

ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION

JUNE ACTIVITY REPORT 2011



HIGHLIGHTS

- AC re-starts activities after a 10 months freeze.
- AC recruited a programmer for promoting IT tools in the fight against corruption and benefits from the support of a project developer to rebuild AC.
- AC set different projects.
- AC reactivates its hotline and **134** complaints received already.

GENERAL

This is the first monthly report after a 10 months freeze. The AC hotline has not been working since August 2010 and is being resurrected through several attempts to get jurists, make sure the advert passes on TV and put a team in place to follow up and manage its progress and activities. Most of the cases have not been well followed up with a lot of pending work to be done. Several leads of corruption cases became dead ends as most of the people involved were not committed to see their cases followed up.

The main activity this month was rebuilding AC to function on its own. This included testing jurists to see their competence in handling the hotline calls, giving out legal advice and also following legal cases, setting new projects and also recruiting a programmer developing soft wares for the different programmes under AC.

The different projects' added value is to get donors and NGOs involved in being transparent and effective results. These projects aim to fight corruption on different fronts, these include:

Citizen Led Monitoring of Corruption - Health: The project empowers development beneficiaries to reclaim development as their right rather than accept it passively as a charity handout. It introduces a fight against corruption led by citizens rather than the state or international community by using the award winning Ushahidi system which crowd-sources information, giving the people a voice.

APT-AID: This initiative is set to expose agencies and organizations that promote secrecy and refuse to provide information to the public, while offering the way forward in a simple standard that assures basic transparency and accountability to the public that finance them.

Fight Against Corruption through Citizen-Led Legal Action: AC offers the average citizen participation in the fight against corruption and assistance in seeking justice through the legal system.

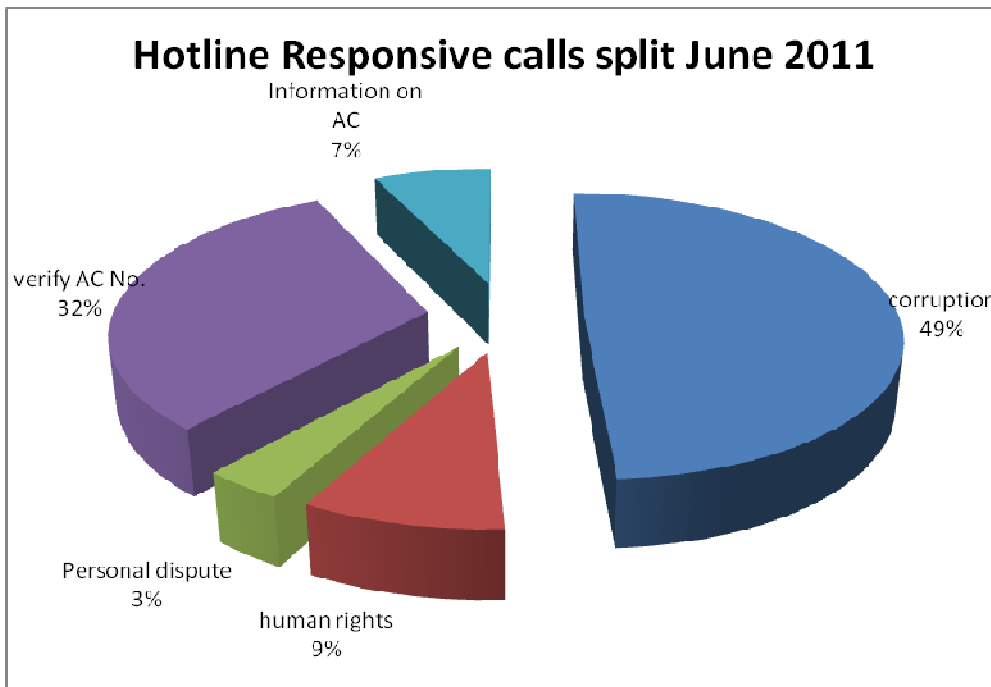
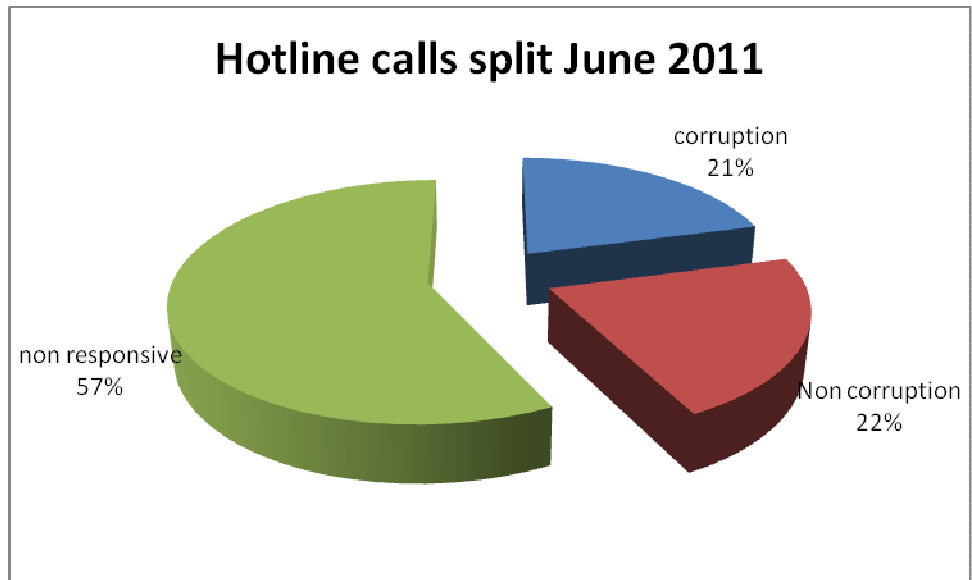
HOTLINE

