



## Brief Summary

**Coronavirus** – comments and questions around the virus account for the largest numbers of messages from callers again in the past reporting week (22-27 April 2020). Many comments speak of Coronavirus in the context of other major happenings in people’s lives, namely the onset of rains, leading to flooding in some areas. Overall, people are commenting on measures being practised by their communities, with many finding them inadequate. Many callers talk about rising food prices. A good number are asking for more specific details enabling diagnosis in order to distinguish Coronavirus from the seasonal flu or other illnesses. The following summarises the comments received from different regions of the country.

**Somaliland:** several calls from Togdher (Balli-Dhig, Balli-Alanle) complain about the lack of social distancing being practised by local people, with crowded public transport vehicles and a general disregard being shown for any precautions. Many Somaliland callers commend the government’s banning of khat, but say this needs better enforcement as supplies and travellers are still coming in across porous borders. Communities in a remote part of Sool are welcoming rainfall and thankful to have no cases of Coronavirus yet. Callers from other areas express fear about the virus. Several callers wanted specific details about CV19 symptoms and information on how to diagnose it from other possible diseases. One caller asked if CV19 can be sexually transmitted. Another wanted to know if scientists are sure that the virus originated in animals. A caller in Borama stated that Muslims must be aware that the disease affects everybody.

**Mudug:** callers from Galkayo express concern for the IDPs in the area, who lack shelter and basic needs during the rains and have to contend with Coronavirus as well. A caller from Mudug asked for the Hormud CV19 awareness messages to be removed from people’s phones.

**Galmudug:** many callers are responding to information that Coronavirus has been detected in the region, urging people to take precautions. Some say khat is still available and link the emergence of Coronavirus cases to the failure to stop the khat trade. A caller in Adado is worried that isolating sick people can lead to them dying unattended, and says the sick must be cared for. Some other callers ask for precision about symptoms in order to diagnose people’s illnesses.

**Hiran:** several callers complain about the lack of action by the Hirshabelle authorities to take measures to prevent the spread of the virus.

**Southern regions:** a number of callers from Lower Shabelle, Lower Juba, and Banadir called to express worry about the spread of the virus and concern over rising food prices. These include callers from Barawe, Kismayo and Mogadishu. Some say they face added disruption caused by heavy rains and flooding, including roads and supply routes being cut off. Two separate female callers, both from unspecified locations, called to ask if the symptoms they describe as being shown by their relatives could be Coronavirus.

**Floods** – many callers from Bardera in Gedo contacted us during the week, describing flooded farms and lost crops, asking for help as they have been cut off by river floods. Other callers from Adado called about flash floods after heavy rainfall. IDP callers in Hiran said they are fearful of flooding as the riverbanks along the Shabelle have not been repaired. A caller in Kismayo mentioned similar concern over the Juba.

**Locusts** – the number of calls about locust invasions has increased, with callers from Awdal, Erigabo, Dusamareb, Beletweyne, Jalalaqsi, Banadir, and unspecified places in M. Shabelle and L. Juba. Most says farms and crops and grazing are being destroyed and they lack means to control the locusts.

**Livestock** – there are fewer callers complaining about diseases, just a few herders asking about goat disease and tick control. Several callers said they are doing better after the rain. Listeners from northern, central and southern regions called to celebrate the arrival of rainfall in their areas.

