

ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT 2011



HIGHLIGHTS

- Two prospective candidates for various posts in AC interviewed.
- AC hotline receives **87** complaints this month
- Jurist retained for testing period
- Follow-up of syndicate cases continues
- 5 new case files were opened this month.

GENERAL

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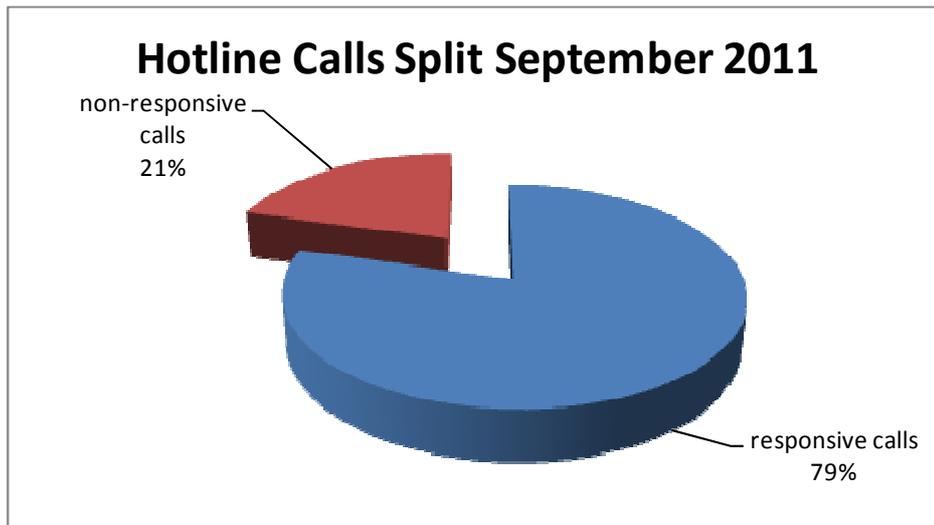
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In improving advertisement **178** posters were pasted around specific areas in Yaounde town while the project developer continued having discussion with the national TV house for the advert to be passed on TV. This has been an issue because of the changes being effected in the TV house. Also **300** AC brochures were printed both in French and English but distribution was postponed because of the presidential elections slated for 9th October 2011.

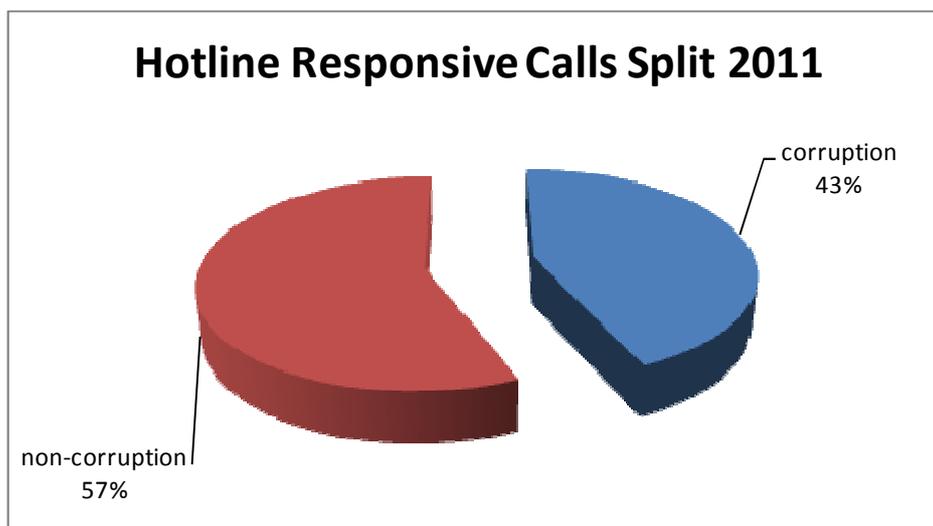
AC re-establishes working relations with Me. Fombad for him to follow up the syndicate case against Inspector of Police Bekono Yves which has been delaying at the Court of First Instance in Yaounde, Centre region.

