

## ANTI-CORRUPTION ORGANISATION OCTOBER ACTIVITY REPORT 2011



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Corruption case in court by taxi men against a police officer advances with a convocation being issued
- AC hotline receives **89** complaints this month
- Poster pasting and brochure distribution suspended because of presidential elections.

### GENERAL

The month of October was characterised by a low level of AC activities due to the presidential elections and proclamation of results. AC still continued receiving phone calls and assisting victims. No new case file was opened this month as most victims were afraid to denounce corruption cases and those who denounced were not bold to follow-up on the claims.

Several calls focused on the problem of mosquito net distribution with victims having receipts for mosquito bed nets but no bed nets made available to them.

3 calls focused on corruption issues that had to deal with the presidential elections fraud with respect to using the electoral card of someone to vote without their knowledge, one voter denounced a lady having more than one electoral card supposedly belonging to the incumbent party.

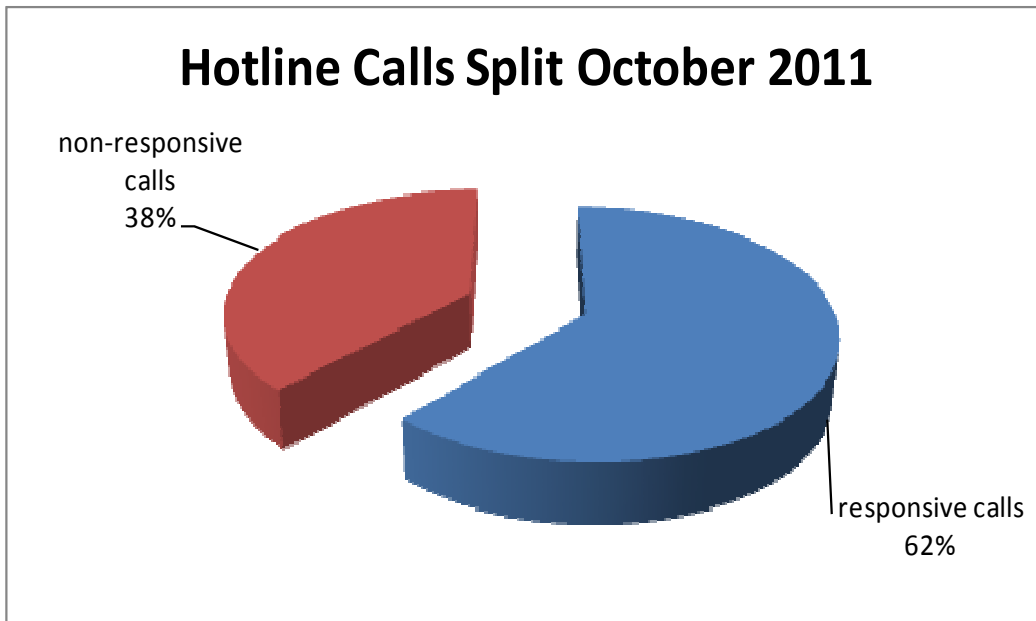
Posters and brochures which for the time being have formed a major part of public information outreach on AC were neither pasted nor distributed due to the sensitive atmosphere that reigned during the presidential campaign and elections.

One jurist on test was finally not retained as after several tests according to AC and LAGA standards, good results were not achieved.

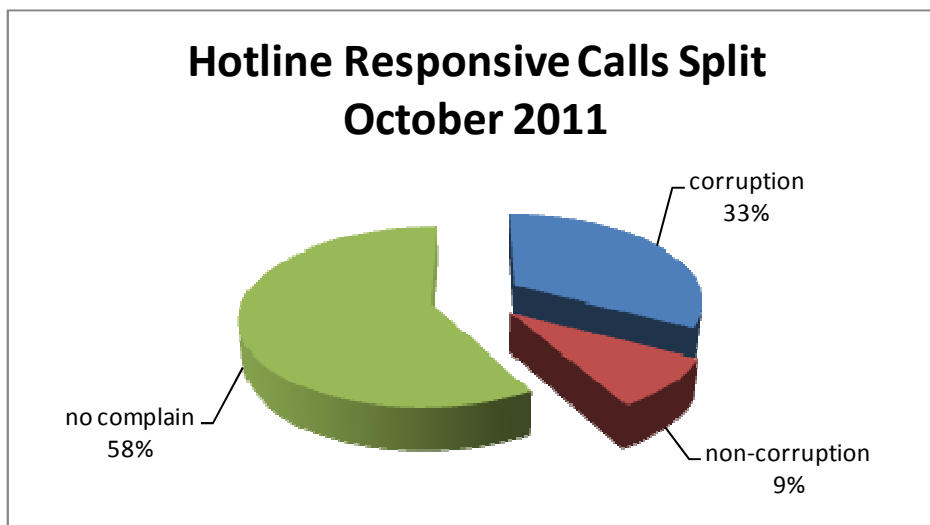
Follow-up on syndicate cases of taxi men against police officers, have yielded a convocation issued to Inspector of Police Bekono Yves from Efoulan Commissariat while those including the two officers from Ekounou is pending a police report to be signed by the culprit officers while they have been first sanctioned at their job levels. The first concerned two police officers working at the Nkolndongo police station against whom 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 Efoulan police station.

### HOTLINE

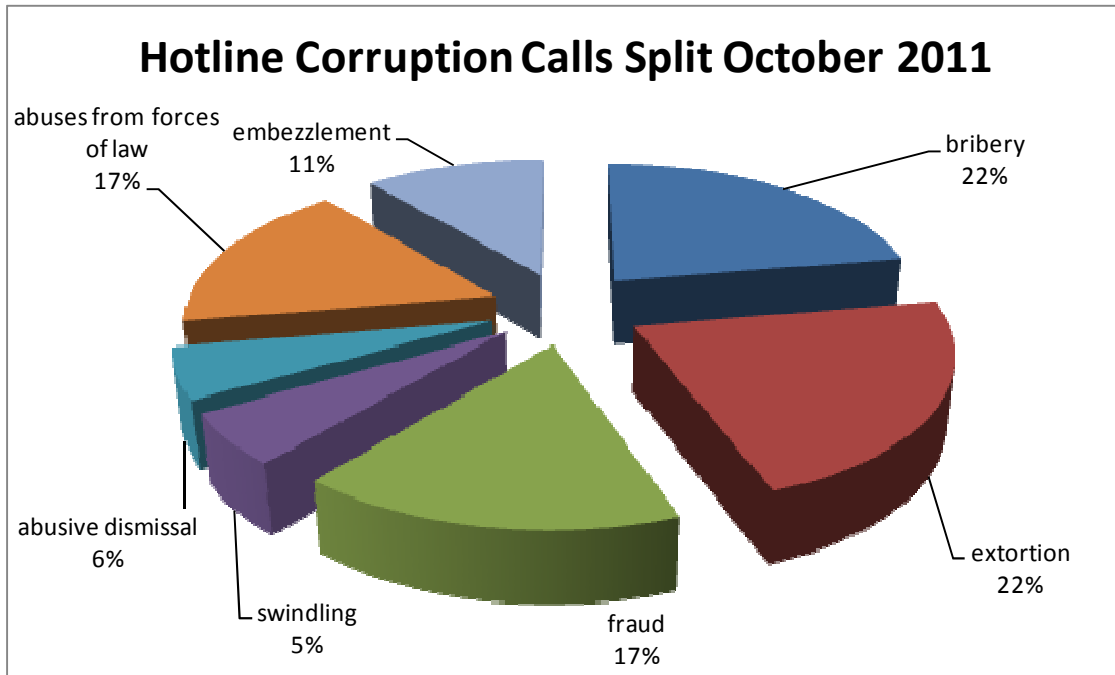
A total of **89** calls were received through the AC hotline and are illustrated by the graphs under the various categories.