Location	Date	Theme	Remarks
Salahley W.Galbeed	4/24/2020	COVID19/ Rain	Hello my name is M.A in Salahley. I would like to inform you that we have got good rainfall. There are people coming from Djibouti, Ethiopia and other parts of Somalia. We pray that we get protection from the Coronavirus.
Godale, Sool	4/25/2020	COVID19/ Rain	Hello my name is M.A in Godale. We have got the rainfall and we are doing good. We have not seen cases of Coronavirus here. We are doing good.
Balli-dhig Togdher	4/23/2020	COVID19/ Khat/ Distancing	Hello my name is A.H.A in Balli-dhiig, Togdher. We have got the Gu rainfall and people are doing good. The Khat is still pouring into the country, the people are also crowding together. Public transport vehicles are also overcrowded. We don't know how effective these measures are when there is no distancing among people.
Balli-dhig Togdher	4/26/2020	COVID19/ Rain	Hello my name is A.H.U in Balli-dhiig, Togdher. We have got rainfall and we are doing good. However the people are not taking precautions, you can find a small car carrying upto six people. People are crowded together.
Balli-dhig Togdher	4/27/2020	COVID19/ khat	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.A in Balli-dhiig Togdher. The Khat has been officially banned by the Somaliland government. We are happy and we would like stern measures to be enforced.
Balli-dhig Togdher	4/24/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.I in Balli-dhiig, Togdher. We pray that the Coronavirus gets contained, and I wish quick recovery for the sick. We are happy the Khat has been banned from coming into the country.
Balli-Allanle	4/24/2020	COVID19/ Khat	Hello my name is M.J.D in Balli-Alanle. We are happy that the government has banned the Khat and the police are enforcing these laws. We fear that it might spread disease. We are also in the month of Ramadan.
Borama	4/25/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H. in Borama. The Somali people are saying this disease is from God to the non-believers. This disease affects everyone and people should take caution.
Burao Togdher	4/22/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is J.H.Y in Burao, Somaliland. I would like to know if this Coronavirus is really from animals. Could it be from factory emissions, such as nuclear plants? Have scientists really tested the source of this disease or are people just holding on to the idea that it is from animals?
Durugsi Togdher	4/26/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is J.A,Y in Durugsi, Togdher. We would like to know if the Coronavirus can be transmitted through sexual intercourse.
Buhodle Togdher	4/23/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A.A in Buhodle. I would like to know how the Coronavirus is transmitted, does it affect the lungs, the heart or other parts of the body? Please tell us about this disease and how we can prevent it.
Buhodle Togdher	4/25/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.D.A in Buhodle. I would like to ask the doctor how the Coronavirus can be transmitted. Also the symptoms of the disease and how someone can be sure when they have contracted the virus.

Togdher	4/25/2020	COVID19/ khat	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Togdher. We are happy that the Khat has been banned in Somaliland, the Corona response committee are doing a good job.
Galoley, Gabiley	4/26/2020	COVID19/ khat	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.M.F in Galoley. We are happy the Somaliland government has banned the khat. We need the people to cooperate and ban the Khat. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Galoley, Gabiley	4/26/2020	COVID19/ khat	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.M.F in Galoley. We are thankful to the government for banning the khat coming into Somaliland. We laud the statement by the ministry of internal affairs.
Qalo'an Togdher	4/22/2020	COVID19	(F) Hello my name is R.A.I in Qalo'an, Togdher. We are hearing of disease outbreaks inside the country and across the world. We pray that it can be contained. Thank you.
Qoryalle Togdher	4/25/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A.H.A in Qoryalle, Togdher. We have got rainfall and we are doing good. There is fear of the Coronavirus and we are in the holy month of Ramadan.
Hargeisa W.Galbed	4/25/2020	COVID19	(F) Hello my name is R.M.H in Hargeisa. There have been disease outbreaks in the world and we don't know how we can stop them.
Somaliland	4/26/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo I would like to ask the Radio Doctor if the medications taken to reduce the effects of the disease can also carry the virus if they are touched by sick people.
Galkayo Mudug	4/27/2020	COVID19/ IDPs	Hello my name is M.A.I in Galkayo. We have got rainfall, however the IDP families don't have proper shelters or means of protecting themselves from Coronavirus. We would like the aid organisations to reach the IDP families.
Mudug	4/25/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.A in Mudug region. The Hormuud telecom service have put some messages on our phones about the Coronavirus. We don't know if it was a government order but we want it to be removed.
Balli-Hawd Galgadud	4/27/2020	COVID19/ khat	Hello Radio Ergo my name in Balli-Hawd. We are complaining about the 'hareri' khat coming into the country. The khat could be contaminated with the virus from the source.
Adado Galgadud	4/22/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A. in Adado. The fast spreading disease is causing havoc, I would like to advise people to take caution of the Coronavirus and maintain proper sanitation.
Adado Galgadud	4/22/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A.D in Adado. I think people quarantine is not a good measure, people could die inside their home while being in isolation. Sick people need to be checked on constantly.
Adado Galgadud	4/25/2020	COVID19/ Khat	Hello Radio Ergo my name is H.M.M in Adado. We are hearing the Coronavirus has been found in Galmudug. I would like to know if it is because the government has failed in controlling the khat that comes into the country.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	4/22/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is B.B.F in Dhusamareb. We laud the government efforts to contain the Coronavirus. May the people who died due to Coronavirus rest in peace. The rest of the people should follow the guidelines.

