

PARTICIPANT PRESENTATION

CASE STUDY

How did we learn about the facts?

- We were contacted following a denunciation made by a citizen to the Chairman of CONAC. The file was then forwarded to us for treatment.

What was the denunciation about?

- The complaint alleged the following malpractices in the Ministry of Finance:
- the granting of undue salaries and benefits
- unjustified payment of outstanding dues
- non-execution of recovery orders

Investigation techniques used

- The team of investigators proceeded as follows:
- A series of interviews with the various officials of all the Departments concerned by the malpractices denounced within the Ministry of Finance
- Verification and in-depth study of the documents sent to the team on mission by the various officials mentioned above
- Verification of the various bank accounts of the persons implicated in the process of the investigation.

Inter-agency cooperation

- The fact-finding team did not have to seek assistance from other anti-corruption agencies. It simply sought and obtained the cooperation of all the financial institutions in which the accounts of the accused persons were domiciled in order to investigate further.

Results obtained

- This investigation uncovered a large network of misappropriation of public funds, with modus operandi being:
- the granting of invalidity pensions to some State employees entitled to retirement amounting to about 114 074 285 CFA Francs;
- the granting of unreimbursed Single Salary Advance Payments for more than 1 000 000 000 CFA Francs;

Results obtained

- the duplication of personnel administrative numbers, which enabled some civil servants to receive double salaries each month for the 24 months prior to the start of the investigation for more than 5.5 billions CFA francs;
- the creation of second personnel administrative numbers and the modification of an element of the beneficiaries' names so as to embezzle the reversion pensions of a widow amounting to about 3 200 000 CFA Francs.

Results obtained

The beneficiaries of these undue payments as well as their accomplices identified by the investigation confessed their crimes and were handed over to the Judicial Police for further proceeding.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION