# ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION

# June 2015 Report



# <u>Highlights</u>

- Two (02) new complaint files opened this month
- AC hotline received **42** calls this month
- Health corruption hotline registered **15** calls this month
- Two jurists on test confirmed this month
- A total number of 240 brochures distributed and 194 posters pasted in Yaounde

## General

The AC hotline phone registered 42 calls this month with 11 corruption complaints and corruption assimilated offences, as well as 6 non-corruption related complaints.

Two jurists on test were confirmed for continuous training and preparation to meet up with the AC working standards.

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A new complaint file on Bribery was opened this month. The victim whose case was in active litigation was abandoned by his attorney after receiving bribe from the adverse party. His attorney is now defending the adverse party and has threatened the victim to withdraw the case from court. AC is investigating the allegations of bribery involved in this case and has allowed the Cameroon Bar Council Association to handle the case.

Another new complaint file on Bribery and Oppression was opened this month. The victim complained against a commissioner of police who illegally arrested and detained him, solicited money for his release and later closed the case file without returning the articles (money and phones) found on him during the arrest. When contacted, a police officer informed AC that the money solicited from the victim was for bail and there were no items on the victim when he was arrested.

Investigations were also carried out in two government secondary schools in Yaounde: government high schools involving reports on bribery and corruption. Many parents seeking

Anti – Corruption Cameroon (AC - Cameroon) Website: <u>www.kick-corruption.org</u> ac.cameroon@yahoo.com admissions for their children in these schools complained they were obliged to pay 50,000 FCFA each before their children could be admitted. The principals strongly refuted this claim and promised to help AC catch the culprits in the act if a new complaint comes up.

The distribution of brochures and pasting of posters remained the major activities carried out this month in order to recruit victims of corruption. Posters were pasted and brochures distributed in corruption hotspots like the Ekounou courthouse and its environs, the delegation of transport at Mvog-mbi and market area, the SDO's office in Efoulan, the Efoulan Government Secondary School and the Oyomabang junction.

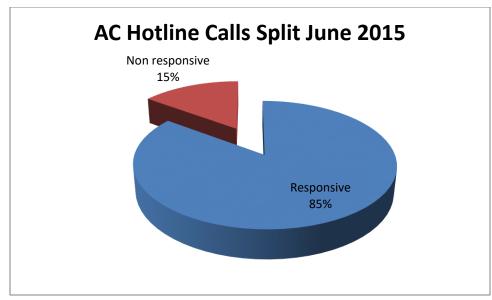
Case follow-up this month continues with the court case of motor bike riders against the head of the Nkolbisson municipal storeroom still at the level of hearings in the high court in Yaounde. The case was adjourned again for an extended period and promised to be thrown out of court if the plaintiffs like the defendant continue to miss another court session. The plaintiffs are discouraged and giving up on the case.

The victim of the case file opened in the month of March on corruption and oppression was cancelled and she deposited a new complaint with the judicial police. The victim complained against a market councilor and a commissioner of police who acted in complicity to arrest and lock her up in a male cell room at the Mokolo police station where she was raped. Replication for the case was not successful.

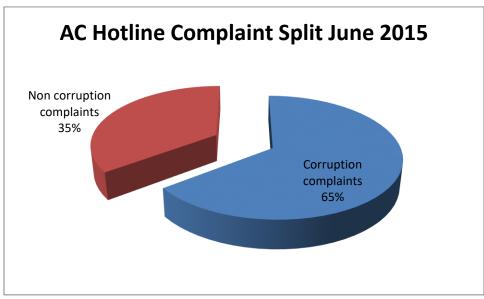
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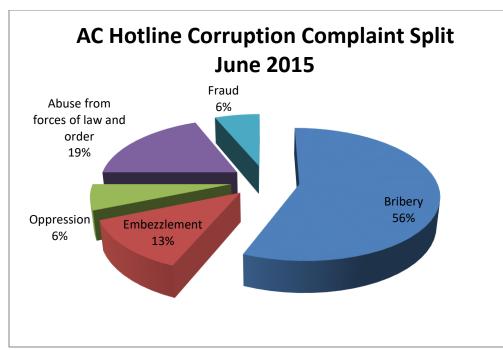
In addition to calls received through the AC hotline phone, field work was also carried out around some corruption hotspots in Yaounde in a bit to recruit victims of corruption. In this regard, a total of 240 AC brochures were distributed and 194 AC posters pasted with 3 corruption complaints collected mostly on bribery and corruption. The calls have been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below