A total of **134** calls were received through the AC hotline and are illustrated by the graphs under the various

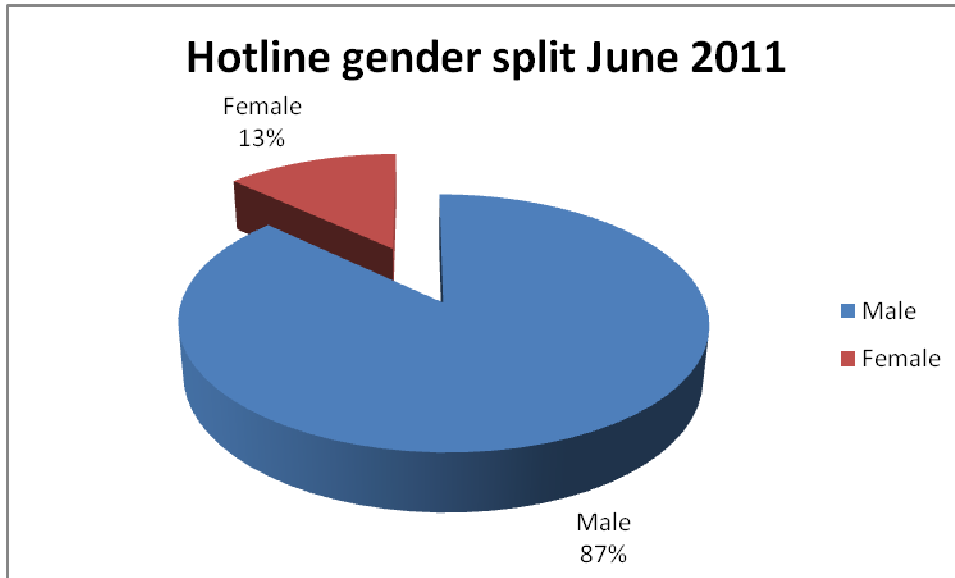
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Categories	corruption	Human Rights	Personal Dispute	Verify AC No.	Information on AC	Non-Responsive calls
Number	28	5	2	18	4	77

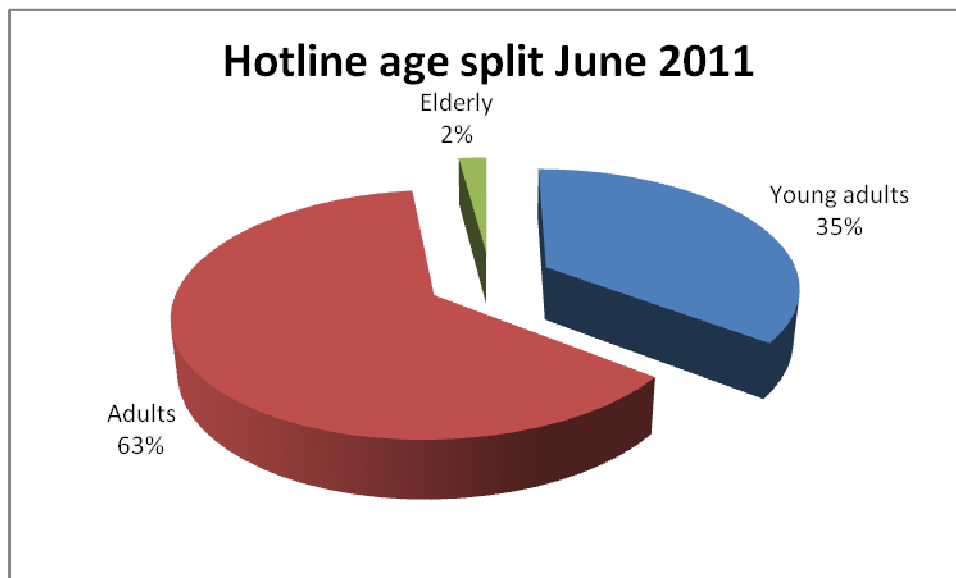
In the month of June 2011 only **21%** of calls falls under the category of corruption while non corruption calls of **22%** and non responsive calls with a majority of **57%**-calls from people who have something to say but are rather afraid to engage in the fight.



