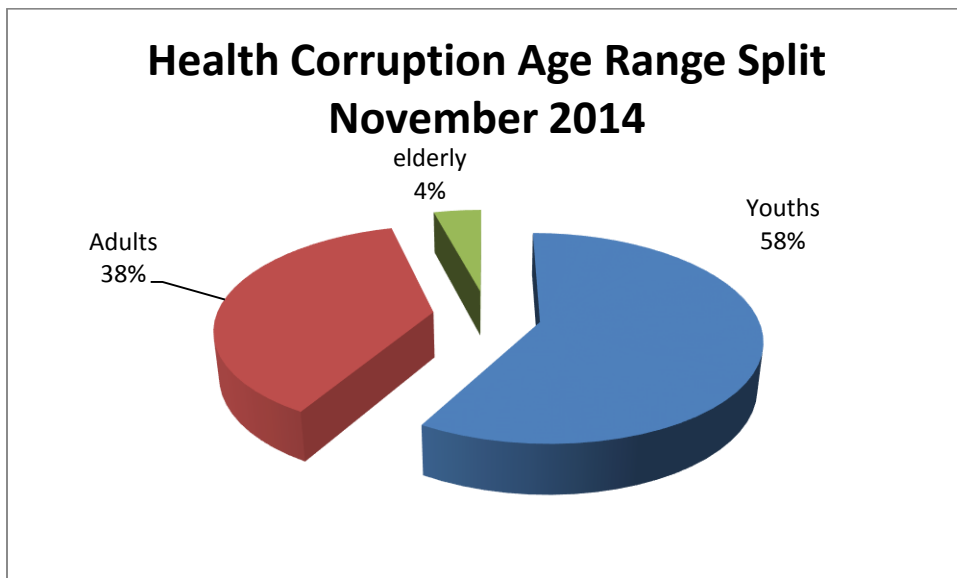
### Gender

Participation of the female gender has greatly improved these past two months as the percentage shows a competitive participation in both sexes.



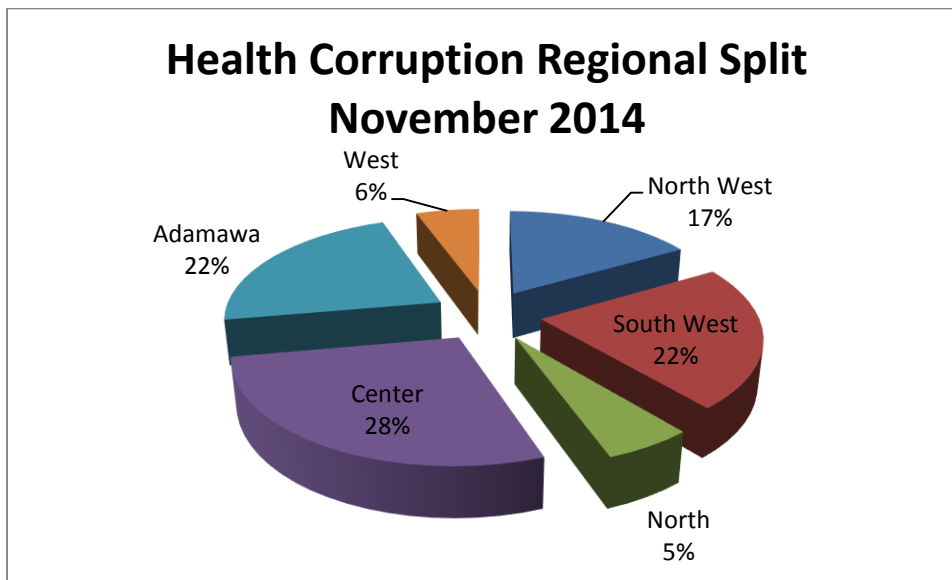
The male gender is at 52%, faintly surpassing the female gender which is at 48%

### Age-range of callers



The youth age-range which always comes second is first with 58% this month, taking the place of the adult age range which has just 38% this month. The elderly age group has 4%, an improvement as the elderly group usually rarely participates in calls. This is because most times they ask their children to make the calls for them.