HOTLINE

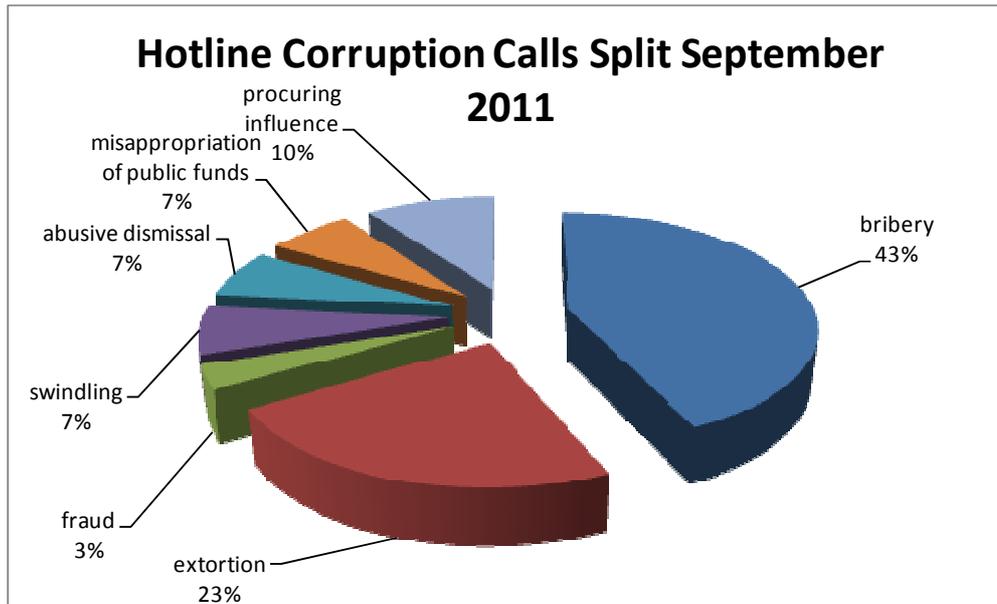
A total of **87** calls were received through the AC hotline and are illustrated by the graphs under the various categories.



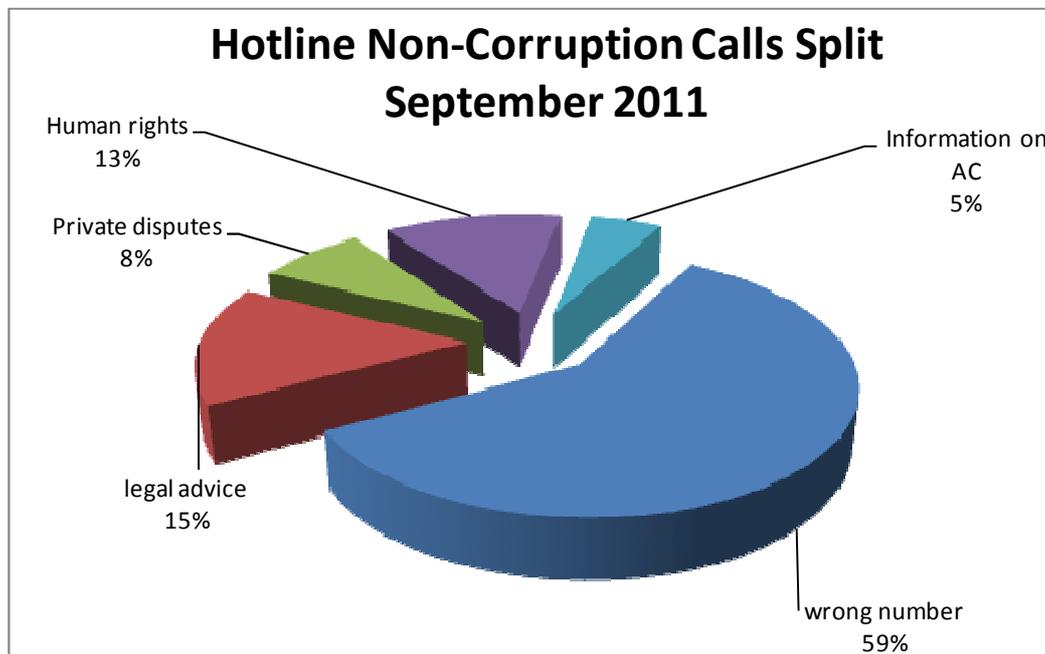
In the month of September 2011 **21%** of calls were non-responsive, while **79%** of calls received were responsive calls. A difference of **58%** between the responsive and non-responsive calls.



In September 2011, **43%** of responsive calls were corruption calls while **57%** of these calls were non-corruption calls.



43% of callers in the month of September 2011 denounced bribery, **23%** denounced extortion, **10%** procuring influence where people use their positions or that of others they know to get particular favours done for them at the detriment of others. **7%** of callers denounced abusive dismissal, swindling and misappropriation of public funds while **3%** denounced fraud.

