



## Brief Summary

The majority of calls this week (3-8 September 2020) were about the devastation caused by locusts, especially across the north. Repeat flooding in areas around the river Shabelle were also a cause of concern to affected farming communities. An increased number of callers spoke of drought and water scarcity, alongside other problems such as locusts and livestock disease. There were a smaller number of calls about Coronavirus, indicating however that the disease was still present in the community.

**Locusts** – The majority of calls this week were from communities affected by locusts, mainly in the northern regions with some in central and southern regions. Calls came from Togdher, Sanag, Bari, Galmudug, Hiran and M. Shabelle. The calls from Sanag were the most numerous. Most callers wanted intervention to control the locusts and aid to compensate for their losses. They described losing their farms and livestock grazing areas to the locusts, and water sources being contaminated by the swarms. Callers in Erigavo said they had not received any spraying control measures. Others in El-afweyne said locusts that had been sprayed elsewhere were moving to their area and they feared they were poisoned. A caller in Sanag declared that the authorities from Somalia and Somaliland needed to cooperate to fight the locusts. Callers in Ufeyn, Puntland, said fresh growth of vegetation after recent rain had caused the locusts to return.

**Floods** – There were many calls from flood-hit communities in Hiran and the Shabelle regions. Callers in Hiran said they had been displaced yet again by floods and had lost their farms. Some acknowledged the efforts to barricade riverbanks or dam the floodwater, but others warned not to rely on such measures. Farmers in Middle Shabelle said they needed seeds and pesticides to restart their flooded farms. Communities in Balad appealed for help saying they had received no assistance after losing everything and being displaced. A caller in Lower Shabelle said they feared for their children in the floodwaters and they lacked toilets. Others complained of mosquitoes and not being able to get to work. One caller said some people had drowned in the floods.

**Covid19** – Callers from Lasanod complained of lack of doctors and isolation centres in Sool's administrative capital, and heavy flows of people transiting the district. From Puntland, a caller in Qardho reported people being sick with a throaty flu and asked if it was Covid19, whilst a female caller in Armo wanted to know if camel meat was helpful in overcoming the symptoms of Covid19. Callers from Galkayo complained that the pandemic had pushed up food prices, and the area lacked testing centres and awareness campaigns. Rural communities in Adado, Galgaduud, said they lacked water to apply the prevention measures. Others in Jowhar and Jalalaqi had questions for the Radio Doctors about identifying Covid symptoms. A caller in Banadir urged people to keep social distancing and handwashing. Livestock herders continued to associate animal disease with Coronavirus. A pastoralist in Jowhar asked if he should quarantine his sick goats as he suspected they had Covid19.

**Drought and water scarcity** – An increased number of callers compared with the previous week reported failed rains and water shortages. These calls were from parts of Togdher, Sool, Nugal, Mudug, Galgaduud, M. Shabelle and M. Juba. Some of the callers complained of drought along with livestock disease and also locust invasions. A caller in El-aqwan near Galkayo said the wells had all run dry. The callers in most cases asked for water aid.