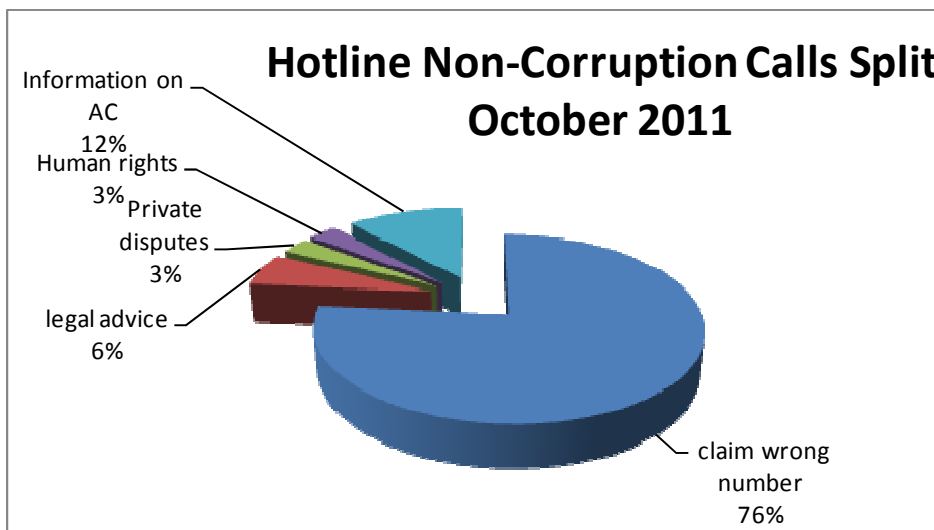
In the month of October 2011, **38%** of calls were non-responsive, while **62%** of calls received were responsive calls though not all fell under corruption.



**33%** of calls received in October 2011 were corruption cases, while only **9%** were non-corruption calls, a drop in **10%** on corruption and more than **30%** in non-corruption calls from last month. A new development this month was the high percentage of calls that came with no complains to issue. **58%** of these callers it is assumed had something to denounce but were either afraid to denounce it or due to the presidential elections preferred to say nothing. Also this behaviour pattern is seen in people who claim to have dialled wrong numbers or are simply verifying AC hotline number if it works.



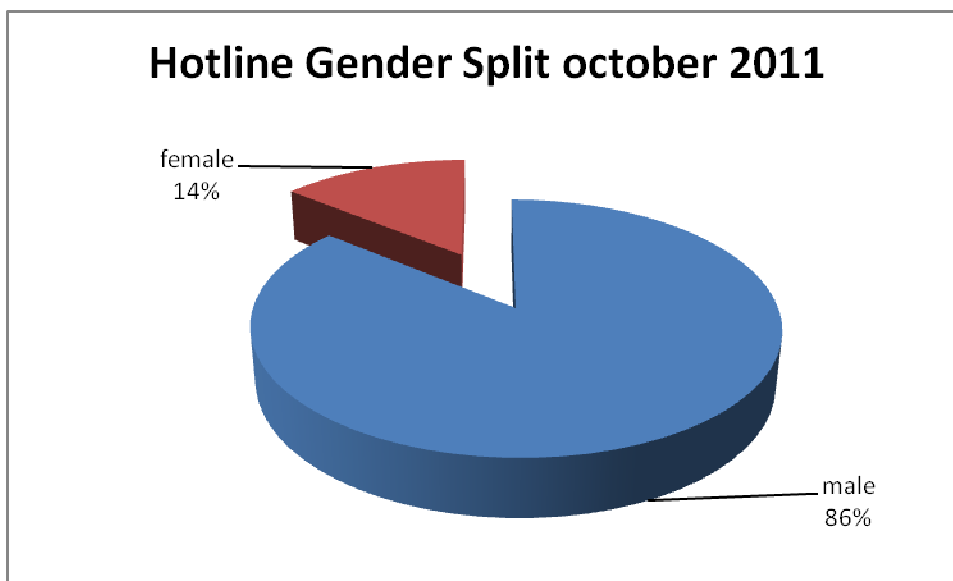
In the month of October 2011 the number of corruption categories increased as compared to last month September. **22%** of victims denounced bribery and extortion, **17%** denounced fraud and abuses from forces of law and order, **11%** on embezzlement, **6%** on abusive dismissal and **5%** on swindling.