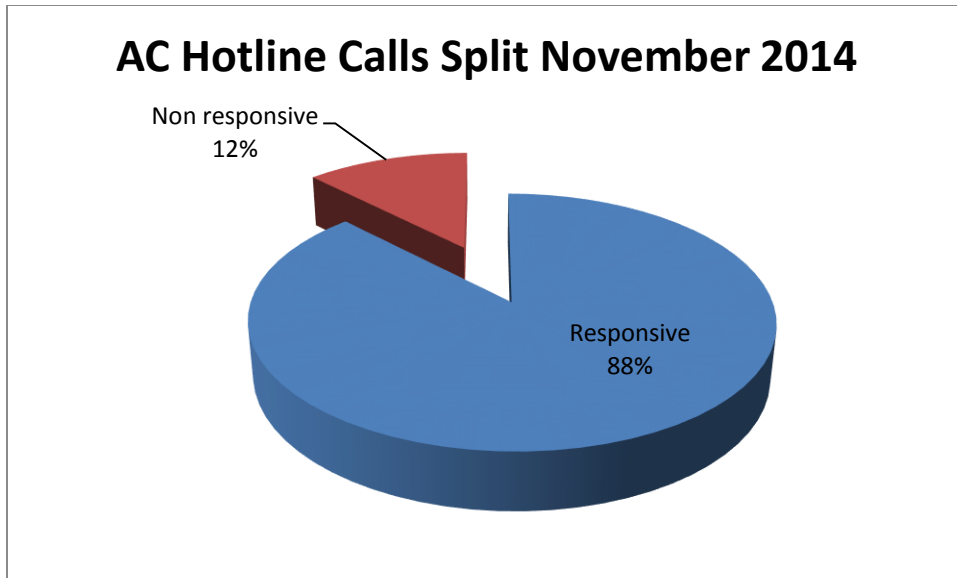
### Regional distribution of calls



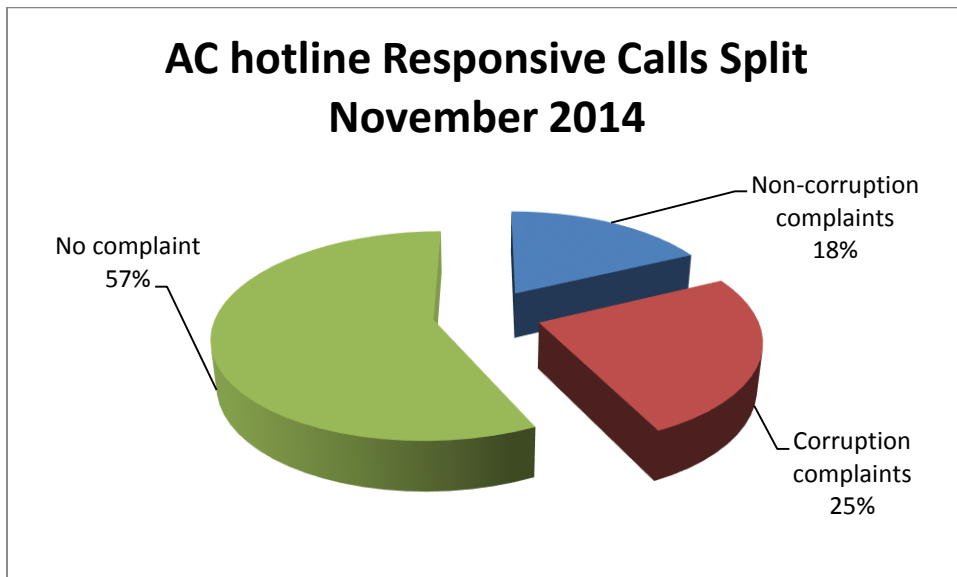
The Center region shows the highest participation with 28% of calls, followed by the Adamawa and the South West regions with 22%, the North West with 17%, the West with 6% and lastly the North region with 5%. The normally active Littoral region is missing from the list this month, reason for that not being clear.

