



ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION MARCH ACTIVITY REPORT 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

- AC legalisation finalised this month.
- Health Corruption project commences this month
- Constat drawn against adjudant chief of EMIA SED by petty traders at Central Hospital, Yaounde
- AC hotline receives **45** calls this month
- AC newsbar commences over Cameroon National Television (CRTV)

GENERAL

The major break for AC this month is the official legalisation of the AC organisation by the government of Cameroon giving it the full rights to work in the country. This legalisation has taken more than five years to be issued because of bureaucracy and other obstacles.

This month AC commenced newsbar diffusion on Cameroon National Television CRTV while the contract with Ariane TV also ended this month. The results obtained during from diffusion on Ariane TV were low.

AC hotline calls have witnessed a slight increase as a result of the newsbar diffusion on Arian TV which ends mid this month as AC commences diffusion over the National Television. Compared to when AC began this is relatively low.

AC strategically distributed **100** brochures in Nkolafamba to help in the attempt to get more corruption victims from the land and tenure office. Brochure distributions were also done in Yaounde.

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The two jurists on test in AC made several missions to the field to paste posters as well and seek information on transportation laws in Cameroon and information on subsidised medications. AC jurists went to CENAM, ACMS, GTC and delegation of health to seek information on the list of free treatments or medications. It was not really successful as no information was given.

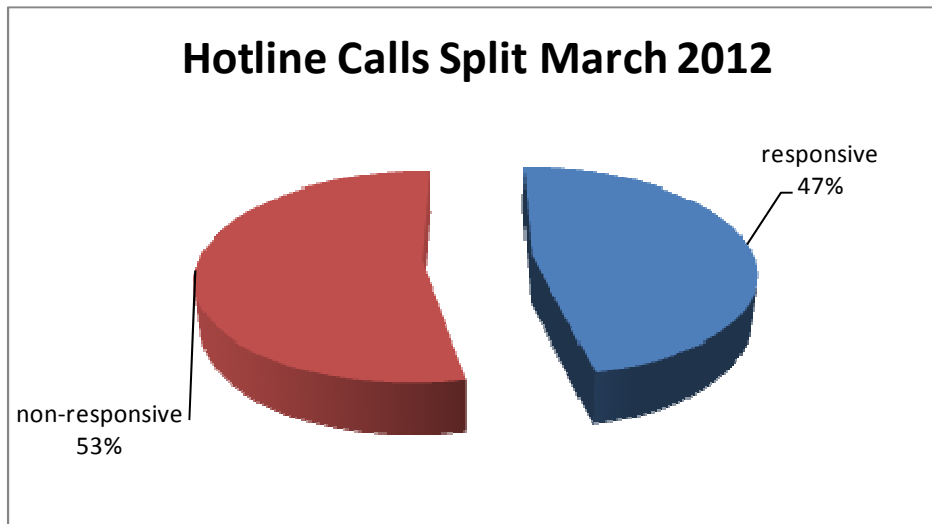
AC begins activities on execution of Health Corruption project. Several NGOs were contacted and briefed on the project and its strategy of implementation. Their participation by assisting AC in the distribution of information leaflets and pasting posters was solicited.

Field missions to Nkolafamba this month focused on getting victims with issues of corruption involving land matriculation at the sub-divisional office of Nkolamfamba.

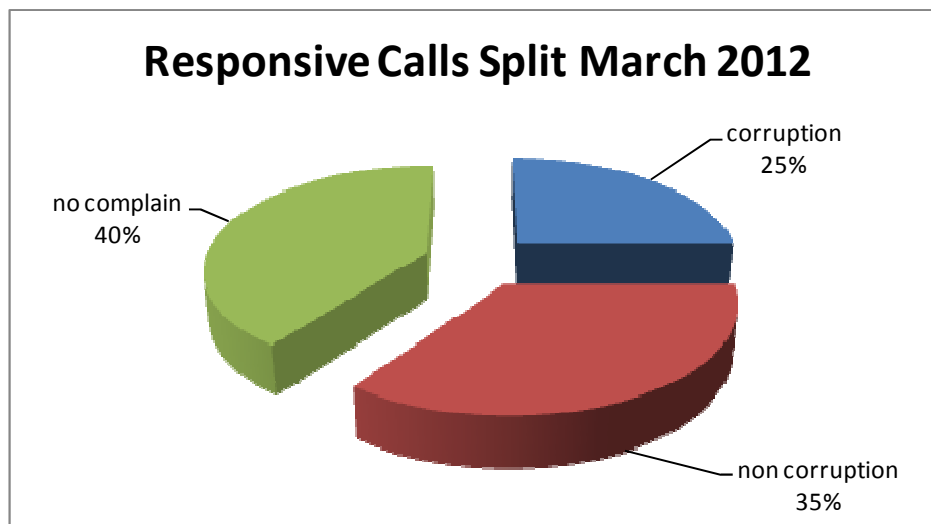
The syndicate cases of taxi-men against police officers - the first concerning two police officers working at the Nkolndongo police station against which 3 taxi drivers lodged a complaint of corruption, while the other case had four taxi drivers lodging a similar complaint against a police officer in Efulan police station are still being followed-up by the respective lawyers.

