

ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION AUGUST ACTIVITY REPORT 2011



HIGHLIGHTS

- AC got a bailiff report drawn up on a case of a trader against a member of the urban council of Nkolbisson, Yaounde for corruption.
- **3** new cases were followed-up.
- AC hotline receives **60** complaints
- Redefinition of categories on the electronic hotline software by AC
- Legal follow-up of **2** old syndicate cases reopened by AC
- **126** posters pasted in Douala
- Exchange of trainee jurists on test for better output between AC and LAGA

GENERAL

Three months into the re-launch of activities AC, the work has been centred on reopening old cases and renewing legal follow-up. This month was marked by a bailiff statement drawn-up against a member of the Yaounde urban council.

Follow-up of the syndicate cases of taxi men against police officers started this month. These cases were opened against different police officers in Yaounde who solicited bribe from taxi men after unlawfully seizing their working car documents. One involved two police officers from Nkolndongo Police station with 3 taxi-men as victims while the other involves a police officer from the Efoulan Commissariat involving 4 taxi-men victims, all in the Centre region

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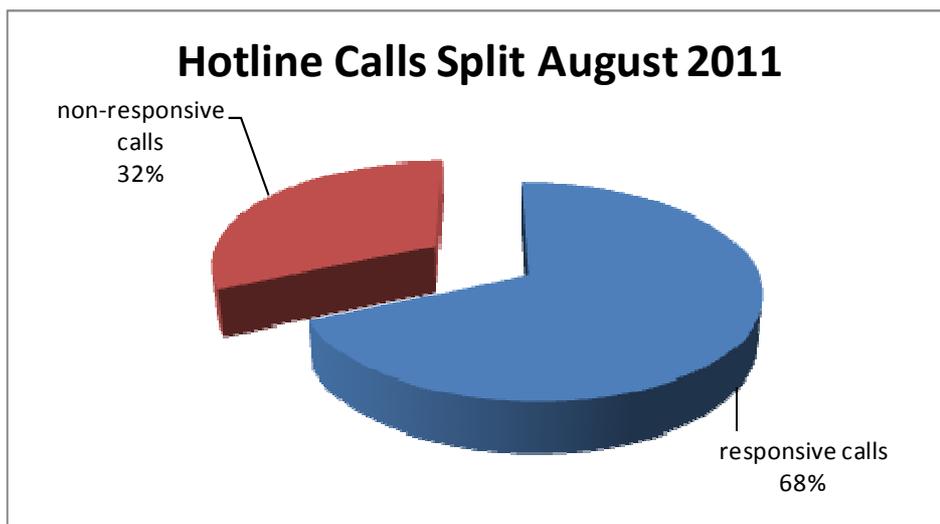
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An attempt to improve advertisement of AC was done by AC pasting 126 posters in the town of Douala this

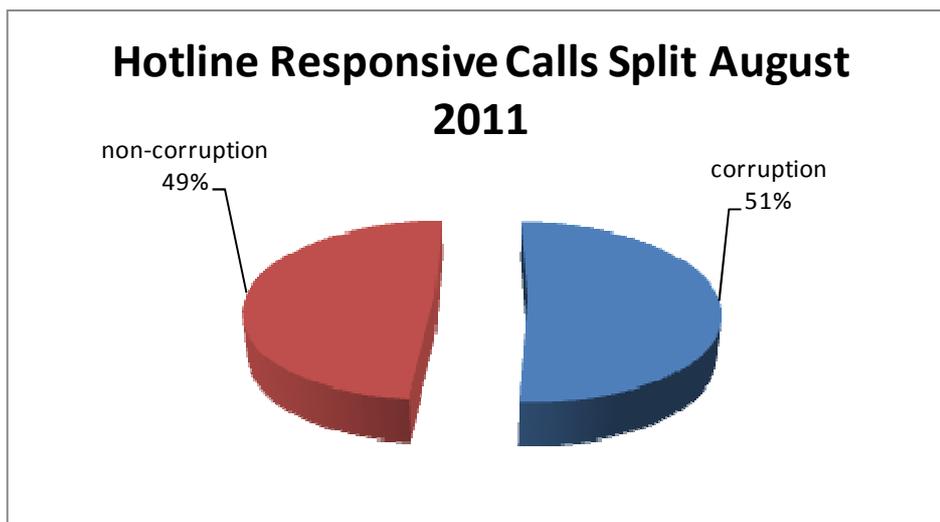
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HOTLINE

