# ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION

#### September 2015 Report



## Highlights

- Three (03) new case files opened this month
- AC hotline phone received **35** calls
- HC hotline phone registered 14 calls this month
- A total number of 273 brochures distributed and 115 posters pasted in Yaounde

#### General

The AC hotline phone received 35 calls this month of September 2015 with 14 complaints. 8 corruption complaints and 6 non-corruption related complaints.

Most corruption complaints this month were education corruption complaints stemming from the new school year re-opening.

Three (03) new case files were opened this month all on bribery

The victim complained that he was solicited 30,000 F CFA as bribe at the AHALA 19<sup>th</sup> police district by an inspector of police before his complaint could be forwarded to the State Counsel. AC-Cameroon contacted the inspector of police in question and he forwarded the complaint to the State Counsel without receiving a franc.

A new case file on bribery was also opened this month. The victim complained that the viceprincipal of the Government High School Kosala in Kumba was soliciting 15,000 F CFA as bribe from him before he could get the admission form into form five. AC contacted the vice principal who refused to talk. AC then contacted the principal himself who quickly resolved the problem.

Another education corruption case was opened this month. Four students transferred from the Government High School Deido to the Government High School Foumbot were solicited 15,000 F CFA each as bribe before they could be allowed to pay their school fees into upper sixth. AC

counseled the students to contact the regional delegate of secondary education who intervened and the students got the admission without paying the bribe solicited.

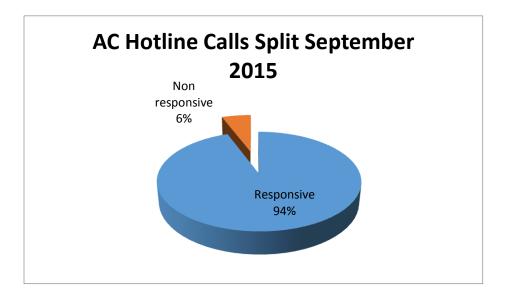
The distribution of brochures and pasting of posters continues to be the major activities carried out this month in order to recruit victims of corruption. Posters were pasted and brochures distributed in corruption hotspots around the Ekounou and Mfou courthouses, the Ministry of Finance, Health, Culture and prime ministry in Yaounde.

Case follow-up this month continues with the old 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 Yaoundé. The case was suspended for an extended period with threats of it being thrown out of court because both the plaintiffs and the defendants miss court sessions. AC met with the lawyer handling the case to put more pressure on him so he can push for the court case to be resumed.

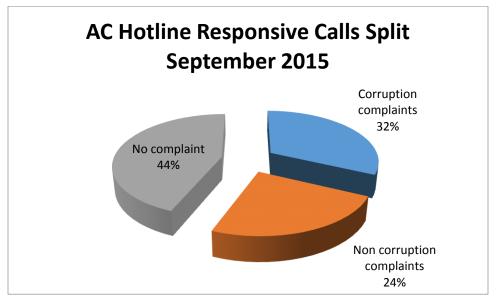
## **AC Hotline Phone**

The AC hotline phone registered **35** calls this month of September 2015 with **8** corruption and corruption assimilated offences and **6** non-corruption related complaints.

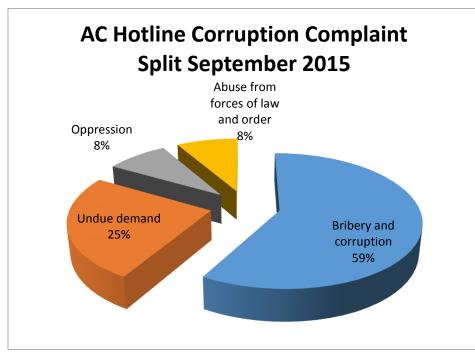
In addition to calls received through the AC hotline phone, field work was also carried out around corruption hotspots in Yaounde in a bit to recruit victims of corruption. In this regard, a total of 273 AC brochures were distributed and 115 AC posters pasted in Yaounde. The calls have been analyzed and represented on charts as seen below.



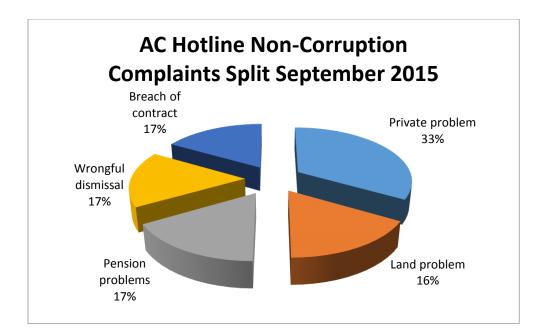
94% of calls this month were responsive while just 6% of callers' phone was unavailable.



44% of callers this month did not report any complaint while 32% of callers reported corruption complaints and 24% of callers had non-corruption related complaints

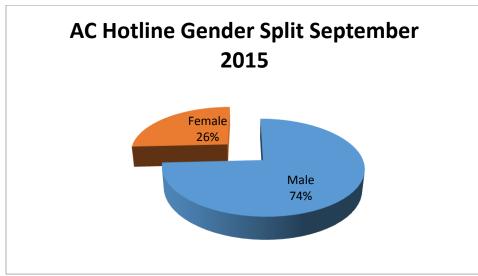


Most complaints this month was on bribery and corruption which registered the highest with 59%, followed by complaints of undue demand with 25%, and lastly, oppression and abuse from forces of law and order with 8% each



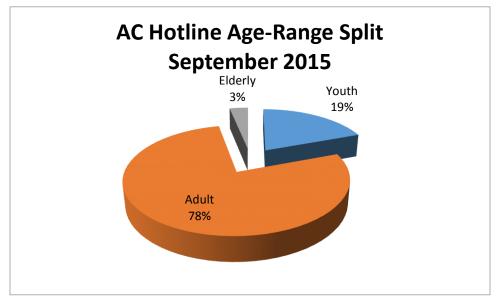
Private problems top the list of no-corruption complaints with 33%, followed by complaints of wrongful dismissal, breach of contract and pension problems which all had 17% each and lastly land problem which had 16%.

## Gender



74% of callers this month of September were the male gender while the female gender participated with 26% calls.

## Age-range of callers



As usual, the adult age range participated more with 78% of calls, followed by the youth age range with 19% and lastly the elderly age range with just 3% of calls

#### **AC Hotline Regional Split September** 2015 Adamawa Extreme South East ۵% 4% 4% North West 4% 4% Centre South West 50% 15% Littoral 11% North West 4%

## **Regional Representation**

The Centre region had the highest participation with 50% of total calls, followed by the South West region with 15%, the Littoral region with 11% and lastly, the Adamawa, East, South, West, and Extreme North which all had 4% each.



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

One education corruption complaint involving bribery and corruption was received through the email address this month.

#### Investigations

Investigations were carried out on a bribery attempt case opened this month. The victim complained that he was solicited 30,000 F CFA as bribe at the AHALA 19<sup>th</sup> police district where he deposited a complaint. The inspector of police demanded he pays the money solicited before his complaint can be forwarded to the State Counsel. This was quite contrary to Section 135 (4) (b) of the Criminal Procedure Code which states that "…complaints shall not be subjected to any formalities or fiscal stamps…the authorities …shall be bound to receive the complaints". Basing on this Section, AC contacted the inspector of police in question who refuted the claims. He then promised to forward the complaint which the victim confirmed he did without asking anymore for money.

Investigations were also carried out on another bribery case opened this month. The victim complained that a vice-principal of the Government High School Kosala in Kumba was soliciting 15,000 F CFA as bribe from him before he could get the admission form into form five. AC contacted the vice principal in order to know why admission forms were sold and he vehemently refused to talk about the problem. AC then contacted the principal himself who quickly resolved the problem by making readily available admission forms for prospective students. The principal also promised to organize a commission that will take serious decisions against the vice principal in question if the act of corruption was verified.

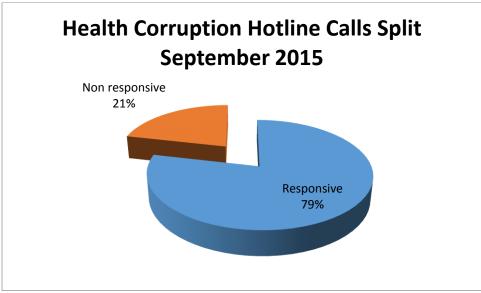
Investigations and intervention in another education corruption case was resolved this month. Four students transferred from the Government High School Deido to the Government High School Foumbot were solicited 15,000 F CFA each as bribe before their names could be included on the list of students eligible to pay school fees into upper sixth. It proved a little tricky to get the principal on phone and so AC counseled the students to contact the provincial delegate of secondary education. He intervened and made sure the students got the admission without paying the bribe solicited.