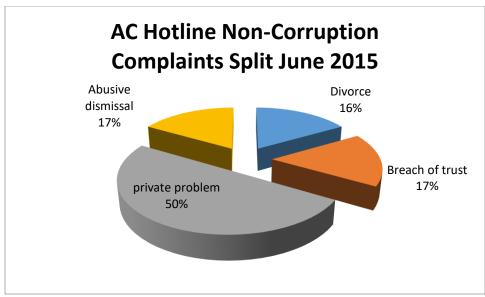
This month of June 2015, 85% of AC calls were responsive while only 15% of calls were non-responsive.



Corruption complaints were highest this month with 65% while non-corruption complaints were 35%

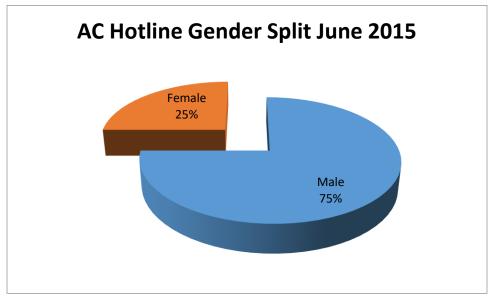


Bribery tops the list with 56% of complaints reported to AC this month, followed by Abuse from the Forces of Law and Order with a 19% representation, then embezzlement with 13% and lastly Oppression complaints and fraud which were at 6%.



Most of the callers with non-corruption complaints this month of June 2015 had private problems with a 50% representation, followed by complaints of abusive dismissal and breach of trust which both had 17% each and lastly divorce with 16%.

# Gender



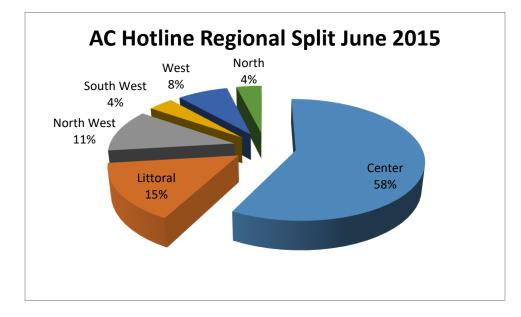
As is common with the AC hotline phone, the male gender participated more with 75% while the female folk participated with 25%.

# AC Hotline Age-Range Split June 2015

# Age range of callers

The adult age range participated most with 81% of calls, followed by the elderly age group which interestingly surpasses the youth age group this month having 10% of calls, lastly followed by the youth age group with 9% of calls.

### **Regional representation**



The Center region continually tops the list of regions with the most calls with 58% of calls. Continuous field work is carried out in this region on a weekly basis to recruit victims of corruption. The Littoral region follows with 15% of calls, the North West with 11%, the West with 8% and lastly, the North and South West regions which represented 4% each.

#### **Email/postal complaints**

Three new complaints were received through the AC email address. Two on bribery and corruption in government secondary schools here in Yaounde and one on unjust and wrongful detention.

#### Investigations

Investigations were carried out this month on a new complaint file on Bribery opened this month. The victim whose case was in active litigation was abandoned by his attorney after receiving bribe from the adverse party. His attorney is now defending the adverse party and has threatened the victim to withdraw the case from court. AC has been meeting up with the victim to get more information and has planned a discussion meeting with the counsel in question which will enable AC verify the allegations of bribery involved in this case. AC has also advised the victim to file a grievance with the Cameroon Bar Council Association.

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Investigations were also carried out in two governments secondary schools in (Government High Schools Efoulan and Essos) involving reports on bribery and corruption. Many parents seeking admissions for their children in the lower sixth section in these schools called the AC hotline and sent mails to complain they were obligated to pay 50,000 FCFA each before their children could be admitted. AC could not get information on this complaint while there on the campuses since the operations were carried out underground. The principals strongly refuted this claim and promised to help AC catch the culprits in the act if a new complaint comes up.

### Legal follow-up

Case follow-up this month continues with the pending court case of motor bike riders against the head of the Nkolbisson municipal storeroom still at the level of hearing in the high court in Yaounde. The case was adjourned again for an extended period and promised to be thrown out of court if the plaintiffs like the defendant continue to miss another court seesion. The plaintiffs are discouraged and giving up on the case.