HOTLINE

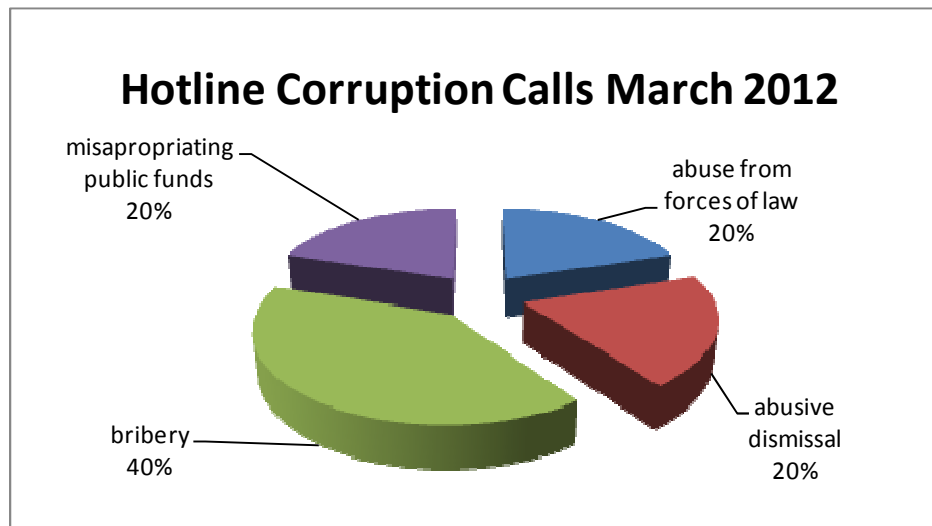
A total of **45** calls were received through the AC hotline and are illustrated by the graphs under the various categories.



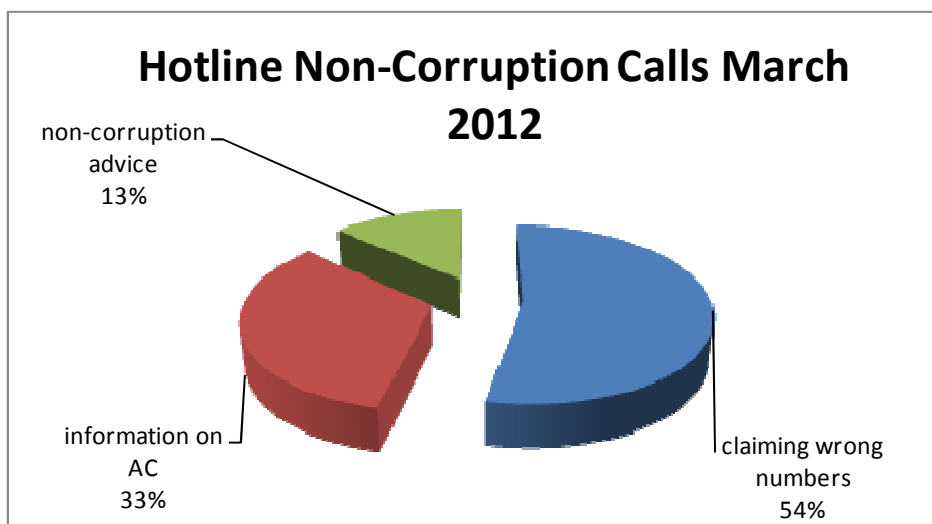
In the month of March 2012, **53%** of calls were non-responsive and **47%** of calls received were responsive calls though not all fell under corruption.



In March 2012 callers on corruption cases were **25%**, **35%** were non-corruption calls. **40%** of callers issued no complaint, a pattern seen in people who are afraid to denounce corruption cases and most of the times claim to have dialled a wrong number.