### AC Hotline Phone

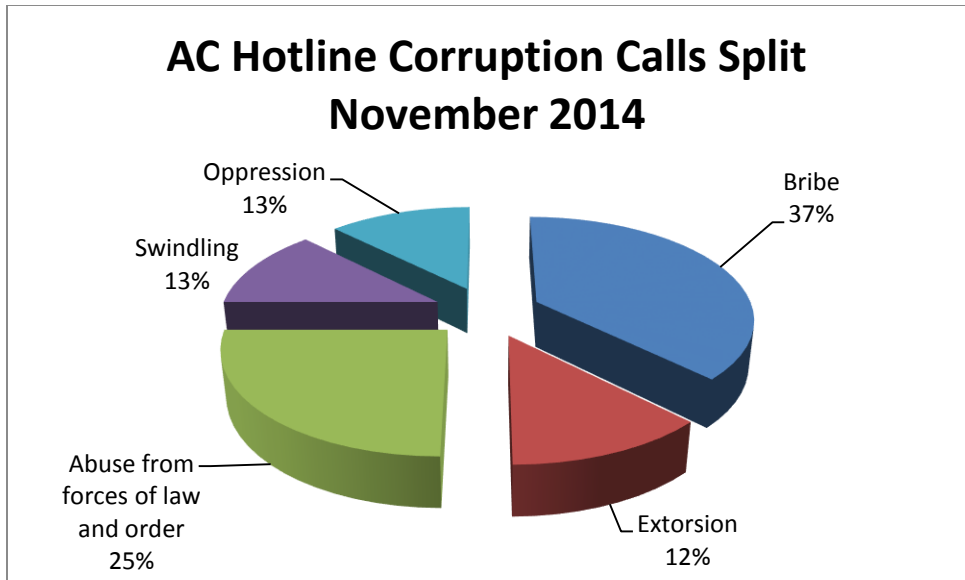
A total of 65 calls with 13 complaints; 7 corruption and corruption assimilated offenses and 6 other complaints not related to corruption against corruption were received this month through the AC hotline phone as is represented below.



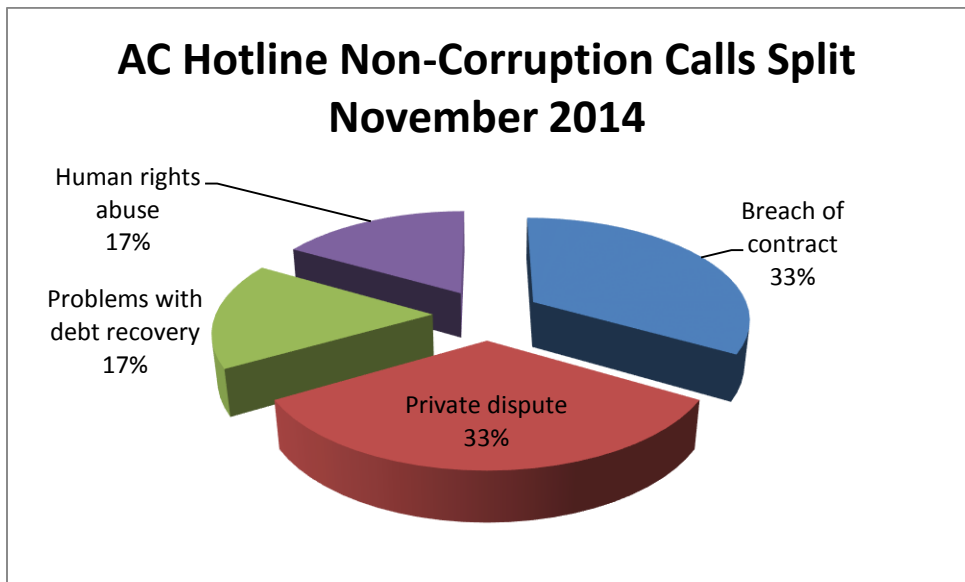
88% of calls this month were responsive while they were just 12% of callers whose numbers were unavailable or did not answer when called back.



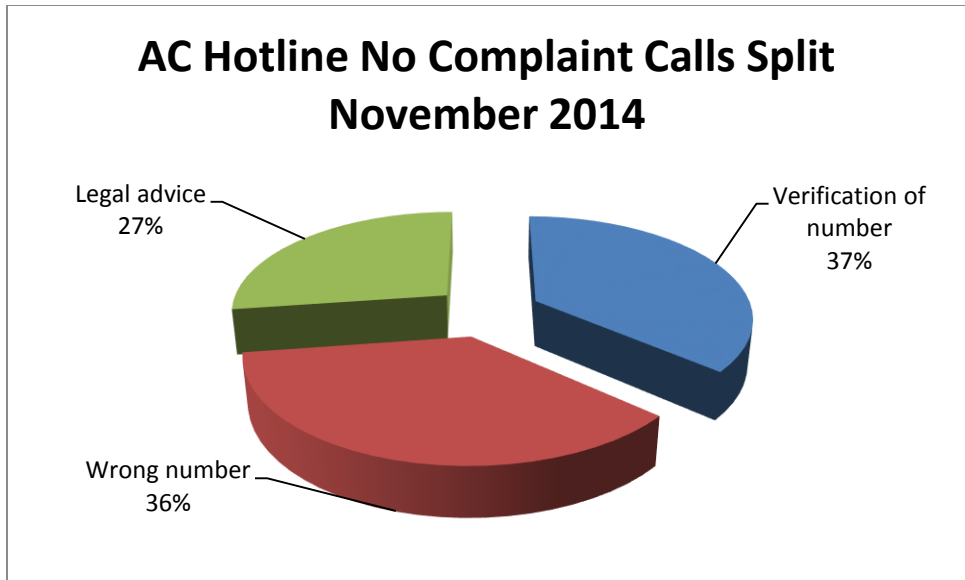
57% of callers this month of November did not have any complaint while 25% had corruption complaints and 18% complained against other offenses other than corruption.



As usual, bribe complaints top the list with 37%, followed by Abuse from forces of law and order with 25%, then oppression and swindling which both have 13% and lastly extortion which is at 12%.

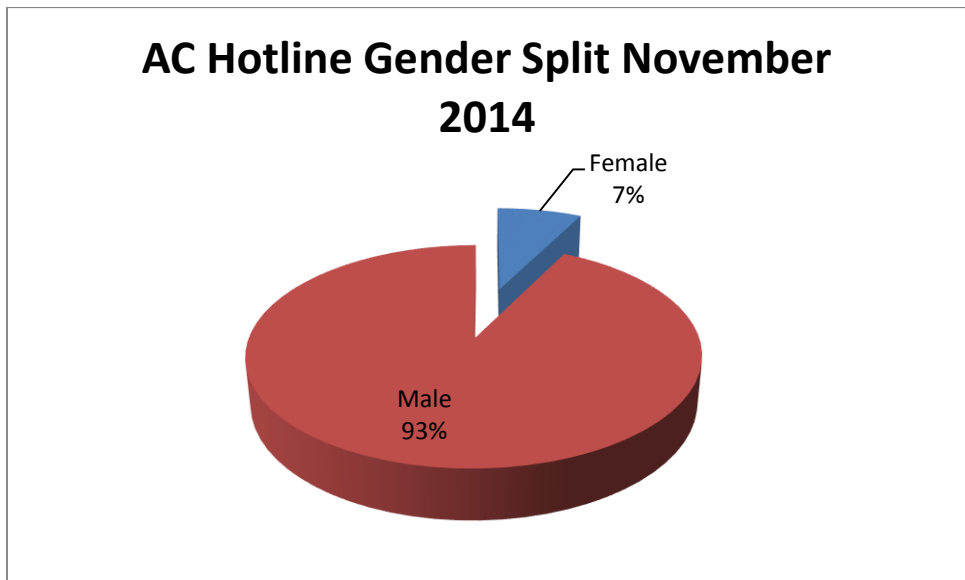


Breach of contract and private dispute each have 33% while human rights abuse and complaints of problems with debt recovery follows with 17% each.



37% of callers this month wanted to verify the AC hotline number, 36% claimed wrong number and 27% called to ask for legal advice concerning personal problems.

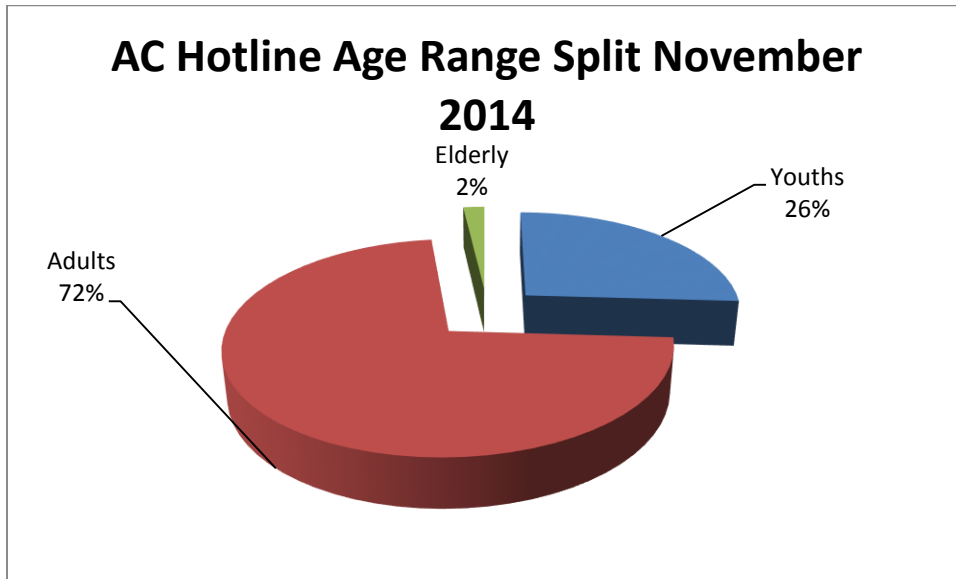
### Gender



The male gender as usual participated highest representing 93% of callers while the female gender is just at 7% of calls, a phenomenon that has not been easy to explain.

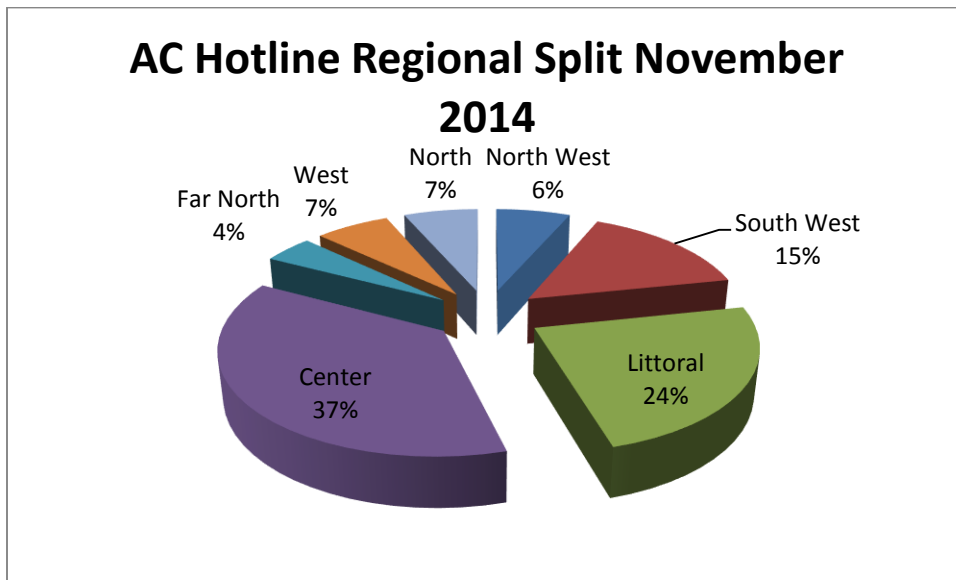


**Age Range of callers**



The adult age range represents 72% of callers this month of November, followed by the youth age range at 26% and lastly the elderly age range represented by just 2% of calls.