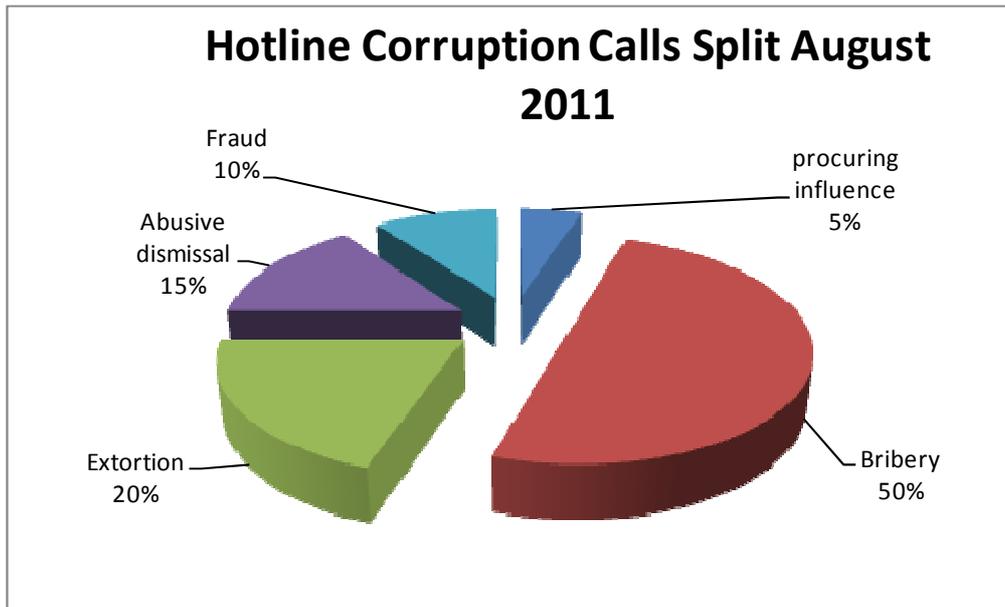
A total of **60** calls were received through the AC hotline and are illustrated by the graphs under the various categories. There has been a real drop in the number by a third of calls that were received this month compared to last month, as posters were not pasted compared to last month.



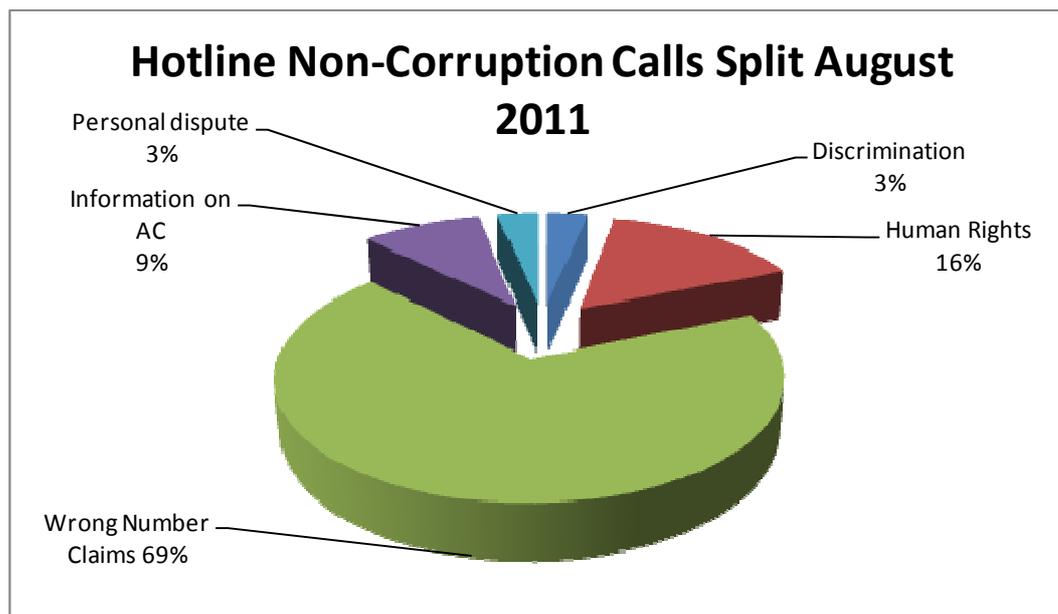
In the month of August 2011 **32%** of calls were non-responsive, while **68%** of calls received were responsive calls though not all fell under corruption. Despite the low number of calls received this month the percentage of responsive calls is higher by **16%** compared to July.



From the graph of responsive calls in August 2011, 51% of calls were corruption calls while 49% of these calls were non-corruption calls.



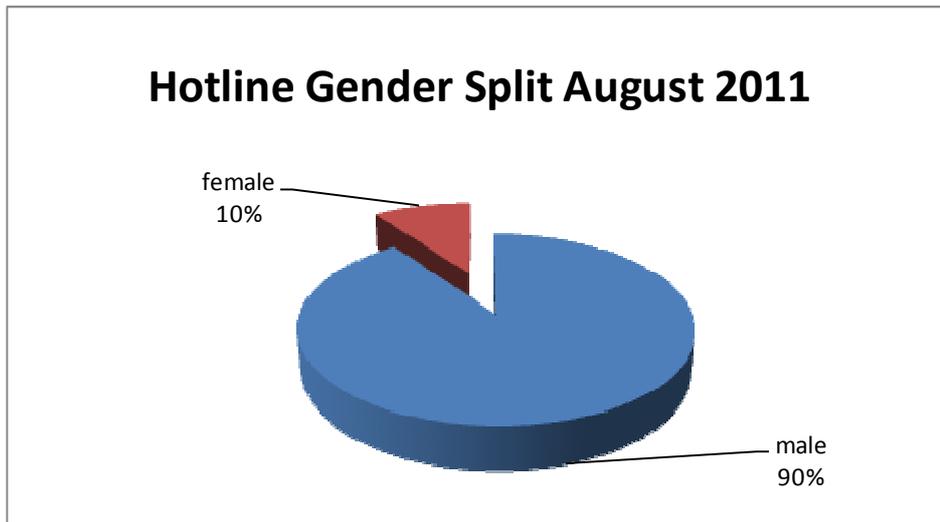
In the month of August 2011, bribery calls had **50%**, extortion calls were at **20%**, **15%** of callers denounced abusive dismissal, **10%** denounced fraud and **5%** procuring influence.



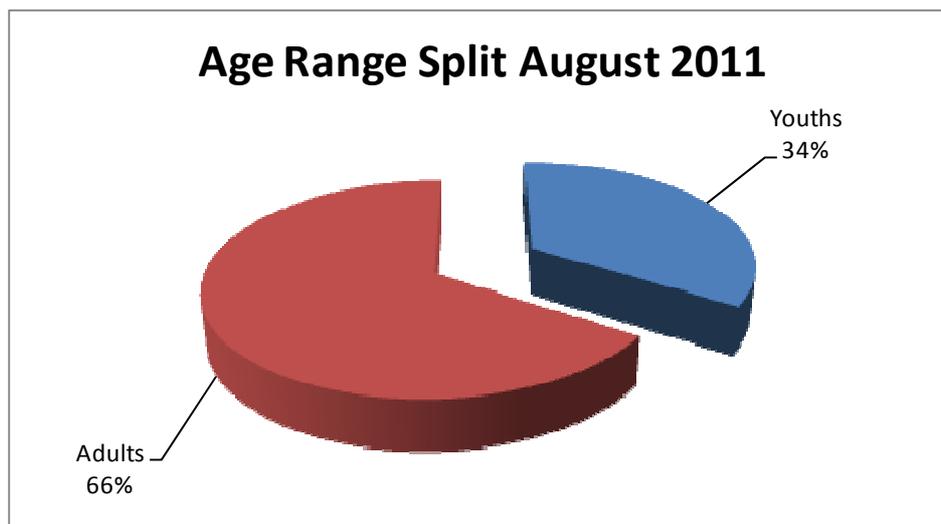
In August 2011, non-corruption calls were represented by **69%** of wrong number claims assumed to be categorised mostly by people afraid to denounce corruption acts, **16%** denounced human rights issues, **9%** were calls on information about AC while personal disputes and discrimination had **3%** each of calls.