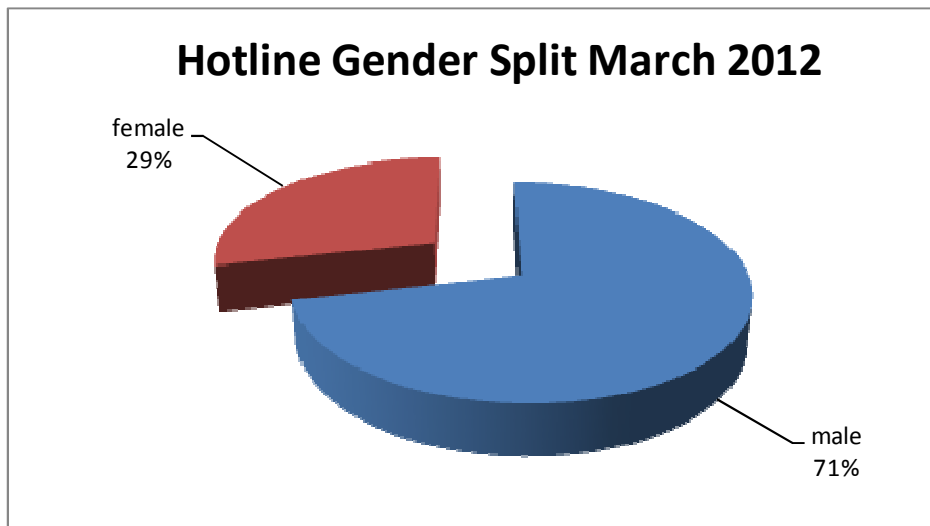
Like the other months bribery has always been higher than most of the other corruption cases. Callers denounced **40%** of bribery and **20%** each for abuse form forces of law and order, misappropriation of public funds and abusive dismissal.



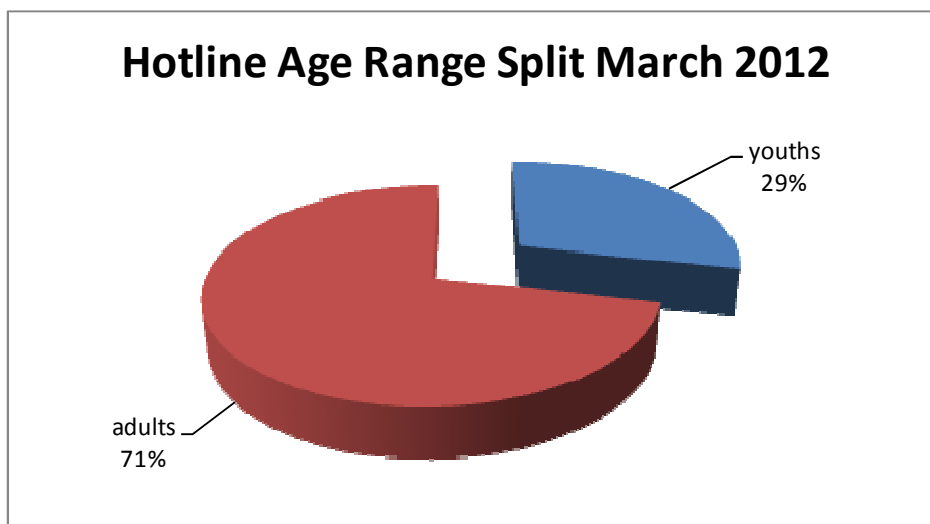
Non-corruption calls in March 2012 were represented by **54%** of callers claiming to have dialled the wrong numbers, who have issues to denounce but are afraid, **33%** demanded information on AC and **13%** needed advice from AC which is not corruption based.

GENDER

29% of callers this month of March 2012 were of the female gender while **71%** of the callers were male. There is a slight increase in the female callers; reasons not certain for such an increase.



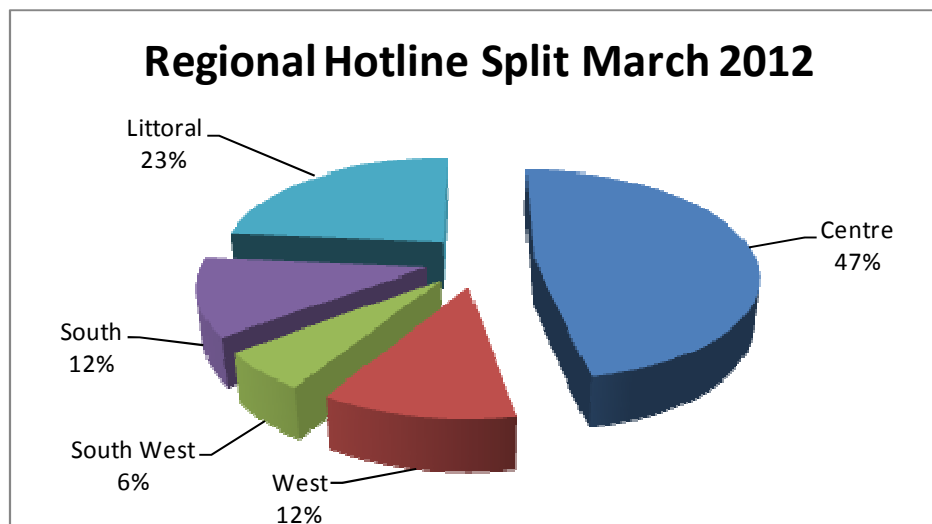
AGE RANGE OF CALLERS



The month of March 2012 had **71%** of calls from adults (31-55years) and **29%** from the youths (0-30 years). No calls were received from the elderly or aged (+55 years) this month.