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#### Management

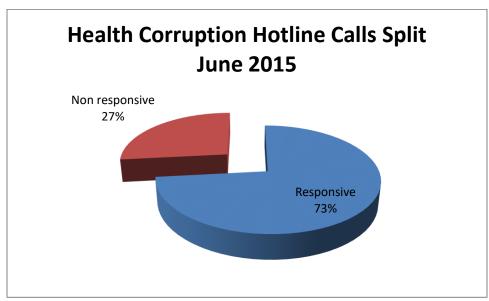
The two jurists on test in AC were confirmed this month of June 2015 for continuous training and evaluation.

#### **External relations**

AC was contacted this month by the IMC Worldwide regional assistant, an international development consultancy on behalf of the World Bank to request for information to create a twopage profile that will be included in a World Bank knowledge base. A database which will serve to inform development practitioners about social enterprises, including those which received grants through the Development Marketplace programme which AC was one of the winners in 2011.

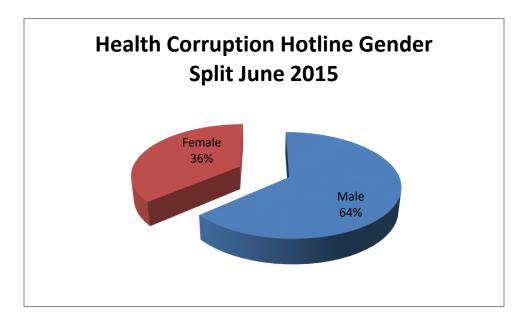
# **Health Corruption Hotline**

The health corruption hotline received 15 calls this month and registered no complaint. The lack of field activities is the reason behind this decrease of calls and lack of complaints. The data from the calls has been analyzed as is represented below.



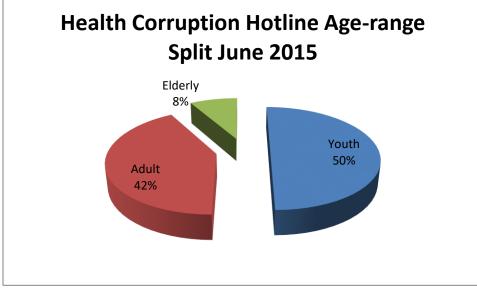
This month of June 73% of calls this month were responsive while 27% of callers' number was unavailable or did not respond to their calls.

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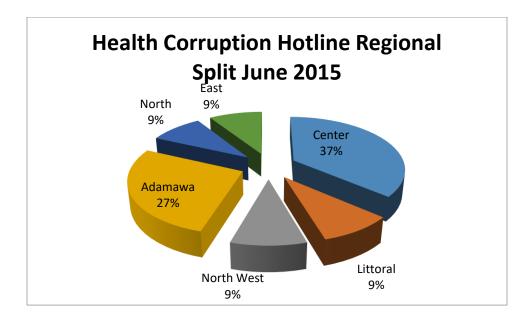


Anti – Corruption Cameroon (AC - Cameroon) Website: <u>www.kick-corruption.org</u> ac.cameroon@yahoo.com 64% of callers this month were the male gender while 36% of the female gender participated in calls this month.

## **Age-range of callers**



The youth age-range participated most this month of June with 50% of calls, the adult age-range followed with 42% and the elderly age-range put in just 8% of calls.



#### **Regional representation**

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The highest number of calls came in from the Center region with a representation of 37%, followed by the Adamawa region with 27%, then the East, North, Littoral and North West regions which represented 9% each.

## Finance

### AC received funds this month from LAGA Cameroon

Amount in	Use	Details	Amount in USD
Francs CFA			
30,000	AC Hotline	42 calls received	\$51.0
30,000	HC Hotline	15 calls received	\$51.0
36,000	Investigations	brochures - posters	\$61.0
199,900	Legal	02 case follow-up	\$339.0
0	Media	0	
216,550	Management	coordination	\$367.0
40,000	Office		\$68.0
552,450	TOTAL Expenditure June 2015		\$936.0

#### **Donor Financial Report June 2015**

Amount in FCFA	Donor	Month	Amount in USD
864,500	LAGA Cameroon	Used in June	\$1465.0