

ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION JANUARY ACTIVITY REPORT 2012



HIGHLIGHTS

- Two new case files opened this month.
- AC hotline receives **52** complaints this month
- **27** jurist applications were received, **6** were interviewed and **one** was retained for testing
- **121** recruitment notices were posted in Yaounde
- A total of **255** brochures were distributed this month in Douala and Yaounde

GENERAL

January 2012, the first month of the year 2012 opened with interview of jurist selected from 27 applications that were submitted. Six jurists were interviewed. One was retained for testing though not for long as other commitments did not allow for full testing. The jurist on test from 2011 was not retained as she did not meet AC criteria of work.

Brochure distribution, pasting of recruitment notices and posters have been a major part of sensitisation this month as well. The jurist retained for testing after interview pasted posters in Yaounde and did brochure distribution at Ministry of Finance in Yaounde where corruption is perceived to be at its peak. **200** brochures were distributed in Douala by AC programmer, **55** in Yaounde by the jurist on test. **128** AC notices were posted at different areas in Yaounde and Douala.

Investigative field missions in Yaounde to the university area, omnisport and manguier by trainee jurist.

Two new complaint files was opened this month while the syndicate cases of taxi-men against police officers (the first concerns two police officers working at the Nkolndongo police station against which 3 taxi drivers lodged a complaint of corruption, while the other case had four taxi drivers lodging a similar complaint against a police officer in Efulan police station) are still being followed-up by the respective lawyers.

AC programmer had a working session with Active Space in Douala to build working relationships with other programmers.

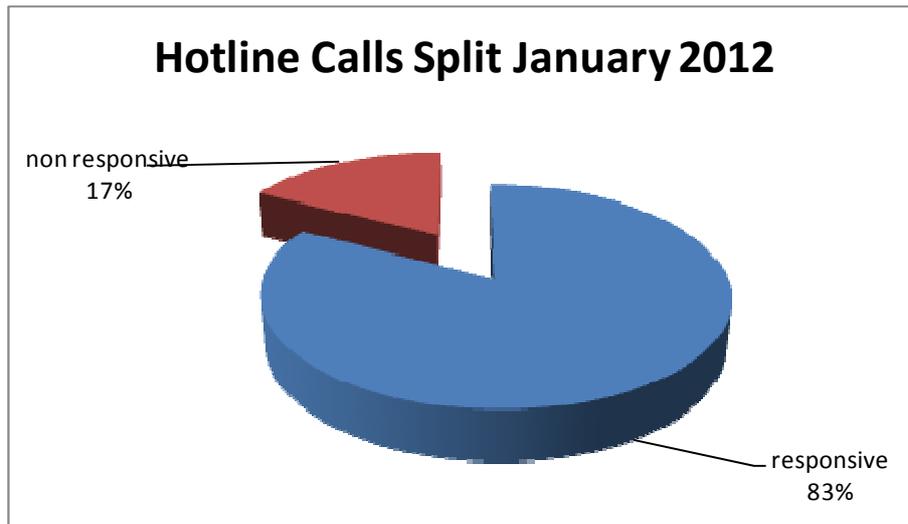
Mission to Monatele by jurist to follow-up the case in Monatele which involved land owners and the departmental delegate of land tenure in the Leke division.

Several TV stations in Douala and Yaounde were contacted for possible media sensitization of AC's work and operations. Discussions are still underway with the National TV house.

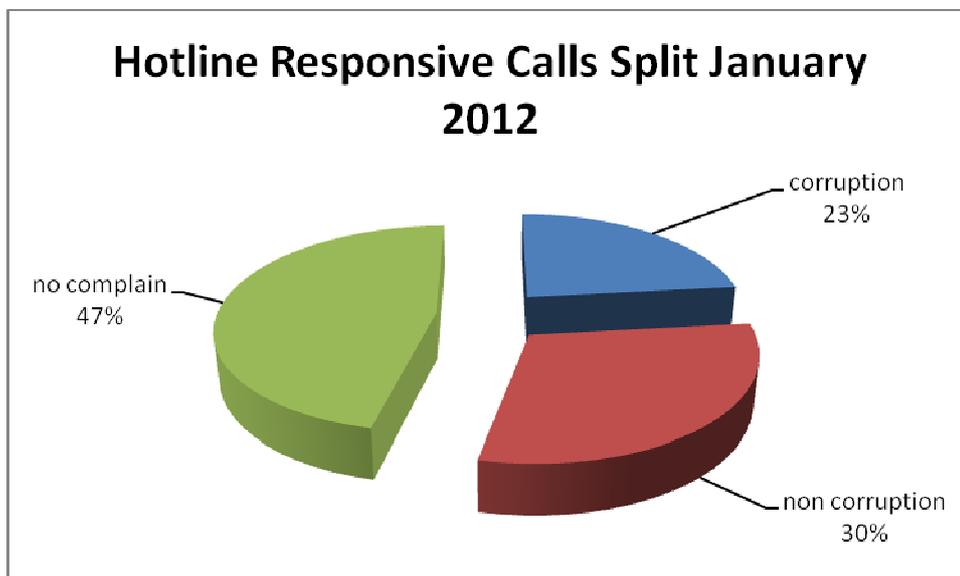
HOTLINE

A total of **52** calls were received through the AC hotline and are illustrated by the graphs under the various

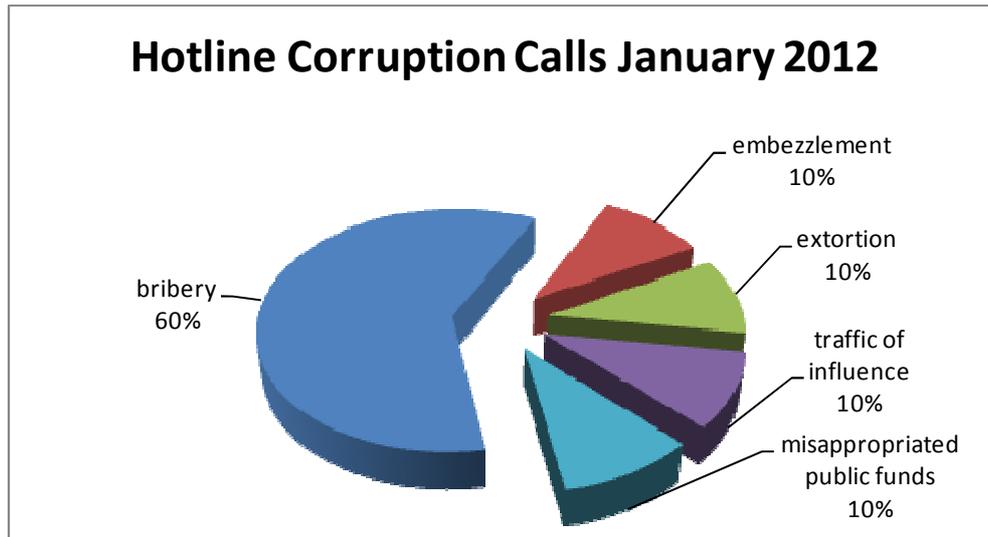
categories.



In the month of January 2012, **19%** of calls were non-responsive, compared to that of December 2011 which was almost equal to the percentage of responsive calls while **83%** of calls received were responsive calls though not all fell under corruption.



23% of calls received in January 2012 were corruption cases, **30%** were non-corruption calls, a **7%** increase from December 2011. **47%** of callers issued no complaint but it is assumed they had something to denounce but were either afraid or were caught up in the celebration spirit. A similar pattern is seen in people who claim to have dialled a wrong number or are simply verifying AC hotline number if it works.



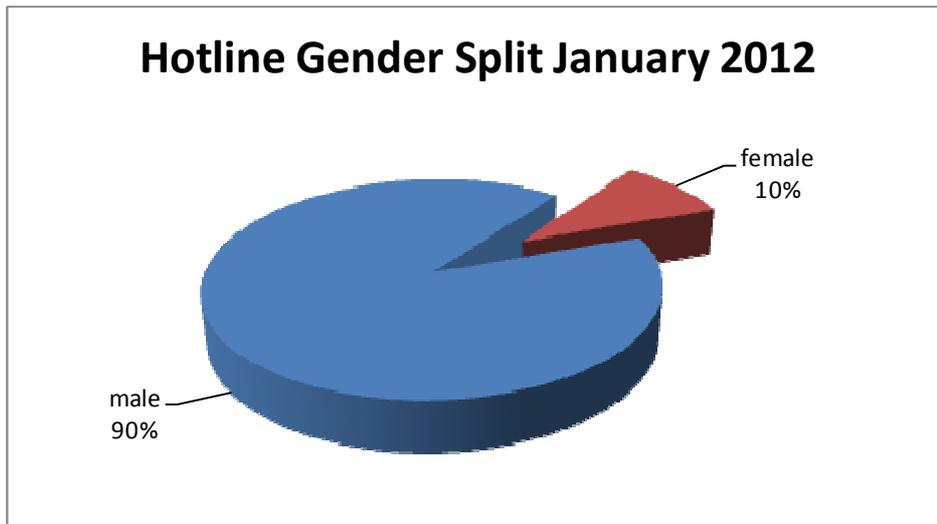
Callers in the month of January 2012 showed an increase in denouncing bribery at **60%** higher than all the previous months. Misappropriation of public funds, traffic of influence, extortion and embezzlement were also denounced each at **10%**.