Location	Date	Theme	Remarks
Kalabaydh Sool	9/3/2020	COVID19	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.A. in Kalabaydh, Sool. I would like to know how we can protect ourselves from the pandemic disease.
Lasanod Sool	9/6/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is M.A.M in Lasanod. There are many people coming into this region and we don't know how we can prevent the Coronavirus from reaching us. We would like to get doctors and quarantine systems here.
Qardo Bari	9/4/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is F.M.Y in Qardo. There is a disease that is affecting many people and the people are having clogged throats and sneezing, we are not sure if it is the Coronavirus or something else.
Armo Puntland	9/6/2020	COVID19	(F) Hello my name is I.D.A in Armo area. I would like to know what people should take to reduce the symptoms of the Coronavirus. We have been told that the camel meat is good for the Coronavirus. Is this true?
Galkayo Mudug	9/6/2020	COVID19	(F) Hello my name is M.A in Galkayo. There has been a rise in food prices caused by the pandemic Coronavirus. We would like the government to help us improve the economy.
Galkayo Mudug	9/4/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is F. in Galkayo. We are doing well, although we are in the dry season. However we would like to get more testing centres for the Coronavirus and awareness among the people. Thank you.
Jarriban Mudug	9/5/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.B in Jarriban. I would like the doctor to tell us if lemon and honey can be used to help treat the Coronavirus.
Adado Galgadud	9/3/2020	COVID19/ WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Adado, my name is Mohamud. The people in the rural areas do not have water, I would like to know how these people can protect themselves from the Coronavirus.
Garasbaley Banadir	9/5/2020	COVID19	Hello I am calling from Garasbaley. I think the people should maintain proper hygiene and social distancing in order to protect themselves from this disease (COVID19).
Jowhar M.Shabelle	9/3/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.H in Jowhar. I would like the doctor to tell us the visible signs of a person with Coronavirus. I would like to be able to tell someone with the virus. Thank you.
Jalalaqsi Hiran	9/4/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.S.F in Jalalaqsi. I would like to know the types of disease that could make someone vulnerable to the Coronavirus. Thank you.
Mubarak Hiran	9/8/2020	Floods	Hello my name is H.A in Mubarak village, Hiran. I would like to speak about floods on the Shabelle river. We are facing hardships and many people have lost their farms. These people need aid and support.
Beledweyne Hiran	9/3/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.O.A in Beledweyne. I am happy that there have been efforts to barricade the broken river banks. We are hoping to see a difference this year.

Beledweyne Hiran	9/3/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.A. in Beledweyne. There are recurring floods all year round. The people are affected and they have to move to El-jalle and other higher grounds.
Beledweyne Hiran	9/3/2020	Floods	Hello my name is M. in Beledweyne. These area has been some water dams made in the area however I think people should still take caution and not rely much on these structures.
Jalalaqsi Hiran	9/5/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Jalalaqsi. I would like to speak about recurring floods in the area. We are calling for aid organizations and the government to help us. Thank you.
Middle Shabelle	9/3/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.S. in Middle Shabelle. I would like to speak about our farms that have been washed away by flash floods. We are appealing for seedlings, pesticides and help to revive our farms.
Bal'ad M.Shabelle	9/8/2020	Floods	Hello my name is A.M.A in Bal'ad in Middle Shabelle. I would like to speak about floods and hardship, we have not got any intervention and we are in dire need of aid.
Bal'ad M.Shabelle	9/3/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A.M in Bal'ad, Middle Shabelle. We are doing well but we have been inundated by flood waters. We have lost our farms and we would like to get intervention.
Lower Shabelle	9/8/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M in Lower Shabelle. I would like to speak about renewed floods in the area that have caused displacement and hardships. We would like to get intervention. Thank you.
L. Shabelle	9/3/2020	Floods	Hello I am calling from Warey area, we have been hit by floods. Our farms have been inundated and we fear for our children. We also don't have toilets and we would like to get help. Thank you.
South Central	9/6/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, we would like to get intervention, we have been affected by recurring floods. There is a mosquito influx and we cannot get to work. We would like to get intervention.
South Central	9/3/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, we have been inundated by the Shabelle river, we are now counting losses and we would like to get intervention. Thank you.
South Central	9/5/2020	Floods	Hello my name is H.A.M I am calling from Rage'el. We have been inundated by river floods, our farms have been destroyed and some people have been washed away.
South Central	9/6/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.N in Buurfulo. Our farms have been inundated by floods and we would like the aid organizations to help us save our farms.
Somaliland	9/4/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.S.S. We have been invaded by locusts that are destroying all our vegetation and leading to desertification. We would like to get intervention.
Wajalle W.Galbed	9/5/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.S.A in Wajalle. I would like to speak about locusts that are destroying our vegetation. We would like the ministries and aid organizations to bring us aid and intervention. Thank you.
Qora-Samed	9/5/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S.S in Qora-Samed. There are swarms of locusts that are eating our farms and we are losing our crops and our water is being contaminated by locusts. We would like to get intervention.

