

THE YEAR 2021-LOOKING AHEAD

2019 AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT	Review and analyse the report and implement recommendations as appropriate.
COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY AND GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER	ACC has reviewed and analysed the published September 2020 reports of the Commissions of Inquiry and subsequent Government White Paper and has developed plan of actions.
WHISTLE BLOWING AND WITNESS PROTECTION POLICY	Implementation of the Whistle Blowing and Witness Protection Policy aimed at protecting members of the public who perform their citizen duty of exposing corruption.
ASSET DECLARATION	Strengthening processes and systems in preparation for a smooth transfer from paper-based asset declaration submissions to online submissions in 2022.
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS	Strengthening partnerships with various community-based organisations, non-governmental organisations, religious groups, etc.
OPERATIONAL SPACE	Moving into newly constructed office building in Freetown that provides adequate space to host the institution's operations.

FIGHTING CORRUPTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!

Ensuring the growth and development of the country will require the total **COMMITMENT of EVERYONE** in the fight against corruption. **TRUST** and **INTEGRITY** are vital components of that **COMMITMENT!!!**

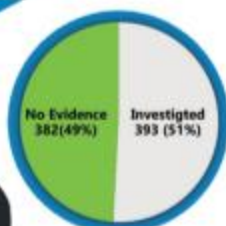
So, let's come together and **BUILD OUR COUNTRY!**

Suspected **CORRUPT** activities and/or allegations should be reported to any ACC office address stated above or via email: info@anticorruption.gov.sl or through our **TOLL-FREE ANONYMOUS NUMBER 515.**

FIGURES AT GLANCE



Total Number of Reported Corruption Allegations



All reported 775 incidences of corruption allegation lodged with the Commission were pre-screened for evidence.

86% (667) of the reported incidences were issues of misappropriation of public/donor funds. The remaining 14% were allegations of bribery-6% (50); abuse of office-5% (40); conspiracy-1% (10) and academic malpractice-1% (8).

49% (382) of the allegations were lacking sufficient credible evidence including malicious complaints not meriting an investigation, or allegation falling outside the remit of the ACC, therefore were not pursued.

51% (393) of the allegations required further investigation including surveillance and intelligence gathering.

Summary of Investigated Allegations

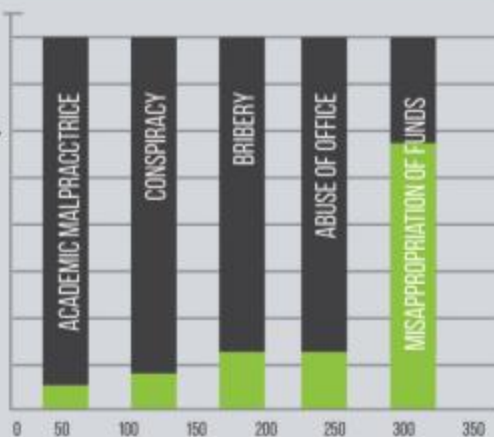
Amidst the COVID-19 outbreak, ACC staff managed to safely gather evidence in 393 of the lodged allegations.

Of the highlighted number, investigations have been concluded in 25% (97), with investigations ongoing in the remaining 75% (296) cases. All concluded 97 cases were referred to the Prosecution Department for legal opinion.

12.3% (12) of those referred for legal opinion have to date resulted in ongoing court actions and another 12.3% (12) resulted into the ACC entering into out of court settlement with the suspects.

48.4% (47) of the cases were closed at the investigative stage due to several factors. 37 of the cases lacked sufficient evidence to support a charge including lack of witnesses. In the remaining 10 cases, it was deemed that prosecution was not in the public interest.

27% (26) of the cases for which investigation was concluded required institutional policy actions, so were referred to Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDA).



Status of 2020 Prosecuted Cases

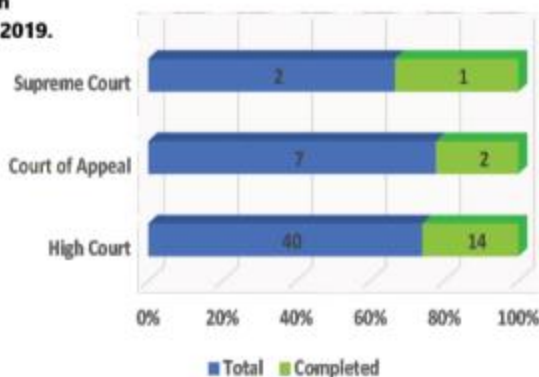
A total of 49 cases were presided over by the Superior Courts in 2020, involving 12 new indictments brought before the High Court and the remaining 37 cases were brought forward from 2019.

Of these cases, 2(4%) before the Supreme Court, 7 (14%) before the Court of Appeal and 40 (82%) before the High Court.

17 (35%) were concluded, resulting in rulings and judgments delivered: 1 in Supreme Court, 2 in Court of Appeal and 14 in High Court. Adjudication is ongoing in the remaining 32(65%) seen by the Courts: 1 in the Supreme Court; 5 Court of Appeal and 26 in High Court.

The High Court ordered the payment of fines and restitution totalling Le 1,077,000,000 into the consolidated funds by 15 Convicted persons. The Court handed down alternate sentences of either cash payment or jail time, with the Convicted persons choosing to make cash payments, resulting in no custodial stay.

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2020 - YEAR IN REVIEW

WHO ARE WE?

VISION STATEMENT

A corrupt free Sierra Leone which will ensure that the Socio-economic needs of the Citizens are met.

MISSION STATEMENT

Working in Partnership to build a corrupt free Sierra Leone through empowerment, enforcement and compliance with the rule of law.

CORE VALUES

Integrity, Professionalism and Independence

OUR SUCCESSES

HIGH REPORTING: A total of 775 potential corruption cases were lodged with the Commission, 22% (603) more than 2019.

RECOVERED MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS: Between June 2019 and December 2020, a total of Le 26,798,906,000 has been recovered in out-of-court settlements reached with suspects; of which, Le 7,000,000,000 was in 2020.

ASSET DECLARATION: 48 % (25517) increase in 2020 asset declaration submissions, compared to (17212) in 2019.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION (MCC): Sierra Leone's rating in MCC scorecard has increased from 79% in 2019 to 81% in 2020. The country has now qualified to receive a five-year MCC compact grant.

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In the 2020 Afro Barometer report, corruption prevalence in Sierra Leone improved by declining from 70% in 2015 to 40% in 2020.

92% of respondents in the 2020 National Perception Survey conducted by Centre for Accountability and Rule of Law (CARL) agree that the fight against corruption in Sierra Leone is on the right course.

The ACC Amendment Act [No. 9 of 2019] provides for trial in absentia.

The ACC has the mandate to investigate any other matter relating to corruption that were referred by the 2020 Commissions of Inquiry or otherwise falls within the mandate of the institution.