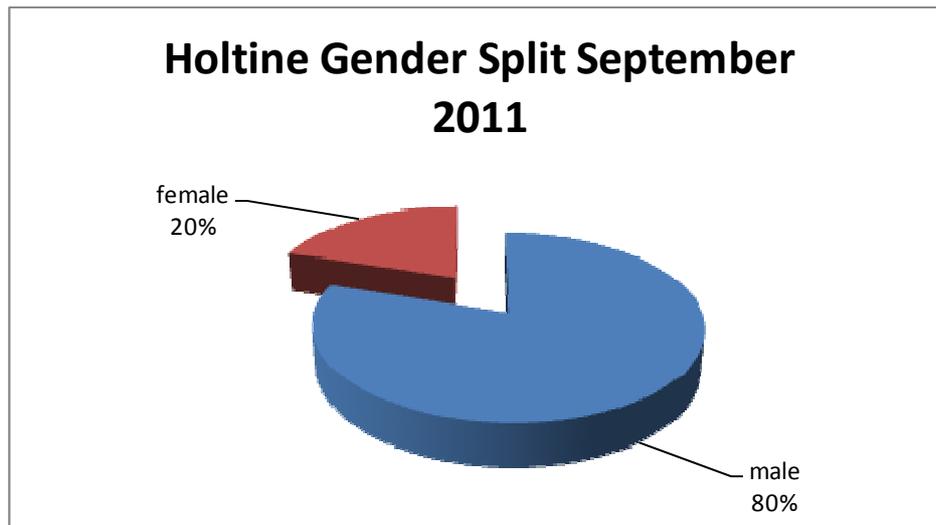


In August 2011, non-corruption calls were represented by **59%** of assumed wrong numbers that called made up mainly of people who have corruption issues to denounce but are afraid to do so, **15%** needed legal advice, **13%** focused on human rights issues, and **8%** were calls on personal disputes while **3%** asked for

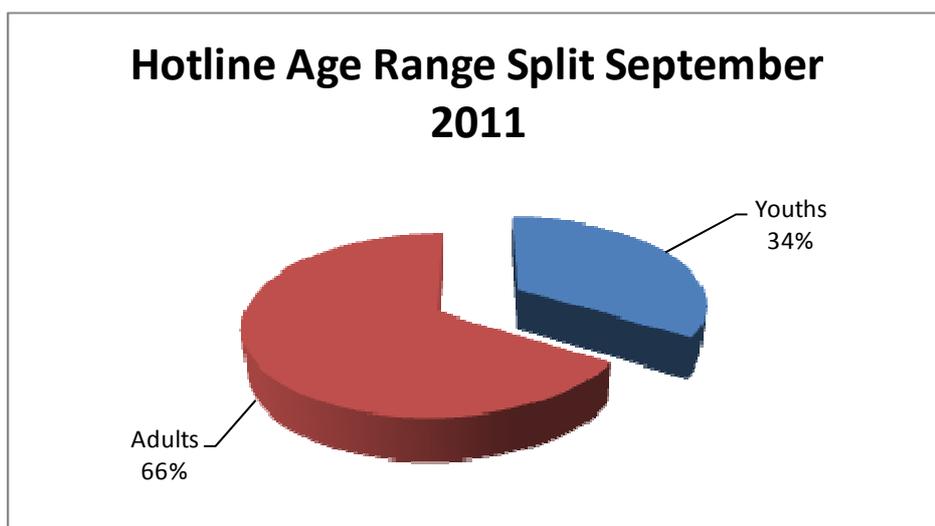
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GENDER

Female gender in the month of September 2011 is still underrepresented with a percentage of **20%** callers, - an increase of **10%**, while **80%** of the callers were male.

