

#### A.C. ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2008

## I- GENERAL

- Resumptions of the activities of A.C after the pause in July and August following the departure of the Legal and Administrative assistant for the CHOC project of the UNDP Cameroon
- **Recruitment of a volunteer** and recall of a former volunteer to redynamise the field activities of the organization.
- Review and proposals of **new elements for the legal project of national legislation against corruption** discussed with UNDP, in collaboration with the Legal Department of LAGA.
- The **AC hotline** is more and more used in notifying the public and various institutions in Yaounde, and the multiplication of the field activities.

## **II INVESTIGATIONS**

- 16 field investigations were carried out. The following places were visited: the markets of Etoudi, Mokolo, Central, Nkoleton, Mvogbi, Essos, Elig-edzoa, Mimboman. During these visits, 08 complaints were recorded. 01 case concerns assassination because of negligence of the police force; 01 cases concerns corruption in a sodomy court case (a 10 year old child sodomized during 03 years by a young man from 23 years); 02 cases of police corruption; 02 cases of corruption concerning tax collectors of the market. From that finally 02 cases of proven corruption:
  - First case of corruption: the person in charge of a shop at the Yaounde central market of who, after having paid his taxes for the year 2008, received a notification of reclassification of the license,. The agent of the taxes responsible for this investigation demanded to be paid the sum of 50.000fcfa to put him in his register to show that the preliminary checks had been done.
  - Second case of corruption: An agent of the council in charge of payments after having seized 7 roles of fabric in a tailoring workshop of one at the Elig Edzoa market for irregular and temporary occupation of the public space demanded to be paid for the sum of 9000fcfa so as to give back the fabrics without any receipt.
- A meeting of A.C Cameroon with the Association of the motor bike riders of the Etoudi market in Santa Barbara to create contacts and define areas of collaboration and see how to fight against the corruption affecting the taxi motorbikes.
- 13 calls on the AC hotline were registered:
- -03 calls for a legal assistance.
  - -02 calls to enquire about the availability of number A.C
  - -01 call to have a good knowledge of the aforementioned organization



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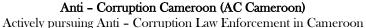
- -01 call concerning a suspicion of corruption in a case of heredity and administration of the goods of one late person.
- -04 calls to ask for advise and to encourage A.C in its delicate task.
- -02 calls for which the callers remained silent.
- 244 posters were posted at 19 different places: the Law courts of the administrative center, the direction of the taxes (Omnisport), the CNPS, the MINSANTE, the MINJUSTICE, the MINESEC, the E.N.S, the MINAT, the Ministry of Trade, and the markets enumerated above.
- Observations noted during investigations:
  - With the Law courts of Yaounde Administrative Center several of posters were torn.
  - The tradesmen complain more of the fraudulent tax agents and price controllers who arrive usually without badges nor mission orders.
  - Communal agents who do not deliver receipts after traders had paid their council dues.
  - The acquisition of stores in newly constructed buildings difficult and businesses under the table very rampant.
  - Sometimes the tradesmen are unaware or pretend to be unaware of their obligations and duties towards the tax authorities and councils and maintain corrupt practices with the agents of these bodies.

# III LEGAL

- A.C. studied and analyzed judgment N°1529/CO of the 08/07/08 of the Court of First Instance of Yaounde Administrative Center in the case of the state and Issouk Konde against Mrs. Ekossono with the maiden name of Moudine Louise for corruption.
- AC noticed that both parties were not notified.
- Follow-up of another case by AC at the legal department to ensure that the accused in the case of sodomy had been duly served with a warrant to remain behind bars and to prevent attempted corruption of the gendarmes in charge of the preliminary investigation.
- Setting up a working arrangement with a Bailiff with an aim of testifying of corruption (case of the central market).
- Review and proposals of new elements for the project of the national legislation against corruption, with UNDP, in collaboration with the legal department of LAGA.

# IV MEDIA

- 2 newspaper articles were produced and pushed through to the press: 1 in French and 1 in English.
- Guests: Barrister Dzodo Maurice one of two lawyers in the case of the students.
- Subjects developed on the fight against corruption : Capacity of ordinary citizens to carryout legal proceedings against corrupt civil servants.
- 1 press article in French and 1 article in English making a percentage of French 50% and English 50%.





• An accountable results oriented system was created to classify the media pieces following the model "Organic System".

## **V- HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Interview and recruitment of a committed volunteer.
- Recruitment of a former volunteer in order to activate the field activities and to make direct contact with the new volunteer for one week.

# VI RELATIONSHIPS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- A.C. Cameroon participated in a meeting held at the Ecumenical Service for Peace the with the representative of the Prime Ministry, the team of the Program CHOC represented by Dr. Michel Van Hultein and Marius Talla of the UNDP as well as the members of the Civil Society and some NGOs notably Youth 4 Integrity International, RECAAD Cameroon, Transparency International. The topic of the meeting was entitled: "Access to Justice in the Project of the Fight against Corruption"
- 80% of the proposals of A.C. Cameroon were taken into account in improving the national legislation against corruption project.

# VII RELATION WITH OTHER NGOs

• Meeting with Youth 4 Integrity International so as to get cases concerning the victims of corruption and to forward them to the court for legal action.

#### VIII MANAGEMENT

• Recruitment of a volunteer and recall of a former volunteer to for redynamise the field activities of the organization.

#### **IX-FINANCES**

The expenditure of AC per budgetary lines of September 08

Amount	<b>Budgetary heading</b>	Details	USD amount
FCFA			
162,000	Investigations	16 investigations	\$360.4
	Operations		
	Legal	1 case folllowed-up	
	Media	2 press releases, 1 in French and 1 in English	
	<b>External Relations</b>		
	Management		
27,545	Office		\$61.2
189,545	Total expenditure of September		421.6\$



**Total expenditure by Donor for September 08** 

Amount FCFA	Donor	USD amount
189,545	BHC	421.6\$

# **This Month in Pictures**



# Newspaper article aimed to mobilise the public and corruption victims as part of the strategy in the fight against corruption.

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