#### ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION

## **January 2015 Report**



## **Highlights**

- Three (03) new complaint files opened this month
- AC hotline receives **53** calls this month
- Health Corruption hotline receives 19 calls this month
- A total of 217AC brochures distributed and 112 AC posters pasted in Yaounde

#### General

The AC hotline phone registered 53 calls this month with 20 corruption complaints and corruption assimilated offences, as well as five 05 non-corruption related complaints.

One jurist retained for test this month out of four interviewed.

Three (03) new case files were opened this month;

A case file on extortion was opened this month. The victim in the process of buying a plot of land was extorted 400,000 FCFA by a journalist. This made the victim to lose the plot of land and the 1million francs she paid for the land. Investigations are still ongoing in this case.

A new case file on bribery was opened this month. The victim, a warder was illegally asked to pay some money before collecting his uniform which is normally shared out to warders free of charge. AC contacted the director of the Maroua central prison where it happened and he denied the fact that money was solicited to share uniforms.

Another case file on extortion was opened this month. Six victims who are headmasters of primary schools in the Meme division of the South West Region complained that the Senior Divisional Officer has obliged them to pay 20,000 F CFA before their schools participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> February (Youth day) celebrations. Investigations are still ongoing because AC has contacted his office twice but could not get the Senior Divisional Officer in person since his subordinates claim not to have any idea about the complaint.

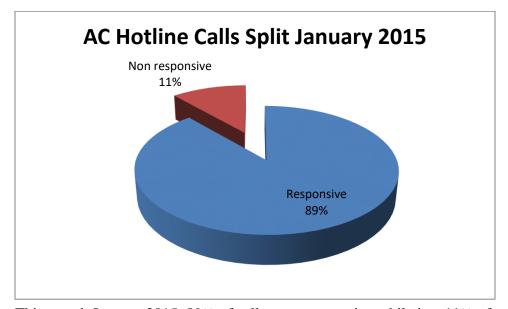
Brochure distribution and poster pasting have been the major activities carried out this month in order to recruit victims of corruption. Posters were pasted and brochures distributed in corruption hotspots in the Mokolo, Mfoundi and Ekounou markets and police stations in Yaounde.

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 Yaounde.

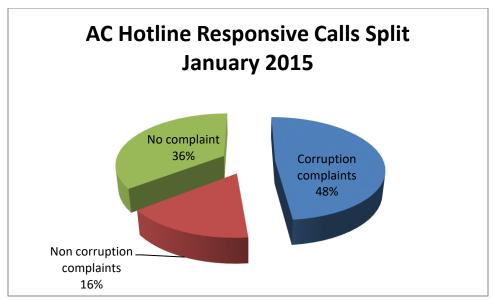
AC is still waiting to hear the results of the decisions arrived at with the case of the concrete dealer against the Sheriff of the civil engineering unit of the military base located at Olembe being resolved following military rules. The colonel in charge of the case had asked AC to wait as deliberations are still ongoing.

#### **AC Hotline Phone**

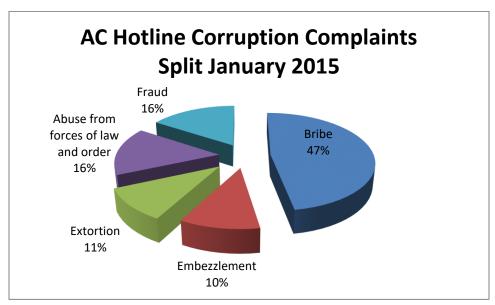
A total of 53 calls with 20 complaints; 7 corruption and corruption assimilated offenses and 5 other complaints not related to corruption against corruption were received this month through the AC hotline phone as represented below.



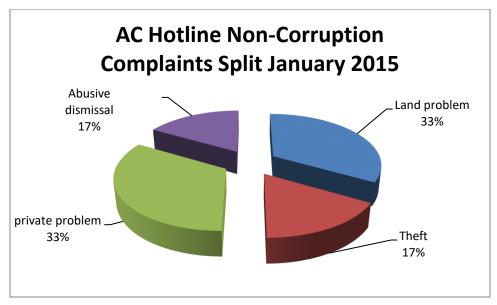
This month January 2015, 89% of calls were responsive while just 11% of calls not responsive.