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF CALLS

In March 2012 **47%** of callers came from the Center region, **23%** from the Littoral regions, **12%** from the South and West regions and no calls from the North, North West, South West, East, Adamawa and Far North regions.



EMAIL AND POST ADDITION TO HOTLINE

One email was received this month on recruitment. No post office mails were received this month.

INVESTIGATIONS

One new complaint file was opened this month with follow-up pending. The syndicate cases of taxi drivers against police officers and that of Yokadouma are still being followed-up. Follow-up was done on the cases that were opened last month.

- Central Hospital medication vendors against Adjudant Chief of SED, EMIA Yaounde: Case of a drug seller who was locked in the cell for one week on false motives agreed to carry a complaint against the gendarme responsible of the case who asked him a bribe of 50 000fcfa to let him out. AC was able to draw a constat against this gendarme officer in the act of soliciting the bribe.
- The Yokadouma complaint file which concerned school teachers not remunerated for their work by the mayor was transmitted to Barrister Sale, a lawyer in Yokadouma. He wants to get some information from the counsel to have a better insight of the case. Poor telephone network is making it difficult to communicate with him.
- A descent to the field on the case of solicited bribe at Nkolafamba for the matriculation of land documents to get victims was not successful. No victims were recruited, but the collaborator of the sub divisional officer clearly made it known that there is nothing he can do without money.
- AC met with the gendarme officer who was sanctioned for reporting on the issuing of fake drivers licences by the transport office in Bamenda when he discovered a network of fake driving license and was accused by his superiors of extortion and lack of discipline. He was given a punishment which suspended his career for 3 years. This month, he showed us a copy of his annotation booklet. The punishment he told us about was actually written in it. But from documents we've received from him till now it looks like he is a victim of his superiors's oppression which is punishable with imprisonment for from three months to three years and fine of from 5000 to 50 000fcfa. (section 140 penal code).

LEGAL FOLLOW-UP

AC established a working relationship with a new lawyer in Yaounde, on account of a new case that AC opened this month.

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

The two jurists on test were not retained after their testing period and AC called a jurist on the waiting list and also one for an interview.

MEDIA

Diffusion of AC newsbar on Ariane TV was stopped this month. Results obtained during this period of diffusion were low.

AC has commenced newsbar diffusion on the Cameroon National Television (CRTV).

A total of **300** posters were pasted and **300** brochures distributed. Poster pasting was done this month by the two jurists on test in AC. **200** posters and **200** brochures in Yaounde, **100** posters and **100** brochures in Nkolafamba.

MANAGEMENT

The jurists on test in the month of February/March were not retained as they did not meet up with AC procedures.

One jurist on waiting list was called up for testing while another jurist was interviewed to begin test in April 2012.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- AC approached the Ministry of Health, Global Fund, some donors and many NGO's working in the health sector in Cameroon in order to obtain information pertaining to HIV, Malaria, Tuberculoses, and Cholera subsidies.
- AC programmer had a meeting with the Director of Goethe institute on the possibility of encouraging ICT specialists to develop their skills for social use. The institute will host a computer event in May 2012 during which AC will make a presentation on Cameroon's great social problems and some technological solutions to develop.
- AC met with truck drivers and some coordinators of truck drivers syndicates to have a clear understanding of the corruption taking place in that sector. From the meeting, AC went on to collect laws and regulations governing truck transportation from the Ministry of Transport.

FINANCE

LAGA has been the main donor for the running of AC activities in the month of March 2012.

March Financial Report 2012

Amount in FCFA	Use	Details	Amount in USD
50,000	Hotline	45 calls received	\$101.0
68,525	Investigations	300 brochures distributed	\$138.4
272,400	Legal	2 cases followed-up	\$550.3
80,000	Media	CRTV news bar	\$161.6
	Management		\$0.0
390,000	E-activism	Personnel	\$787.9
62,400	Office	office	\$126.1
923,325	TOTAL EXPENDITURE MARCH 2012		\$1,865.3

Donor Financial Report March 2012

Amount in FCFA	Donor	Month	Amount in USD
-370,660	Future for Nature	From December 2011	\$748.8
-200,000	From LAGA		\$404.0
-15,000	From Ofir		\$30.3
558,450	Future for Nature	Used January 2012	\$1,128.2
-650,000	From LAGA	Donated February 2012	\$1,313.1
604,975		Used February 2012	\$1,222.2
-850,000	From LAGA		\$1,717.2
923,325		Used March 2012	\$1,865.3
1,090	From LAGA	passing to April 2012	\$2.2