Huurshe Galgadud	4/23/2020	COVID19/ Diagnosis	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Huurshe. I would like to ask the doctor how this disease is different from the normal flu.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	4/25/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is F. in Dhusamareb. I would like to speak about the Coronavirus that has been found in the area recently. We pray that we get protection from this disease.
Godinlabe Galgadud	4/25/2020	COVID19/ Diagnosis	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S. in Godinlabe. I would like to ask the doctor if we can say someone with a cough and chest pain has Coronavirus.
Da'arey Hiran	4/23/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.Y in Da'arey, in Hirshabelle. The president and the government have not taken any measures to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.
Hirshabelle	4/23/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A.Y.O in Hirshabelle. The government of Hirshabelle has not done anything to contain the spread of Coronavirus, there have been no efforts except curfews.
Hiran	4/24/2020	COVID19/ Rain	Hello my name is A.H.A in Hiran region. The Gu rainfall has begun and we are in the month of Ramadan. We are worried about Coronavirus that is spreading across the world. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Bardera Gedo	4/24/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.S in Bardera. I would like to speak about the deadly Coronavirus. I would like to advise the people to wash their hands with clean water. The people should maintain proper sanitation.
Janale L.Shabelle	4/25/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.A in Janale, Lower Shabelle. We have got rainfall and people are doing better. We are worried about the Coronavirus, the people should follow the guidelines. Wash their hands and keep proper sanitation and also maintain social distancing.
Barawe L.Shabelle	4/22/2020	COVID19/ Food/Rain	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A.A in Barawe. There is heavy rainfall that has disrupted our lives. There is also food insecurity due to rise in prices. We request health workers to come and help us test for the disease that is spreading around the world.
Barawe L.Shabelle	4/26/2020	COVID19/ Food/ Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is R.A in Barawe, Lower Shabelle. We have got heavy rainfall and the food prices have risen drastically. We pray that this disease is eradicated.
Kismayo L.Juba	4/22/2020	COVID19/ Rain/ Economy	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A in Kismayo. We have got rainfall. There is clamour in the area due to Coronavirus and poor economy.
Bal'ad M.Shabelle	4/22/2020	COVID19/ Rain	(F) Hello my name is Bal'ad in Middle Shabelle. We have got rainfall and we got water. We pray the pandemic Coronavirus is contained.
Qorsaar	4/23/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M. in Qorsaar. We are in the month of Ramadan, people should come together and pray for protection against the Coronavirus.

Mogadishu Banadir	4/25/2020	COVID19/ Food	Hello my name is H.O.N. The Coronavirus has had devastating effects. The food prices have risen dramatically. The price of a kilo of rice has risen from 16,000 Somali shillings to 19,000. The cooking oil has risen from 25,000 a litre to 43,000. We are worried about the rise and now the roads have been blocked and there is no entry into Mogadishu.
Mogadishu Banadir	4/25/2020	COVID19/ Curfew	Hello my name is S.S.D. The curfew in Mogadishu where the government has ordered curfew beginning from 7:00 pm does not make sense. People are fasting and the government should understand that.
South Central	4/26/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.M.D. I would like to inform the people and the authorities that this disease can only be taken away by God and these curfews are unnecessary.
South Central	4/23/2020	COVID19/ Diagnosis	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, I have a brother and we suspect that he has Coronavirus. I would like to know the symptoms of this disease, because he has got fever, heavy breathing and he is generally weak.
South Central	4/23/2020	COVID19/ Diagnosis	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is H. I would like to know if the Coronavirus disease brings stomach pain. Thank you.
South Central	4/24/2020	COVID19/ WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.A. I would like to speak about water scarcity and disease spreading across the border area.
South Central	4/25/2020	Floods/ COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.F. There has been very heavy rainfall that has caused flooding in the area. We are also requesting to have the message on Coronavirus that pop up when we are calling someone to be removed.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	4/25/2020	Education	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.Y in Wanlaweyn. We are complaining about the rise in school fees. We are worried that children might not be able to sit for their exams. We are concerned about increase in school fees.
South Central	4/22/2020	Health Alert	Hello my name is A.A. I would like to speak of a chicken pox like disease that has appeared as rashes on our palms and feet. We don't have medicine for this disease and we are not able to walk because of the pain.
Bardera Gedo	4/23/2020	Floods	Hello my name is Y.H.A in Bardera, Gedo. The Juba river has flooded and the farms have been inundated by water. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Bardera Gedo	4/23/2020	Floods	Hello I am calling from Bardera. There has been flooding from the river. We are farmers and the crops have all been washed away. The crops that we have been growing for three months have been taken by the water. We would like the government to intervene.
Bardera Gedo	4/23/2020	Floods	Hello my name is M.A.S in Bardera. The Juba river has flooded and we have lost our beans, maize and onion plantations. We would like the government, aid organizations and the Somali people to help us.
Bardera Gedo	4/24/2020	Floods	Hello Radio I am calling from northern Bardera. We are farmers and our farms have been inundated by river floods. We would like the government to help us to protect the local farmers.

Bardera Gedo	4/25/2020	Floods	Hello my name is A.A. I am calling from Bardera, Gedo. My farm has been destroyed by river water and floods.
Bardera Gedo	4/25/2020	Floods	Hello my name is A.O in Bardera. We are some of the people affected by the river flooding. We have been cut off by the river water and we appeal for help and aid.
Galkayo Mudug	4/23/2020	Floods	Hello my name is Y.M.A in Galkayo. We have had heavy rainfall and our houses have been inundated by rain water. We would like the federal and the regional government to reach us with aid. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Adado Galgadud	4/27/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.H in Adado. We have been affected by flash floods that have disrupted the lives of the people.
Warsheikh M.Shabelle	4/24/2020	Floods/ WASH	Hello my name is A.M.B in Warsheikh, the current heavy rainfall could cause floods. This village known as Da'arey did not have wells but we have got water now.
Lafole, Hiran	4/24/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M in Lafole, Hiran. We would like Radio Ergo to know that there are no proper river banks to prevent flooding. We fear that there could be flooding in the area. We need help in constructing strong river banks.
Hiran	4/27/2020	Floods/ IDPs	Hello my name is A.E in Hiran. We are displaced people and there is now fear of floods, please share our message with the government of Somalia so that we can get help.
Kismayo L.Juba	4/27/2020	Floods	(F) Hello my name is K. in Kismayo. My house has been inundated by flood water. I would like to get help to protect my house from the flood water.
South Central	4/23/2020	Floods	Hello my name is A.M.K I would like to speak about the river flooding that has caused hardships. The roads have been blocked and the poor families are now facing difficulties. We need swift response.
South Central	4/24/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.D.K. The Juba river has flooded and the farms have been destroyed. The people living near the river have been displaced.
South Central	4/27/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo my name is I.A.A in Qamqam village. Our farms have been affected by river and flash floods. Our farms have been destroyed and we would like the government to reach us.
Barawe L.Shabelle	4/24/2020	Floods	(F) Hello my name is F. in Barawe. We have been getting continued rainfall and there are fears of floods. We are now in the month of Ramadan. Some people have begun fasting today while others might start tomorrow.
Middle Shabelle	4/23/2020	IDPs/ Shelter	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Middle Shabelle. My name is A.O.M. I would like to speak about the Gu rainfall that has affected the people. The previously drought hit people don't have proper shelters. We would like the Hirshabelle government to reach out to the people in need.
Kismayo L.Juba	4/27/2020	Jobs	Hello my name is D.D.Y in Kismayo. We are the youth of Kismayo and we are facing unemployment in the area. We would like the government to bring us job opportunities.
Mogadishu	4/25/2020	Governance	Hello I would like to speak about the policeman who killed two people in Mogadishu. I think that policeman should be