Corruption complaints were the highest registered this month with 48%, followed by callers who did not have any complaint with 36% and non-corruption complaints at 16%

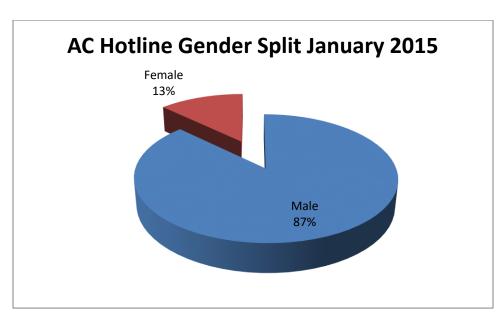


Complaints on bribery had the highest complaints this month with 47%, followed by fraud and abuse from forces of law and order which both have 16%, then extortion with 11% and last embezzlement with 10% of complaints.



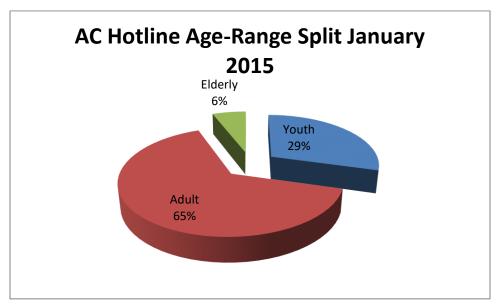
Land problems and private complaints each have 33% of complaints, followed by complaints on theft and abusive dismissal with both 17% each.

### Gender

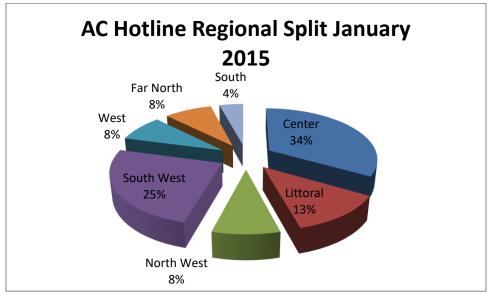


The male gender as usual participated highest representing 87% of callers while the female gender is just at 13% of calls, a phenomenon that has not been easy to explain.

## **Age Range of Callers**



The adult age-range as usual participated most with 65%, followed by the youth age-range with 29% and last by the elderly age-range which has just 6% of calls.



The Center region registered the highest number of calls with 34%, followed by the South West region with 25%, then the Littoral region with 13%, and the Far North, North West and West regions have 8% and last the South region with 4%.

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## **Email/postal complaints**

Two complaints were received through the AC email address. The first involving on many counts; corruption, oppression, tribalism, threat and blackmail in the judicial system and the second on embezzlement and misappropriation of public funds in the penitentiary.

## **Investigations**

Three (03) new case files were opened this month;

Investigations were necessary for the case of extortion opened this month. The victim complained she paid 1 million francs for a plot of land here in Yaounde but the person who collected the money paid in just 600,000 FCFA to the land owner and held back 400,000 FCFA for himself. This act caused the victim to lose not only the plot of land but also the entire 1 million francs she invested since she could not retrieve back the 600,000 FCFA paid to the land owner. AC got really interested in this case because the offender in question is a journalist who presented himself to the victim as one fighting against corruption. AC met with the officer of police incharge of the case when it was reported and was told the case has been sent to court already. The first hearing is on the 8 of February 2015.

A new case file on bribery opened this month was also investigated. The victim, a warder at the Maroua central prison reported that new recruits are being asked to pay the sum of 700 FCFA each before they collect their uniforms. AC went on a mission to the Ministry of Justice to find out how much new recruits need to pay to collect their uniforms and was told they normally do not pay for the service. AC contacted the director of the Maroua central prison where it happened and he denied the fact that money was solicited to share uniforms. The victim called later to announce that he collected his uniform without paying a franc.

Investigations are still ongoing on another case file on extortion opened this month. Six victims who are headmasters of primary schools in the Meme division of the South West Region complained that the Senior Divisional Officer has obliged them to pay 20,000 F CFA before their schools will be allowed to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> February (Youth day) celebrations. The Senior Divisional officer's office was contacted twice but because the Senior Divisional Officer is never around, investigations cannot be concluded.