## Legal follow-up

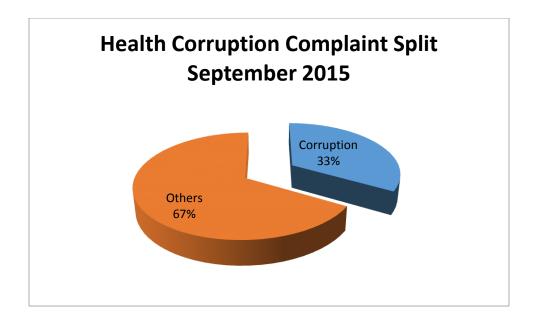
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## **Health Corruption Hotline**

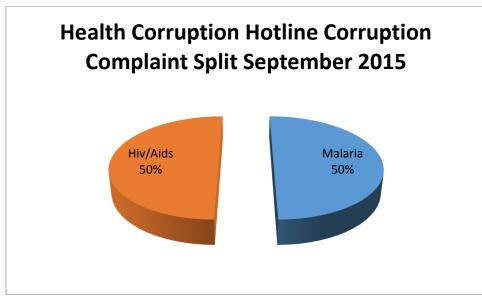
The health corruption hotline received 14 calls this month and registered 2 corruption complaints; one on the sale of subsidized malaria treatment for children below five years and pregnant women, the other regarding HIV/AIDS treatment and 4 non-corruption related complaints.



79% of calls were responsive this month of September while 21% of callers were either unavailable or did not pick up their calls

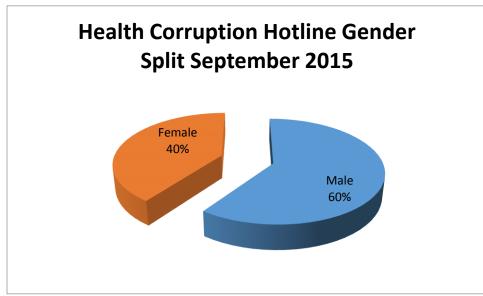


67% of Health Corruption complaints this month were non corruption related while just 33% of complaints were corruption related



Complaints against the sale of Malaria and HIV/AIDS treatments both have 50% each this month of September 2015

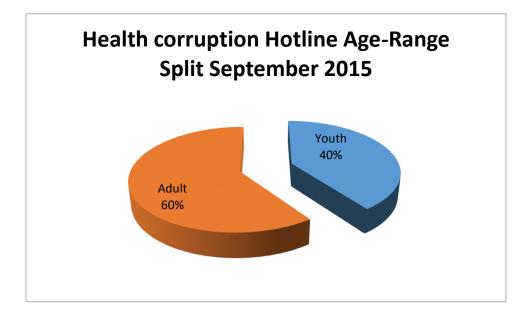
## Gender



The male gender as usual participated with the highest number of calls representing 60% while the female gender represented 40% of callers.

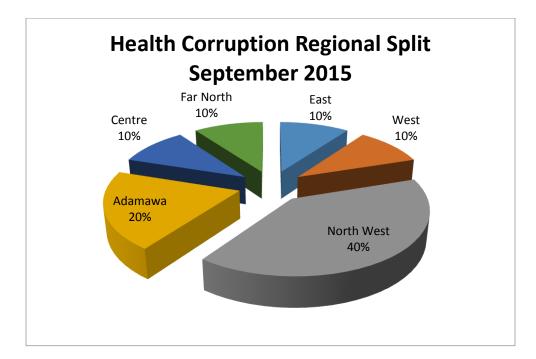


#### **Age-range of callers**



This month of September 2015, the adult age range participated with 60% of calls while the youth age range put in 40%.

## **Regional Representation**



The North West region registered the highest number of calls with 40%, followed by the Adamawa region with 20%, then the Centre, East, West and Far North which all had 10% each. The Littoral, a usually active region did not participate this month.

## Finance

#### AC received funds this month from LAGA

Amount in	Use	Details	Amount in USD
Francs CFA			
30,000	AC Hotline	35 calls received	\$51
30,000	HC Hotline	14 calls received	\$51.0
28,000	Investigations	273 brochures - 115 posters	\$47.0
242,000	Legal	03 case follow-up	\$410
0	Media	0	
161,400	Management	coordination	\$274
0	Office	0	
491,400	TOTAL Expenditure September 2015		\$833

#### **Donor Financial Report September 2015**

Amount in FCFA	Donor	Month	Amount in USD
498,000	LAGA	Used in September	\$844