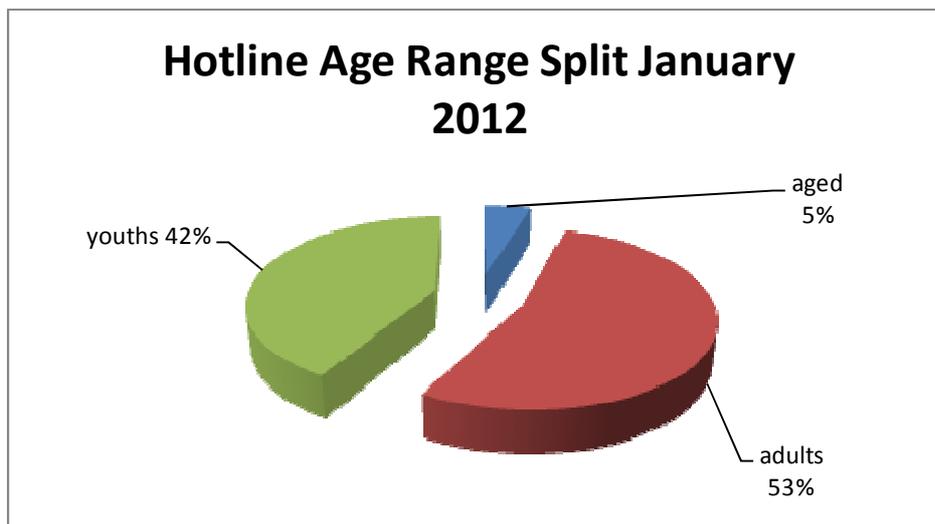
Non-corruption calls in January 2012 were represented by **44%** of callers claiming to have dialled the wrong numbers, who have issues to denounce but are not sure of themselves, **16%** demanded information on AC, also fall under the same category as those of wrong numbers not being able to denounce their corruption issues, **12%** needed advice from AC not necessarily on corruption while **28%** were on private disputes.

GENDER

Female gender in the month of January 2012 is still under-represented with **10%** callers, while **90%** of the callers were male.



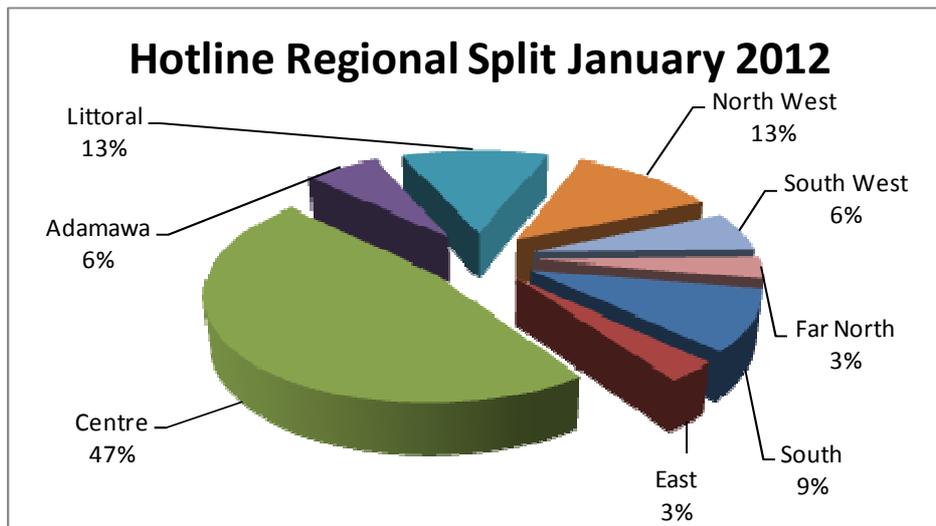
AGE RANGE OF CALLERS



The month of January 2012 had **5%** of calls from the elderly or aged (+55years). Adults (31-55years) calls were **53%**, while youths were **42%** (0-30 years).