## Legal follow-up

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 Yaounde.

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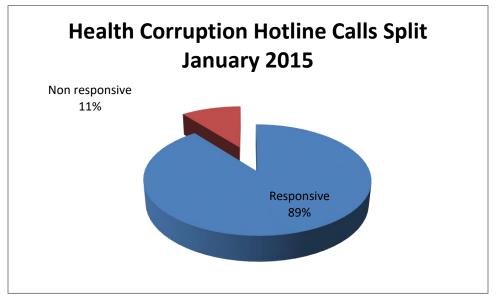
### Management

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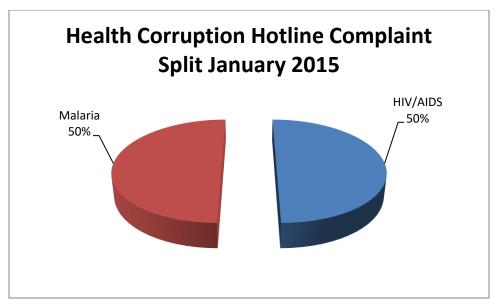
## **Health Corruption Hotline**

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

However, 19 calls were received this month through the health corruption hotline phone with 2 complaints; one related to HIV/AIDS and the other on the payment of anti-malarial which are free. The data has been analyzed and is represented on charts as seen below.



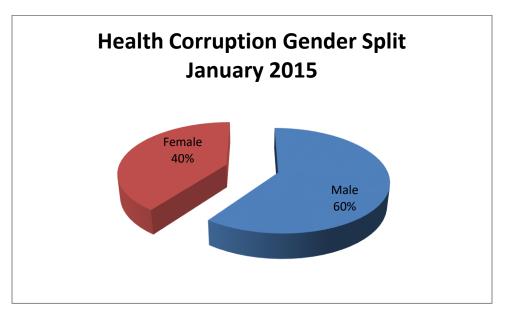
This month of January 2015, 89% of calls were responsive while 11% of callers did not respond to their calls or their phones were not available.



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

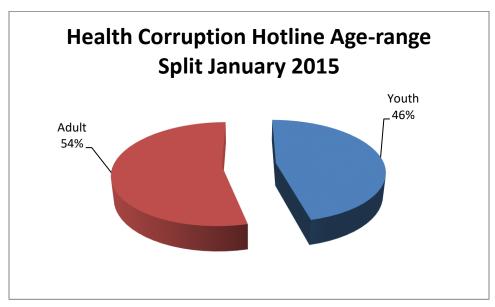
#### Gender

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



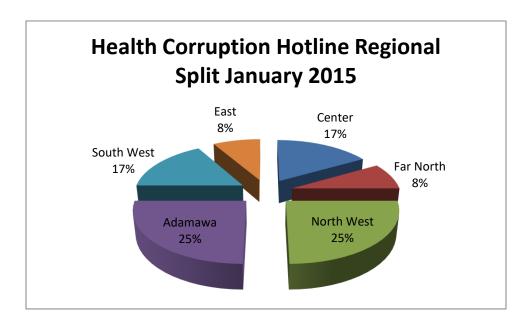
The male gender has 60% participation with the female gender having 40% showing an improvement from the usual statistics.

**Age Range of Callers** 



The adult range has 54% of participative calls this month while the youth age-range has 46%. The elderly age-range has been missing non participant for quite some months with no obvious explanation.

# **Regional Representation**



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The Adamawa and North West regions both have 25% each of calls, followed by the South West and the Center regions with 17% each and lastly the Far North and East regions with both having 8% each of calls.

## **Finance**

# AC received funds this month from private donors

Amount in	Use	Details	Amount in USD
Francs CFA			
20,000	AC Hotline	53 calls received	\$40.0
20, 000	HC Hotline	19 calls received	\$40.0
17,000	Investigations	217 brochures - 112 posters	\$34.0
94,500	Legal	03 case follow-up	\$189.0
	Media		
175,800	Management	coordination	\$351.6
0	Office	0	
327,300	TOTAL Expenditure January 2015		\$654.6

## **Donor Financial Report January 2015**

<b>Amount in FCFA</b>	Donor	Month	Amount in USD
328,000	Private Donor	Used in January	\$656.0