Durugsi Togdher	9/6/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is A.M.A in Harada, Durugsi area. I would like to speak about locusts that have wreaked havoc, destroying our vegetation and livestock fodder. We don't know how to control this locust plague.
Oodweyne Togdher	9/7/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Oodweyne. There are locusts destroying our farms and we would like aid organizations to bring us aid. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Ayn Togdher	9/3/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.Y in Ayn. There are invasive locusts in the area that have wreaked havoc. The locusts have affected the land and even our livestock.
Beer Togdher	9/5/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A in Beer. I would like the doctor to tell us if eating the locusts can harm people's health or drinking water where the locusts have fallen.
Erigabo Sanag	9/3/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Erigabo, there are swarms of full grown locusts that are devastating our vegetation.
Badhan Sanag	9/3/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.M in Badhan, Sanag. I would like to speak about swarms of locust plagues that are destroying our vegetation. Thank you.
Badhan Sanag	9/3/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is M. in Badhan, Sanag. I would like to speak about locusts that are destroying our livestock fodder. We would like the government of Puntland to help us control the locusts. Thank you.
Erigabo Sanag	9/5/2020	Locust	Hello my name is O.H.M in Erigabo. There are swarms of locusts that are pouring in from all direction. We are pastoralists but we are losing our fodder to the locust plague. We have got rainfall but now we still need intervention to control the locusts. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Sanag	9/5/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Sanag. There are swarms of locusts and we would like to get help in controlling the locusts. We would like to get spraying campaigns to deal with the locusts. I think this should not be a Somalia-Somaliland issue and all the authorities should deal with the locusts collectively.
Kalma Sanag	9/6/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Kalma in Sanag. My name is I.I.O, I would like to speak about the locust invasion that is wreaking havoc and we would like to get intervention in dealing with the locusts.
Dhahar Sanag	9/6/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.M.A in Dhahar area. We have got rainfall but this area is still under the grip of invasive locusts.
Golis Sanag	9/3/2020	Locust	Hello I am calling from Golis Mountains in Sanag. There are locust plagues in the area. We have not seen any efforts to control the locust invasion in Sanag region.
Erigabo Sanag	9/5/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Erigabo, Sanag. I would like to speak about the locust invasion in this area. The locusts are spreading over large swaths of land. We have not got any intervention or spraying campaigns from the government.

El-afweyn Sanag	9/6/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S.F in El-afweyn. I would like to inform you that there are locusts that were sprayed with pesticides. They are now coming to our area and we fear that it might cause health risks. We would like these poisoned locusts to be controlled before they spread all over the area.
El-afweyn Sanag	9/6/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.A in El-afweyn. There are locusts that are destroying our lands and vegetation. There have formed a blanket over this area and we are worried about desertification. Please share our message.
El-afweyn Sanag	9/6/2020	Locust	Hello I am calling from El-afweyn. We are doing good and we have got rainfall, however there are swarms of locusts that are widespread across the area and we don't have the capacity to deal with these locusts. Please share our message so that we can get intervention.
El-dhere Sanag	9/7/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from El-dhere, Sanag region. My name is A.A.H. We have been hit by locusts waves that are eating away our crops. We would like to get intervention and control measures.
Badhan Sanag	9/7/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.M.M in Badhan. There are swarms of locust that have been eating our vegetation for some time. We have not seen any efforts to deal with the locusts.
Ufeyn Bari	9/7/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Ufeyn area. We have got rainfall and the vegetation has begun to grow, but this has brought a resurgence of the locust plague. We would like to know how we can deal with the locusts.
Bosaso Bari	9/4/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.M in Bosaso, we have been invaded by swarms of locusts and we would like the government to help us spray the locusts.
Qardo Bari	9/6/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is A.I in Qardo. I would like to know if the locust land on trees only or on all kinds of vegetation.
Puntland	9/7/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.H.A, we have been invaded by locusts and we would like to get any efforts to deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Puntland	9/3/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S.A.J. I think people should burn car tyres so that the smoke chases the locusts away.
Puntland	9/3/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M I would like to speak about the locust invasion that is eating away our vegetation. We are also losing our water and we would like to get aerial spraying to deal with the locusts.
Wargallo	9/3/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is H. in Wargallo. I would like to speak about drought and locusts. We have got some rainfall and the locusts are eating away our vegetation.
Sahawanag Mudug	9/7/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name A. in Sahawanag. We would like to speak about the widespread locust plague that is destroying our livestock fodder.
Galgadud	9/3/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.A in Galgadud. There are locusts that are destroying our farms and I would like to know how we can control the locusts.

Mogadishu Banadir	9/3/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is N.A. I am calling from near Mogadishu. I am a farmer and we have been invaded by locusts. We don't know how to protect the farm, the locusts are leaving behind larvae and we would like to get intervention to deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Beledweyne Hiran	9/5/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Beledweyne, we have been invaded by locusts and we would like to know how to control these locusts.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	9/4/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is N.A. in Jowhar. We are fearing the locust larvae that is posing a threat to the farms and the livestock fodder. We would like to know how we can deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	9/8/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H in Johwar. I would like the experts to tell us how we can deal with the locust invasion. Thank you.
Baki Awdal	9/8/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Baki. We are farmers and we would like the government to help us improve our farm output. We need pesticides and equipment.
Puntland	9/3/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to ask the agriculture expert if the onions can grow in the rain without being watered and without much human input. I would also like to know why potatoes from Ethiopia cannot grow in Somalia.
Mudug	9/4/2020	Agriculture/ Locusts	Hello my name is A.A in Mudug. I would like the agriculture expert to tell us how we can control the locusts and if we can use normal pesticides.
Sahawanag Mudug	9/5/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like my name is Y in Sahawanag, Mudug. The birds are dying in the area. We would like the experts to tell us what is causing birds to die. Thank you.
Guriel	9/6/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Guriel. I would like to speak about white pests that are eating our farms produce. We have used soap and other pesticides but they have not been effective. We would like to get other alternatives on how we can save our farms.
Diinsor	9/3/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Diinsor, we have pests that have been eating into our tomato produce and we have used different pesticides. We would like the expert to tell us how we can deal with these pests.
Bula-sidow (L. Juba?)	9/3/2020	Locust/ Agriculture	Hello my name is Y.S.G in Bula-Sidow. We are losing our farms to locusts. We have lost our sesame and other produce. We would like to get advice and help on improving our farm.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	9/6/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.S in Jowhar. I would like to ask the agriculture expert to tell us what causes the tomato plant leaves to change in colour.
Bardera Gedo	9/5/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo my name is H.B in Bardera. I am a bee keeper and there are some pests that are affecting our bee keeping practises. I would like the experts to tell us about these pests.
Buhodle Togdher	9/3/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is I.J.W in Buhodle. There is plastic waste in the area, our livestock are feeding on this plastic waste and it clogs up their stomachs. We would like the business people to stop bringing the plastic to our area.

Balli-dhiig Togdher	9/6/2020	Livestock	Hello I am calling from Balli-dhiig. We are losing our goats to disease, they have got diarrhoea. They don't eat much, we would like to know the causes of this disease.
Waridad Togdher	9/5/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is M. in Waridad, Ainabo. I would like to inform you that there is a disease that is causing our goats to have runny noses. We would like the ministry of livestock to help us treat our goats. Thank you.
Waridad Togdher	9/7/2020	Livestock/ Governance	Hello my name is F.D in Waridad. We are pastoralists and there have been some people coming to fence off the grazing lands and start farming. We would like the government to stop this.
Dhahar Sanag	9/3/2020	Livestock/ Locusts	Hello Radio Ergo my name is I.A in Dhahar area. We would like Radio Ergo to share our message. We need aid organizations to help us, our livestock have got respiratory disease and we are losing the farms to locusts.
Erigabo Sanag	9/5/2020	Livestock/ Locusts	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. I am calling from Erigabo, Sanag. This area has been invaded by locusts that are eating away our vegetation. We would like to get spraying campaigns. There is also unknown camel disease. Thank you.
Lasanod Sool	9/6/2020	Livestock	Hello I am calling from Odagooy village in Lasanod. Our livestock have got CCPD disease, there are also other diseases and we don't see any efforts to help treat our livestock. We would like to get treatment for our livestock.
Sedeh-Higlo Mudug	9/5/2020	Livestock	Hello I am calling from Sedeh-Higlo. Our livestock have got water and fodder, but there ticks which are sucking the blood of our goats.
Kobali	9/4/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Kobali. I would like to speak about the livestock disease affecting our goats and camels. There is unknown disease affecting our livestock and we would like to get intervention.
Adado Galgadud	9/5/2020	Livestock	(F) Hello my name is S. H. in Adado. I would like to ask the doctor what causes the livestock disease know as 'Dooxa' thank you.
Beledweyne Hiran	9/4/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Beledweyne. I would like to speak about livestock milk that could cause disease. There are some young people that drank the milk of goats that had been injected with medicine. The pastoralists and milk sellers should wait at least three days before they drink the milk of injected livestock.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	9/7/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H.A in Jowhar. I would like to get livestock prices in international markets. Thank you.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	9/6/2020	Livestock/ COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H. Y. in Jowhar. I am a pastoralist and my goats are coughing and they have running noses. I would like to know if they have got the Coronavirus, should I quarantine my goats and stay away from them or what should I do?

Beledhawo Gedo	9/5/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is D.A in Beledhawo, Gedo. I have lost my 29 goats, and I have been searching for my goats. I am requesting people to help me find my goats. Thank you. Please share my voice so that I can find my goats.
Bulahawo Gedo	9/7/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is A. A. in Bulahawo. We are pastoralists and we have seen that our livestock swell after grazing and they die. We would like the vet doctor to tell us more about this.
Durugsi Togdher	9/5/2020	WASH/ Livestock	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. M. A. I am calling from Durugsi, I would like to speak about drought and water scarcity. The rains have failed and our goats have also got disease. They have got diarrhoea. We would like to get intervention from the government.
Sool	9/7/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M in Sool region. We are facing water scarcity and the rains have failed. We would like to get water aid.
Burtinle Nugal	9/8/2020	WASH/ Locusts	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling form Burtinle, Nugal. There is drought and water scarcity which is a threat to our livestock. There is also a locust plague which is worsening the situation and we would like to get intervention.
El-aqwan Mudug	9/7/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.A in El-aqwan, Mudug. The people here are dependent on wells for water, however the wells have become dry and there is water scarcity. We would like to get water aid in this area.
Galgadud	9/5/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Galgadud. My name is M.M.D. There is drought here and we would like to get intervention.
Hananbure Galgadud	9/7/2020	WASH	Hello my name is A.H in Hananbure. There is drought and conflict in the area. We would like to get intervention and aid. Thank you.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	9/5/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.H.I in Hanshowley, Jowhar. We are facing water scarcity. We are in a dire situation and we would like Radio Ergo to share our message so that we can get intervention. Thank you.
Salagle M.Juba	9/3/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M. in Salagle in Middle Juba. We are facing water scarcity and we would like to get intervention. Thank you.
Somaliland	9/4/2020	Food Security	Hello my name is A.F.S. I would like to speak about unemployment and we would like the government to create jobs for the youths.
Daadamaren Togdher	9/7/2020	Other	Hello my name is A.M in Daadmareen. There is an aeroplane that has been flying low over us. It has sparked fear and we would like to know about these planes.
Somaliland	9/6/2020	Other	Hello my name is A.A.F in Rasheikh, we have seen a plane that came close to our houses, we don't know what they were doing.
Jibagale Nugal	9/3/2020	Other	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Jibagale, Nugal. The Garanwaa (Ali garob) tree is taking over in the area. We would like aid organizations and the government to help us clear this tree.

Galkayo Mudug	9/3/2020	Other	Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.M.A in Galkayo. The foxes in the area are dying. We have seen many dead foxes in the area and we don't know what is killing them. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Buhodle Togdher	9/3/2020	Environment	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.J in Buhodle. I would like to speak about charcoal burning. There are people cutting down trees and burning the vegetation. We would like to get intervention from the government.
War-bogeys Sool	9/8/2020	Environment	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from War-Bogeys, Sool. My name is Y.J and I would like to speak about deforestation and people cutting down our trees. They are not leaving anything behind.
Bosaso Bari	9/7/2020	Governance	Hello my name is S.A in Bosaso, we would like the government of Puntland to improve the security of the area. You cannot walk at night with your phone due to organized gang crime.
Galgadud	9/5/2020	Conflict	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.A I am calling from east Galgadud. There has been renewed clan conflict. The people have suffered a lot and we would like the government to intervene and stop the clan fighting.
Mahas Hiran	9/6/2020	Conflict	Hello I am calling from Mahas. The elders in the villages in this area have been taken away by Al-Shabab. We would like the government to help us bring security to this area.
Las-herder	9/8/2020	Conflict	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N. in Las-herder. I would like to speak about clan conflict in the area and we pray that there will be peace and stability in the area.