For responsive calls corruption had a majority of **49%** while the other categories ranged from **3%** on personal disputes, **7%** on information about AC, **9%** on human rights and **32%** on verifying AC number. Callers in this range (3%-32%) mostly have a lot to denounce but lack the courage to express themselves.

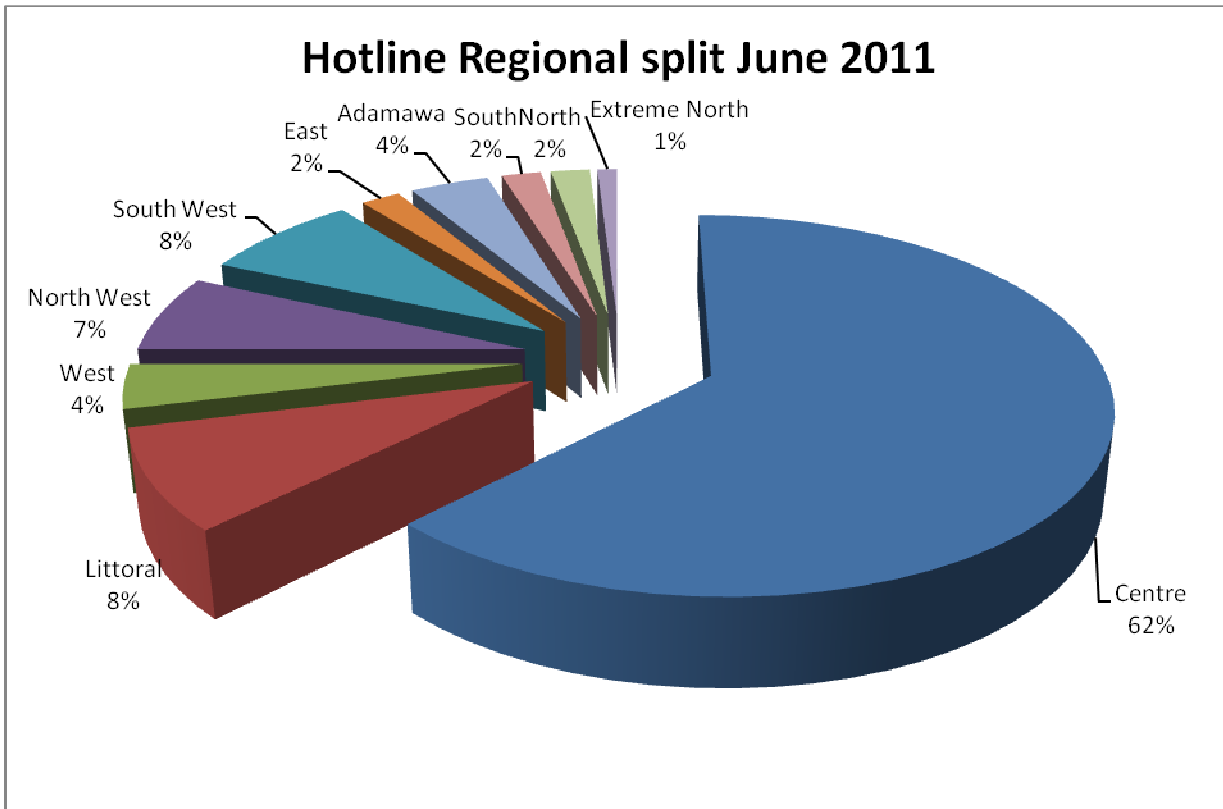
GENDER

Statistically it has been shown that from previous reports the female population does not participate a lot in the fight against corruption, with 13% of them in June 2011 and 87% of males making the majority of the callers in this month.

AGE RANGE OF CALLERS

The age range was considered from below **18** to above **55** Young adults ranged from **-18** to **30** years of age with **35%** both male and female, the elderly with **2%** from **+55** and the adults with **63%** ranging from **30-55** years of age.

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF CALLS



From the report, the month of June had the Centre with most callers with **62%**, with the least calls coming from Extreme North, with **1%**. The other provinces ranged between **2%** in the North, South and East provinces, **4%** in the West province, **7%** in the North West province and **8%** in the Littoral and South West provinces.