GENDER

Female gender in the month of August 2011 like July 2011 is still underrepresented with **10%** callers, while **90%** of the callers were male.



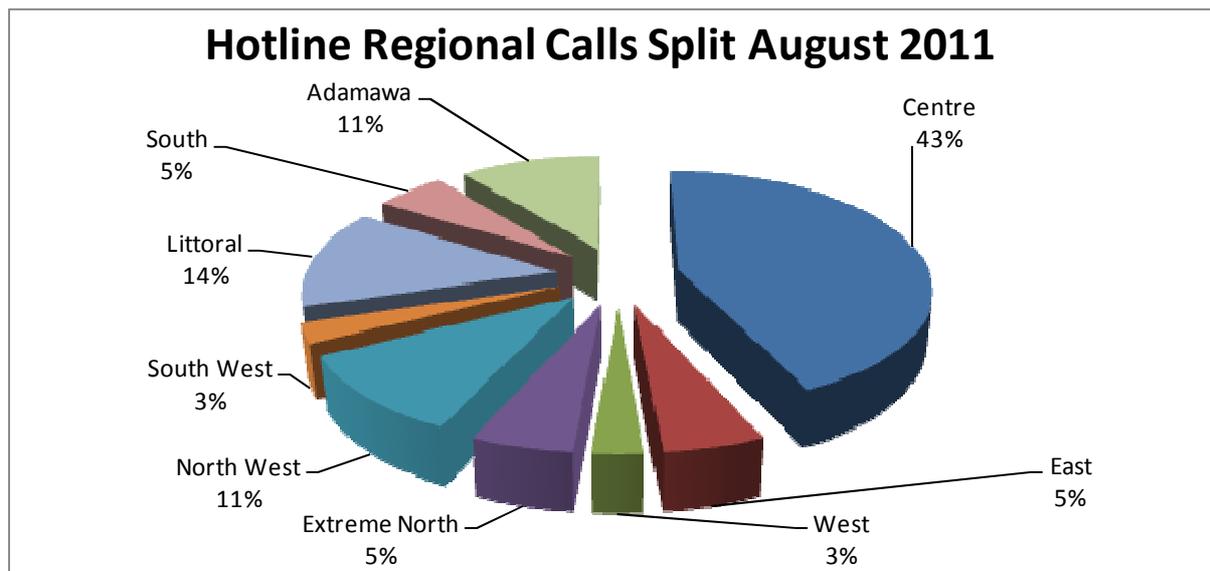
AGE RANGE OF CALLERS



In the month of August the age range was made up only of the adults (31-55years) with **66%** and youths (0-30years) with **34%**. Calls from the elderly age range were not recorded this month.

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF CALLS

From the report, the month of August 2011 had the Centre Region with most callers making **43%**, with the least calls coming from the South West and West Regions all with **3%** each. The other Regions ranged between **5%** in the East, South and Extreme North Regions, **14%** in the Littoral and **11%** in the North West Region and Adamawa Regions. No calls were received from North Region.



Most of the calls have been coming from the Centre Region as a result of the sensitisation with posters and brochures which has been going on in this region. This is not the case with the other regions.

EMAIL ADDITION TO HOTLINE

One email was received this month and was not a corruption case.