Huurshe Galgadud	4/23/2020	Khat	Hello Radio Ergo , my name is S.F in Huurshe, Galgadud. We would like to request the federal government to ban the Khat that is coming into the country.
South Central	4/23/2020	Khat	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.A, I would like to speak about khat that is still coming in from the Ethiopian border, we
Galgadud	4/24/2020	Khat	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.A in Galgadud. I would like to speak about the Hareri Khat that is coming into the country. We would like it to be banned.
Salal Awdal	4/27/2020	Locust	Hello my name is O.O.H in Salal, Awdal. The larvae have grown into full locusts and are now invading our plantations. We would like to get help.
Erigabo Sanag	4/23/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.A in Erigabo. I would like to speak about invasive locusts that have destroyed the trees and all vegetation.
Galgadud	4/24/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A. in Galgadud. I would like to speak about locusts that are destroying the fodder. We
Dhusamareb Galgadud	4/25/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is H.H in Dhusamareb. We are in the planting season and we are growing crops. There are swarms of locust larvae that are invading our farms we would like to get help in dealing with the larvae.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	4/26/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A in Dhusamareb. We have got the Gu rainfall and we doing better. We are afraid that we might be invaded by the locust plague. We need experts to tell us how we can deal with the locusts.
Beledweyne Hiran	4/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is in Beledweyne, I would like to speak about the locust invasion. The locusts are destroying our plantations and we would like to know how we can control the locusts.
Jalalaqsi Hiran	4/25/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.A in Jalalaqsi. We are farmers and we have been devastated by pests and more recently there have been locust larvae that have being eating our crops.
Mogadishu Banadir	4/22/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is Z. in Mogadishu. I am a farmer and we are planting our crops now but we have been invaded by locusts that we have not been able to control.
Adale M.Shabelle	4/25/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A in Adale, Middle Shabelle. We have seen a rise in locust that have invaded our farms. The larvae are growing into locusts and we fear they might grow in large numbers and destroy our plantations.
Kismayo L.Juba	4/27/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A. in Kismayo. We have been invaded by locusts. Our farms have been destroyed, we have lost our watermelon plantations.
Somaliland	4/25/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to ask the vet expert about livestock diseases that are causing our goats to have diarrhoea. We have given our goats some medicine but this has not worked.
Qoryalle Togdher	4/23/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name A.J.A in Qoryalle, Togdher. We have got the Gu rainfall, however there have been livestock disease and parasites such as ticks that have risen.

Harardhere Mudug	4/25/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Harardhere. I would like to know the livestock prices in Galkayo markets. Thank you Radio Ergo. I hope to get response in today's broadcast.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	4/22/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, thank you for your services for the Somali people. My name is A.S in Dhusamareb, Galgadud. I am a pastoralist and we are doing better. The people are happy and the livestock have got water, although the fodder has not regrown yet. Thank you.
South Central	4/25/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is M.A.O in Dakar. We are pastoralists and our goats are sick. We would like to get tips on how we can treat our livestock.
Bur-Qalo'an Mudug	4/23/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.H.I in Bur-Qalocan, Mudug. We are farmers and there have been farming projects to fund the advance of people's farms. We would also like to benefit from these projects, if there is any justice. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Bardera Gedo	4/25/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is A. in Bardera. There are pests that are destroying our farms and we don't have the capacity to deal with the pests. We need help.
Kalabaydh	4/22/2020	Rain	Hello my name is M.H.M in Kalabaydh. We have got rainfall in the area and we are doing good. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Somaliland	4/24/2020	Rain	Hello my name is M.A.M I would like to wish the Muslims a blessed Ramadan. The Gu rainfall has also begun in the area.
Somali Ethiopian region	4/25/2020	Rain	Hello my name is F.M.H in Somali-Ethiopian region. We are in rainy season and the vegetation is growing. We are doing good.
Abduwak Galgadud	4/24/2020	Rain	Hello my name is A.A. in Abudwak, Galgadud. We have got good rainfall and the livestock are doing good. We are doing better. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Hanabure Galgadud	4/27/2020	Rain/ Radio	Hello Radio Ergo. my name is A. in Hananbure. We have got rainfall and we are doing good. The young children now have now access to Radio broadcasts through their phone. The people are advancing.
South Central	4/25/2020	Rain	Hello my name is R.A.B. We have got rainfall and we are in bliss, our livestock are recovering from a long dry season. We pray that we get more rainfall.
Kismayo L.Juba	4/22/2020	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.W.R in Kismayo. We have got rainfall, we pray that we get a better farm harvest and our livestock get better in this rainy season. Thank you.
Guriel Galgadud	4/25/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is Z.A in Guriel, Galgadud. We are requesting the aid organizations to help us with solar panels around the wells.
Sanag	4/22/2020	Conflict	Hello my name is A.A in Sanag. The conflicts going on should be negotiated peacefully. Lets also pray for each other.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	4/25/2020	Conflict	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.F.I in Wanlaweyn. There are ongoing conflicts in the area. The conflicts are increasing by the day. We hope that conflicts will be resolved peacefully.