**Regional distribution of calls**



The center region comes first with 37% of calls, followed by the littoral region with 24% of calls. The South West region interestingly takes the third place this time with 15% of callers calling from that region. The West and North regions each have 7% of calls, the North West 6% and the Far North region is at 4%.

## Investigations

Investigations were carried out at the District Hospital of Okola when a complaint was deposited against the head of the tuberculosis unit for demanding 27,000 CFA F for tuberculosis treatments. The victim, the brother of a tuberculosis relapse patient complained that he was been asked to pay 27,000 CFA F for streptomycin injections against 60 days treatment for tuberculosis for his younger sister. AC contacted the head nurse of the tuberculosis unit to verify this claim. She made an attempt to defend herself claiming she had asked patients to procure the treatments from external pharmacies because the hospital did not have the treatments in stock. She also made AC to understand that relapse cases pay for their treatments which is not true. A few hours after she was contacted by AC, she returned the victim's 9,000 CFA F deposit, including money she had collected from three other tuberculosis patients. This hereby confirms the fact that her intention for asking money was corrupt. AC wrote a letter to the Ministry of Public Health (MINSANTE) to denounce this act of injustice.

Investigations are ongoing in a case opened this month on bribe. A teacher filed a complaint against the Ministry of Secondary Education (MINESEC) for asking 20% of his lodging allowances before the money can be released to him. He called AC after signing an agreement with the workers in room 507, the service following up such funds at the ministry. He explained that he has been following up this allowance since 2012 and was always told the money is not yet ripe for payment. But when one of his colleagues pointed out room 507 to him, he went there and was asked to sign a document indicating that he will pay them 20% of the total amount so they can release the money to him. The case will be handled in January 2015 with the help of a bailiff.

The case reported by a lady who bribed 750,000 CFA F to facilitate her entrance into the Higher Teachers Training College Yaounde also being investigated. According to her, she and another lady opened a blocked account in microfinance (CCA) where she deposited 750,000 CFA F with the condition that if she succeeds in the teachers competitive exams, the other lady will withdraw the money and if she did not make it, she will take back her money. She failed the exams and has been struggling to recover her money in vain. While investigating the case, AC discovered that there is also fraud at the level of the bank. An account which has two signatories could not be unblocked without the signature of both signatories. This was not the case as the account was unblocked in the absence of the candidate who deposited the money. She has the account papers but there is no money in the account. AC has made several attempts to get in contact through telephone with the receiver of the money who works at the Ministry of Basic Education in vain. Her number is no more in service

AC investigated and was successful in resolving the case of a victim who was oppressed by the forces of law and order in Bertoua. He was arbitrarily arrested and taken to the police station on grounds of having fraudulent insurance papers and while at the station, he was forced to sign a statement contrary from the motive for which he was arrested. He refused to sign and was locked up but released later without making any payments even for bail when AC intervened by talking to the police inspector in question.

### **Legal follow-up**

Legal Case follow-up this month continues with the old 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.

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### **External relations**

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**Finance****AC received funds this month from private donors**

<b>Amount in FCFA</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount in USD</b>
32,500	Hotline	65 calls received	\$65.0
32,500	HC hotline	33 calls received	\$65.0
17,000	Investigations	brochures distributed posters pasted	\$34.0
321,950	Legal	4 cases followed-up	\$643.9
0	Media	No tv or radio programs	
0	Management		
0	Office		
<b>403,950</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b> <b>November 2014</b>		<b>\$807.9</b>

**Donor financial report November 2014**

<b>Amount in FCFA</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Amount in USD</b>
<b>403,950</b>	<b>Private Donor</b>	<b>Used in November</b>	<b>\$807.9</b>