EMAIL ADDITION TO HOTLINE

Three emails were received from three victims (two males and one female). No follow up was done but the details of the cases were saved for pending study and follow-up on the cases.

INVESTIGATIONS

No investigations were carried out this month. AC is still trying to put in place a working system for all its activities with investigations being a part but lacking behind for now.

One letter was received in the month of June from the AC post office boxed which was again made functional by paying the outstanding post office bill. This letter was studied and analysed as not being a corruption case, three internet cases were picked up through email and pending follow up.

Also Ac hotline is using a new soft ware designed specifically to collect information so that analysis of data from calls can be quick, easy to check and use for writing of reports

LEGAL FOLLOW-UP

There has been no legal follow-up done anywhere for AC. AC is in the process of testing jurists in the hope of getting one to run the hotline. Two have been on trial and were not retained.

MEDIA

AC activities had a break for 10 months. Media publicity was not done and therefore needs to be restarted again. Contacts with CRTV were re-initiated. There have been changes in the TV house which makes it difficult to have it done but AC is following up to see that they finally have the Hotline on the TV bar.

MANAGEMENT

The recruitment of a project developers and the support of a project developer are the main activities of this month, making the activities to be carried out by new staff. The programmer now works on various software which improve data collection not only for the hotline but also for the other AC projects being developed. Jurists also were tested to work in AC by receiving hotline calls, giving legal advice as need be and following legal cases in the court and engaging bailiffs to work with the victims. None of them so far was recruited.

The project developer works across the scope of the NGO assessing where there are obstacles to the various AC projects and trying to unblock them while following up administrative duties and coordinating AC.

AC recruited a programmer who promotes IT tools in the fight against corruption. Several projects like the Ushahidi Health Corruption Project and other related projects have benefitted from different tools which have made their systems more advance and data friendly.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- AC is still monitoring the file of registration in MINATD as follow up from the DGRE shows that the files have been transferred to MINATD and is pending the final signature to release the registration documents.
- A meeting held between the US Embassy Head of Political and Economic Section concerning corruption in the forest sector, establishing APT-AID principles, and fighting corruption in USAID programs
- Meeting with WWF-Carpo Regional Coordinator to discuss measures to fight against corruption in WWF.
- The Director of AC met with CARPE – Cameroon Director to discuss on corruption in conservation projects and ways that USAID can fight it.
- Meeting with PASOC (EU program for building capacity for civil society in Cameroon) giving presentation about the APT-AID principles certification scheme resulting in the agreement in principles to engage about 200 NGOs in APT-AID.
- Meeting with GIZ Head of Health program to discuss corruption in development Aid programs and implementing innovative technology to track mosquito nets distribution in Cameroon.
- A meeting with World Bank governance officer discussing corruption in the forest and health

sectors, the APT-AID principles and the deadlock with anti-corruption legislation in Cameroon

- The project developer held a meeting with positive generation director to explain the Ushahidi Health project to them and solicit the support in partnering with AC to execute this project.
- AC had a meeting with Medicine Sans Frontier to discuss the Ushahidi health project and seek for collaboration in the area of execution of the project.

FINANCE

LAGA Director has been the main donor to the running of AC activities in the month of June 2011.

June 2011 Financial Report

Amount FCFA	Budget	Details	Amount USD
23,500	Hotline	134 calls received	52
0	Legal	No legal follow-up	0
0	Media	No TV news bar	0
	Management		
440,000	E-activism	Personnel	969
85,554	Office	Phone and bills	189
549,054	Total Expenditure		1,210

Donor Financial Report June 2011

Amount FCFA	Donor	Amount USD
105,000	Ofir Drori	52
440,000	Future for Nature	969
545,000	Total Donations	1,021

ANNEX – Review of AC Projects

Citizen-Led Monitoring of Corruption - Health - Using the award-winning Ushahidi opensource software, the project allows citizens to text reports into a centralized system that filters the "crowd's" voice into a reliable visual map thus using beneficiaries to monitor a development project, redefining indicators of success or failure for a development project. The project empowers development beneficiaries to reclaim development as their right rather than accept it passively as a charity handout. It introduces a fight against corruption led by citizens rather than the state or international community.

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In recent years, high-profile initiatives have targeted corruption in government and private businesses, but the international development sector has thus far escaped thorough scrutiny, leaving billions of dollars in annual development assistance susceptible to waste, fraud and abuse. The principles of good governance are well known and codified in international and domestic law, but international development efforts remain poorly policed and unaccountable to either the people that fund them or the populations they are meant to benefit.

Fight Against Corruption through Citizen-Led Legal Action: AC offers the average citizen participation in the fight against corruption and assistance in seeking justice through the legal system. By calling to denounce an act of corruption with evidence, AC uses this medium to will fight for you not only to get your money back but get compensation and above all get the corrupt person who caused it to justice.