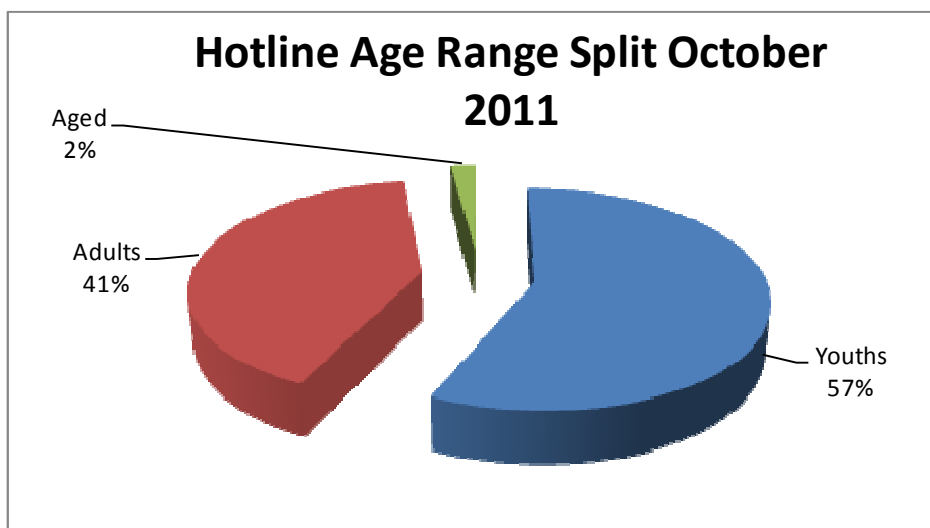
Non-corruption calls in October 2011 were represented by **76%** of calls claiming to have dialled the wrong numbers, assumed to have things to denounce but not very sure of themselves or are afraid, **12%** demanded information on AC, also fall under the same category as those of wrong numbers not being able to denounce their corruption issues, **6%** needed legal advice not necessarily on corruption issues while **3%** were on private disputes and human rights issues.

**GENDER**

Female gender in the month of October 2011 was still underrepresented with **14%** callers, while **86%** of the callers were male.



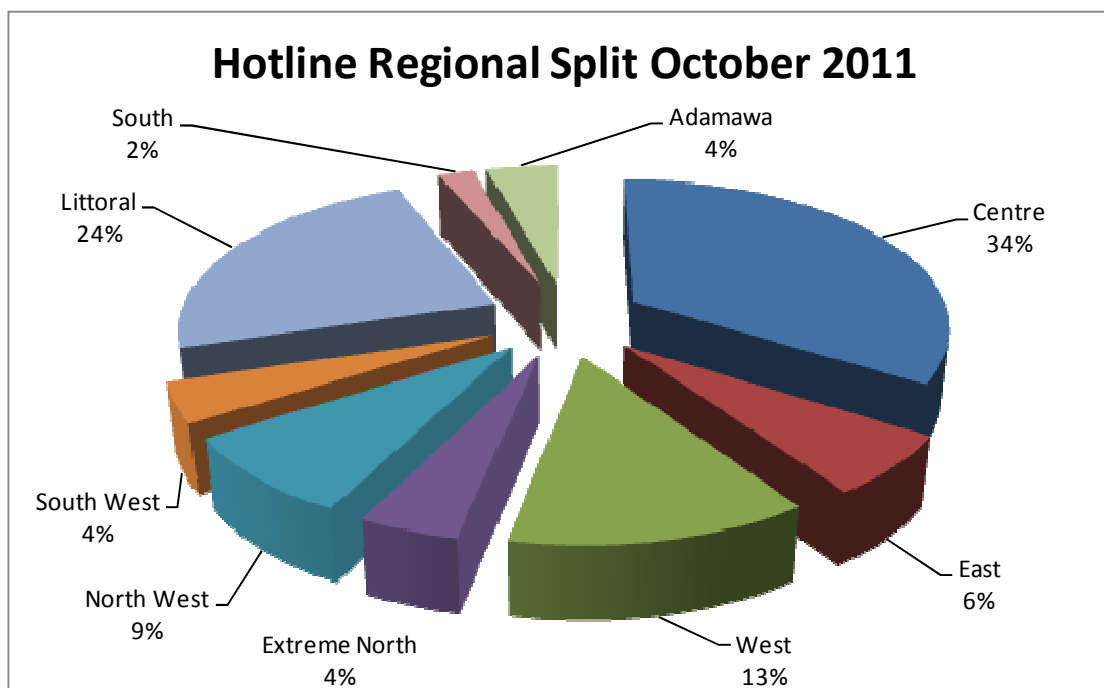
## AGE RANGE OF CALLERS



In the month of October 2011 the age range was as follows: adults (31-55years) up to **41%**, while youths were **57%** (0-30 years) and **2%** of the callers were elderly or aged (+55 years)

## REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF CALLS

From the report, the month of October 2011 had the Centre region with most callers making **34%**, with the least calls coming from the South Region with **2%**, the other regions ranged between **4%** in the South West, Adamawa and Extreme North Regions, **6%** in the East Region, **9%** in the North West region and **13%** in the Western Region. No calls were received from North region.