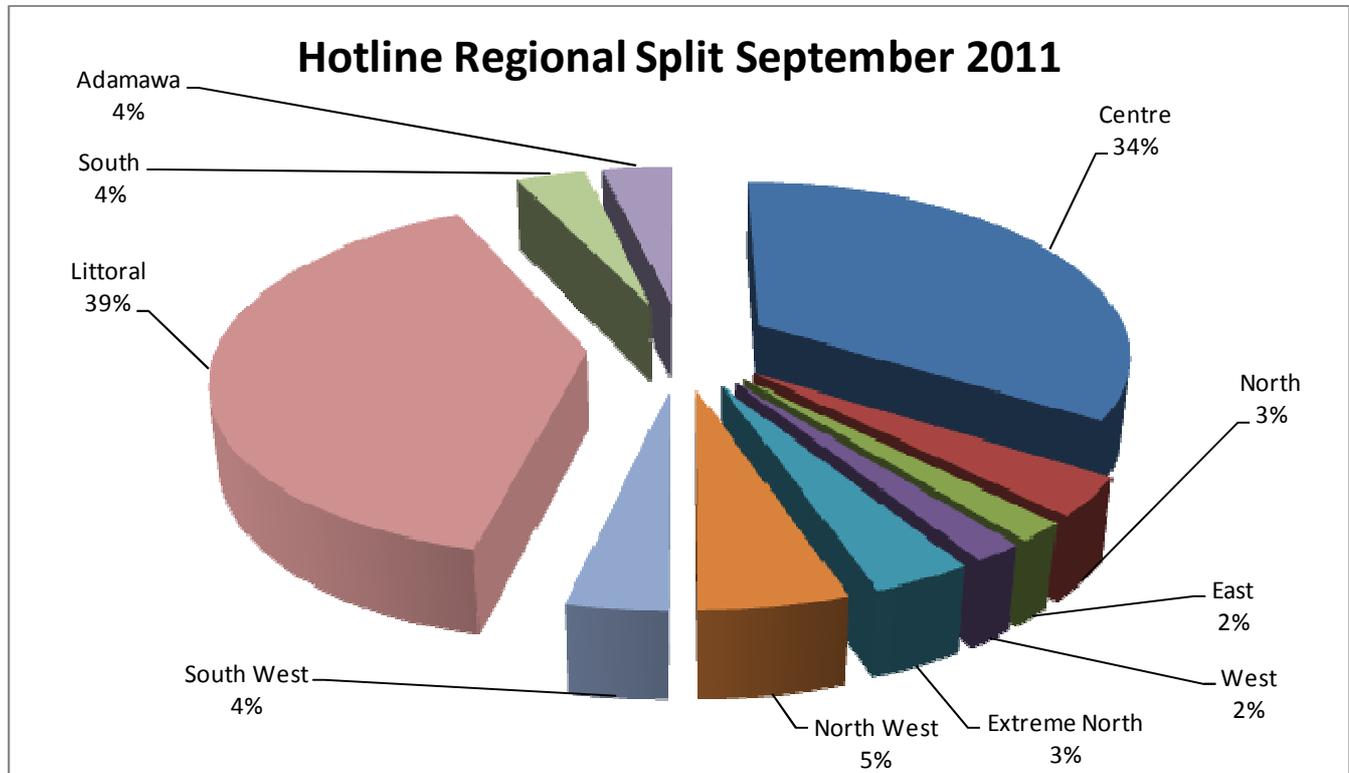


AGE RANGE OF CALLERS



In the month of September the age range was made up only of the adults (31-55 years) with **66%** and youths (0-30 years) with **34%**. The same as that of last month with no calls received from the elderly (+55years) month.

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF CALLS



From the report, September 2011 had the most callers from the Littoral region making **39%**. This is as a result of the posters that were pasted towards the end of August in Douala. The least calls came from the Eastern and Western regions all with **2%** each. The other regions ranged between **4%** in the South, South West and Adamawa regions, **34%** in the Centre region and **5%** in the North West region and **3%** from the Extreme North region.

EMAIL ADDITION TO HOTLINE

No email was received this month. One letter was received through a transport agency from Yokadouma, East region which focused on private teachers of primary schools in Yokadouma claiming for a year's salary which has not been paid by the Municipality of Yokadouma controlled by the mayor from 10% of revenue from the forestry sector.

INVESTIGATIONS

Five case files were opened this month from calls received through the hotline.

- Case of Contractor and Elecam Regional Delegate Centre Region: AC met with a victim, who was contracted to produce ballot boxes at the cost of **15,000 FRS** for each box but to be paid **10,000 FRS** for the boxes. Classified as corruption in the form of extortion, AC is following the case to see if a report can be drawn-up against the Elecam Delegate. Four meetings in total were held to discuss on how to progress on this case. The victim was not very collaborative as he refused to sign the testimony form and follow AC procedures.
- Case of Nkolbisson market Trader against Urban Council Agent: The report that was drawn against a council agent in Nkolbisson market was given to the trader but could not be used for a court case as

the victim was not able to get the report on time and pay his tax as required by the law.