INVESTIGATIONS

AC received 60 calls out of which three new cases were opened. The three cases followed up this month but only one successfully had a bailiff statement drawn up. The three cases are:

- Case of petty trader in Madagascar market against a gendarmerie officer: Corruption in the form of extortion of a petty trader by a gendarme officer at Marche Madagascar to pay community fees of more than **1000FRS** which is normally **500FRS** for the space he uses to sell without issuing a receipt for it. The gendarme officer seizes the goods of these petty traders and according to the cargo you have, he solicits a fee which normally is not supposed to be collected by him, but by council agents. The victim after contacting AC later on did not wish to continue with the case. The case was closed.
- Case of land expropriation: This second case involved a pending remuneration for land expropriation by CAMTEL in Bamenda to some individuals and a chief, but this could not be done as a said lady at the Ministry of Land Tenure was soliciting for **1000,000** (one million) francs bribe to push the file forward for signing by the minister. AC received the documents for this case by post but after several discussions with the victims; they decided to back out of working with AC. The victims had already bribed their way through the first stage at Bamenda ministries of Post and Telecommunication and Land Tenure with **1,500000** (one and a half) million francs for the file to be moved to Yaounde. This case was also closed.
- Case of Nkobisson market trade against council agents: The third case involved extortion of a trader at Marche Nkolbisson in Yaounde whose goods (five pallets of juice) were confiscated by council workers for not paying his trimester tax which was **18,000**(eighteen thousand) FRS and was later solicited to pay that exact sum to regain his goods. He called AC to complain and after a brief meeting with the victim, AC and a bailiff, a report was finally drawn against one of the council officers who asked for **13,000** (thirteen thousand) FRS to release the trader's juice without him paying the said tax and no receipts to be issued. AC is following this up to get a bailiff report drawn up and used for a possible court case against the council agent.

LEGAL FOLLOW-UP

AC engaged a bailiff to draw up a report on extortion by a trader whose goods got seized for not paying his trimester tax and was told to come and pay **13000** FRS to reclaim his goods without any receipts being issued and without him paying the said tax. The other 2 cases AC engaged in this month to follow-up were closed as the victims backed out from working with AC.

This month, AC exchanged trainee jurist on test, with LAGA legal department to assist in making their training and learning process more effective and complete.

Follow-up on the two already opened cases of taxi men against police officers was done this month. Concerning the cases so far, not much information has been received therefore AC will continue the follow-up and push for the acquisition of more information.

AC did a reclassification and refilling of the old cases as it was noted that most of the file were not properly treated and lacked case analyses. These files were closed after being properly analysed.

MEDIA

While negotiations at Cameroon Radio Television (CRTV) are still ongoing, AC took the initiative this month to get 126 posters pasted in the town of Douala. AC is also looking for avenues where posters can be pasted in other towns of Cameroon.

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MANAGEMENT

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EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- Meeting with First Secretary of the British High Commission and the Head of Political and Economic section in the US embassy on the shrinking space of civil society in Africa and disabling environment for NGOs.
- Several meetings held this month by AC with Positive Generation led to an agreement to partner together and draw up a draft copy of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Citizen Led Monitoring of Corruption in the Health Sector. The MoU will define the role of AC and that of Positive Generation in carrying out the project.
- AC Director meets with Positive Generation on corruption in the health sector and the APT-AID Principles.
- World Bank Governance Officer and AC Director met and discussed on law enforcement, corruption, transparency and accountability.
- Meeting with American volunteer on APT-AID principles and wildlife law enforcement.
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- AC programmer also had a meeting with Active Space which is an Information Technology Center in Buea to assist in their projects.

FINANCE

Future for Nature award has been the main donor for the running of AC activities in the month of August 2011.

August 2011 Financial Report-exchange rate for august pending

Amount in CFA Frs.	Use	Details	Amount in US D
25,000	Hotline	60 calls received	\$54.3
22,060	Investigations	posting 126 posters	\$48.0
25,000	Legal	legal follow-up	\$54.3
0	Media	No TV news bar	\$0.0
0	Management		\$0.0
297,900	E-activism	Personnel	\$647.6
76,675	Office	office	\$166.7
446,635	TOTAL EXPENDITURE AUGUST 2011		\$970.9

Donor Financial Report August 2011

Amount in CFA Frs.	Donor	Month	Amount USD
-751,225	Future for Nature	Donated August 2011	\$1,627.8
446,635	Future for Nature	Used August 2011	\$970.9
-304,590	Future for Nature	passing to September 2011	\$662.2