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF CALLS

In January 2012 West and North regions had **0%** of callers each. **3%** of calls came from the Far North and East regions, **6%** of calls came from the Adamawa and South West regions, **9%** from the South region, **13%** from the Littoral and North West regions and **47%** from the Central region.



EMAIL AND POST ADDITION TO HOTLINE

All the emails received this month were applications for a job as per the recruitment notice posted by AC. No post office mails were received this month.

INVESTIGATIONS

Two new complaint files were opened this month. The syndicate cases of taxi drivers against police officers and that of Yokadouma are still being followed-up.

A field mission was carried out by the jurist of AC to follow-up the case in Monatele which involved land owners and the departmental delegate of land tenure in the Leke division. The mission was not successful as the delegate did not directly or openly solicit money or land as compensation to do his duty. Rather it was the bailiff who proposed compensation and the case was cancelled as it implicates the land owners rather than the delegate. The two new cases opened include:

Case of bus drivers against gendarmes: Bus drivers called AC to denounce the fact that two gendarmes practicing oppressively used threats and intimidation to take 500FCFA per driver. AC went on the field but the tension was already down the gendarmes were gone and things were back to normal. AC used the opportunity to discuss with the victims on AC procedures, mode of operation and asked them to alert AC in case it happened again or they witnessed any other forms of corruption.

Case of truck driver and highway corruption: AC received the complaint of a truck driver who transports fresh foods in a truck to the borders of Gabon/Cameroon denouncing the frequent encounters of corruption on the high way when he is transporting goods from high way officials and road control teams. AC met with him to discuss AC procedures while also establishing a working strategy on how to get victims and figure out how to fight against the corruption. AC deduced from the meeting that corruption is mostly happening at the control posts. Each post has an amount they ask for irrespective of the fact that the drivers have all their car documents. The truck driver informed AC that on refusal to pay, you wouldn't be allowed to deliver your goods.

LEGAL FOLLOW-UP

New bailiff working relationship established in Monatele for future collaboration

AC continues follow-up of syndicate cases involving a police inspector and taxi-men denouncing their acts of corruptions. The lawyers involved in the cases are pushing to see that these cases yield a judgment against these police inspectors.

Jurist interviews were held this month for six jurists and one was retained for training, while the other one on training was not retained because she was not able to work according to AC procedures.

This month also AC jurist travelled to establish working relationships with bailiffs in Monatele and follow-up AC case there.

MEDIA

Several TV stations in Douala and Yaounde were contacted for possible media sensitization of AC's work and operations. Discussions are still underway with the National TV house. AC continued to sensitize the public on its work and procedures through meetings with clients on the field to discuss with them on AC procedures. Pasting of **128** AC posters and distribution of brochures in Yaounde (**55**) and Douala (**200**).

MANAGEMENT

Former jurist on test was not retained while one was retained for testing from the interview conducted this month.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- AC Director participated in a meeting initiated by Citizen Governance Initiative to form an NGO caucus for the Access to Information Cameroon.
- AC Director met with the British High Commission on corruption, transparency and access to information.
- AC Director met with two evaluation teams – one of the world bank and one of Global Witness – on rethinking the approach to forest governance in Cameroon, the fight against corruption and access to information.
- AC Director met with LUKMEF and the World Bank on increasing transparency and accountability in development projects using electronic tools.

FINANCE

Future for Nature award has been the main donor for the running of AC activities in the month of January 2012. Ofir Drori and LAGA have also been donors this month to AC activities

January 2012 Financial Report January 2012

Amount in FCFA	Use	Details	Amount in USD
12,500	Hotline	84 calls received	\$24.8
12,350	Investigations	215 brochures distributed	\$24.5
118,800	Legal	4 cases followed-up	\$235.2
0	Media	No TV news bar	\$0.0
	Management		\$0.0
315,450	E-activism	Personnel	\$624.7
99,350	Office	office	\$196.7
558,450	TOTAL EXPENDITURE JANUARY 2012		\$1,105.8

Donor Financial Report January 2012

Amount in FCFA	Donor	Month	Amount in USD
-370,660	Future for Nature	From December 2011	\$734.0
-200,000	From LAGA	Used in January 2012	\$396.0
-15,000	From Ofir	Used in January 2012	\$29.7
558,450	Future for Nature	Used January 2012	\$1,105.8
-27,210	Future for Nature	passing to February 2012	\$53.9