- Case of petty trader and gendarmerie: AC had a meeting with the petty trader who was being extorted by a gendarme officer at Marche Madagascar to pay community fee normally supposed to be **500FRS** and collected by council agents, but the gendarme was forcefully seizing the goods of these traders and soliciting more than **1000 FRS** from these traders to return their goods. AC procedures and how to work in future were discussed as he was no longer selling at the market again. He promised to work with AC whenever he perceived corruption cases AC could handle.
- Case of Parent against Principal of Lycee de Ngoa-Ekelle: AC also had a talk with a victim-parent of a lycee student who was extorted by the principal of Lycee de Ngoa Ekelle. For registration of his child into school, he paid a total sum of **38,700 FRS** but was issued a receipt for **25,000 FRS** without further explanations as to what happened to the remaining **11,700 FRS**. The said principal was not open to public explanations to justify her actions. The victim was ready to work according to AC procedures but was later deterred by his wife who feared it may have repercussions on their child in school.
- Case of Victim unlawfully held in detention: LAGA legal department assisted in a mission in Douala where a victim was held in the detention and **100,000 FRS** bribe solicited by the Commandant of Investigation Brigade in Bonaberi for his release. This case was not a success as all bailiffs contacted refused to work with AC for fear of aggression by gangs.
- Case of Primary school teachers against the Mayor of Yokadouma: Also this month AC is following up a case from Yokadouma where primary school teachers are complaining of not having been paid their salaries for 10 months by the mayor from 10% of forest revenue. It is assumed the mayor embezzled these funds and refuses to pay the teachers on the pretext of them not having a definite contract. Appeals made by these teachers to the Divisional officer did not yield any success. Centre d'Environnement et Developpement (CED) was contacted and a copy of the case file handed to them for follow-up and assistance.

LEGAL FOLLOW-UP

- This month AC experienced a major problem with bailiffs in Douala. Most of the Bailiffs in Douala demanded a very high fee and secondly would not want to work according to AC procedures especially in cases concerning gendarmes and police officers for fear that these uniformed will retaliate violently against them through gangs incited by the police.
- AC also faces the problem of Bailiffs over the country as cases in other Regions like Adamawa make it difficult to get and engage a Bailiff according to AC standards and in small areas is difficult to get a Bailiff who is not known by most of the population.
- Legal follow-up of the 2 syndicate cases of taxi men against police officers continued this month. The first concerned two police officers working at the Nkolndongo police station against whom 3 taxi drivers lodged a complaint of extortion, while the other case had four taxi drivers lodging a similar complaint against a police officer in Efoulan police station. Several visits were made to the court house without success to retrieve a convocation letter for one of the police officer of Efoulan commissariat against whom taxi-men had lodged a complaint.
- This month AC had a failed case in Douala because the victim who is a parent of a student in Ecole Premier de Tergal did not want to follow AC procedures for a report to be drawn.
- So far AC has few bailiffs to work with .AC will work continuously with the Legal department of LAGA to continue to establish these contacts and legal follow-up.
- AC trainee jurist on a one week break for her university year 3, re-sit exams.
- A jurist was retained for testing this month being tested between AC and LAGA legal department for better results.

MEDIA

AC prints **300** brochures. **300** posters printed of which **178** were pasted in the Mvan area of Yaounde, targeting travel agencies and passengers.

Discussions with the CRTV house still on-going. Broadcast of the AC advert on TV has not been possible because of the many changes in procedure going on at the TV house.

MANAGEMENT

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EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- Project developer met with the chief technician in CRTV for discussions on how to get AC on air through the news bar.
- AC Director met with Positive Generation on terms of collaboration for the Project Citizen Led Monitoring Improving Access to Basic Medication. The MoU between AC and TAW is in its final stage of being concluded. Various changes were made by both partners and a final version to be signed. This document describes the different roles of AC and TAW in the execution of the Citizen Led Monitoring of Corruption in the Health Sector and the results expected to conclude the project a success or failure.
- AC Director met with the World Bank Governance Specialist on increasing transparency and accountability in World Bank projects.
- AC Director and AC programmer met with the World Bank Regional Agriculture Specialist, to use AC's ITC capacity to assist the World Bank in setting an SMS system of communication for the benefit of Cameroon's economy. Later on a follow up meeting was held with the PACA team on the same subject.
- AC director participates in the World Bank Africa Strategy conference call meeting chaired by the World Bank Deputy Director for Africa.
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FINANCE

Future for Nature award has been the main donor for the running of AC activities in the month of September 2011.

September 2011 Financial Report

Amount in CFA FRS	Use	Details	Amount in US D
29,500	Hotline	87calls received	\$61.5
16,310	Investigations	178 posters pasted	\$34.0
140,350	Legal	3 cases followed-up	\$292.4
0	Media	No TV news bar	\$0.0
	Management		\$0.0
298,000	E-activism	Personnel	\$620.8
12,800	Office	office	\$26.7
496,960	TOTAL EXPENDITURE SEPTEMBER 2011		\$1,035.3

Donor Financial Report September 2011

Amount in CFA FRS	Donor	Month	Amount in US D
-1,000,000	Future for Nature	Donated September 2011	\$2,083.3
496,960	Future for Nature	Used September 2011	\$1,035.3
-807,630	Future for Nature	passing to October 2011	\$1,682.6