### EMAIL ADDITION TO HOTLINE

No cases were received through email this month. Some testimony forms from Yokadouma primary school teachers were received.

### INVESTIGATIONS

No new case file was opened this month. The old cases of Yokadouma primary school teachers against the mayor where primary school teachers are complaining of not having been paid their salaries for 10 months by the mayor from 10% of forest revenue. It is assumed the mayor embezzled these funds and refuses to pay the teachers on the pretext of them not having a definite contract; the syndicate cases of taxi drivers against police officers were followed-up.

### LEGAL FOLLOW-UP

Legal follow up this month yielded fruit with the court issuing convocation to Inspector of Police Bekono Yves. The convocation was handed to him by a bailiff and the date for the first court hearing session of both parties –the taxi-men and the police inspector is pending. 4 Jurist CVs were received this month but none found good for an interview.

One jurist on test was not retained as good results were not achieved according to the standards of AC and LAGA

### MEDIA

Media saturation due to presidential election pressure at the CRTV house has made it not possible to pass AC information outreach on the news bar.

### MANAGEMENT

One jurist on testing was not retained as good results were not achieved according to the standards of AC and LAGA.

Other personnel that were supposed to be tested under AC were asked to hold on until after the presidential elections.

## EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- AC Director met with the World Bank Governance officer on increasing transparency and accountability of projects.
- AC Director gave a presentation to a group of American university students on development, corruption, wildlife law enforcement among others.
- AC Director met with US State Department Cameroon Desk Officer on the challenges of corruption in Cameroon.
- Director of AC participated in a reception to US FWS International Program Director in the house of the US ambassador and had first extensive discussion with the German Ambassador on the fight against corruption.
- A meeting with GIZ health unit on the upcoming evaluation of the Global Fund of the distribution of mosquito nets and corruption incidents.
- AC Director met with WWF-CARPO Regional Conservation Director on challenges of corruption in the region and ways to combat corruption in WWF.
- Meeting of AC Director in Gabon with head of cabinet of the Gendarmerie Search Brigade on corruption in the gendarmerie and procedures to arrest and prosecute corrupt officers.
- Meeting of AC Director with the Anti-Corruption Commission in Gabon.

## FINANCE

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

### October 2011 Financial Report

| Amount in CFA FRS | Use                                   | Details             | Amount in US D |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 30,000            | Hotline                               | 89 calls received   | \$62.5         |
| 0                 | Investigations                        | none                | \$0.0          |
| 101,100           | Legal                                 | 3 cases followed-up | \$210.6        |
| 0                 | Media                                 | No TV news bar      | \$0.0          |
|                   | Management                            |                     | \$0.0          |
| 279,800           | E-activism                            | Personnel           | \$582.9        |
| 7,800             | Office                                | office              | \$16.3         |
| 418,700           | <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE OCTOBER 2011</b> |                     | <b>\$872.3</b> |

## Donor Financial Report October 2011

| <b>Amount in<br/>CFA FRS</b> | <b>Donor</b>                 | <b>Month</b>                        | <b>Amount in<br/>US D</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>-1,500,000</b>            | <b>Future for<br/>Nature</b> | <b>Donated July 2011</b>            | <b>\$3,125.0</b>          |
| <b>748,775</b>               | <b>Future for<br/>Nature</b> | <b>Used July 2011</b>               | <b>\$1,559.9</b>          |
| <b>446,635</b>               | <b>Future for<br/>Nature</b> | <b>Used August 2011</b>             | <b>\$930.5</b>            |
| <b>-1,000,000</b>            | <b>Future for<br/>Nature</b> | <b>Donated September 2011</b>       | <b>\$2,083.3</b>          |
| <b>496,960</b>               | <b>Future for<br/>Nature</b> | <b>Used September 2011</b>          | <b>\$1,035.3</b>          |
| <b>418,700</b>               | <b>Future for<br/>Nature</b> | <b>Used October 2011</b>            | <b>\$872.3</b>            |
| <b>-388,930</b>              | <b>Future for<br/>Nature</b> | <b>passing to November<br/>2011</b> | <b>\$810.3</b>            |