



Brief Summary

The Radio Ergo independent voice feedback platform this week (19-24 September 2020) drew calls from different parts of the country on locusts and their impact on food security, water scarcity, COVID19, and other topics. There were fewer calls than normal due to a technical problem affecting the platform over a couple of days, which has now been rectified. However, there was a proportional increase in female callers, perhaps responding to our radio announcement encouraging women to use the service. Many calls, as usual, were in response to certain Ergo programme segments, such as the livestock and farming programmes, among other. The following summarises the calls this week by theme.

Locusts – farmers and pastoralists from northern, central and southern regions voiced their concerns over the devastating waves of locusts and larvae wreaking havoc on farming and grazing land. The majority were from northern regions including Togdher, Sanag and Sool. Most demanded spraying and control measures, and other forms of humanitarian intervention to support them following their losses. A caller in Wardher, Sanag, said the area had been invaded by locusts and they were neglected by the government and aid organisations. There were some calls from over the border in Somali region of Ethiopia. A few calls came from Puntland. A female caller said the vegetation had all been eaten and their livestock were now thin and in desperate condition. A caller in Eyl said they had been invaded by locusts and also had no water. In Mudug, a farmer said all his fruit trees had been eaten by locusts and shrivelled up by lack of water and he now needed aid. Calls also came from Hiran, the Shabelle regions, Bay and Gedo. Farmers in Janale said that their maize and sesame had been destroyed, and in Dinsor that there was a shortage of food resulting from the locust impact.

COVID19 – most calls on this topic were asking for advice about symptoms and prevention of the disease. Ergo is still running a weekly Radio Doctor answering listeners questions about Coronavirus. Calls on the topic came from Somaliland, Galgaduud, Hiran, M. Shabelle, and Gedo. A caller in Holhol, Sool, commented that people appeared to have forgotten about the virus and needed reminding. In Beletweyn, a caller urged the health centres to be more active in prevention measures. A female caller in Jowhar stated that the virus had caused economic problems as well as deaths and health problems.

Water shortage – many callers complained about water shortages, with the majority coming from Galmudug. In parts of Somaliland, especially Sanag, callers said temperatures were very high and they needed water aid as there had been no rain. Callers in Adado, Dabad, Qalanqale, and other unspecified locations in Galmudug spoke of drought and asked for water pumps and/or the repair of water points. A female caller somewhere in Galmudug said their livestock had no fodder now and also claimed that food aid delivered was being stolen. Several callers in Beled-Hawo and Bardera in Gedo, who might be IDPs, complained of lack of water alongside other needs such as shelter.

Flood victims – there were a number of calls from flood-affected people in Hiran. Some asked for solutions to control the river Shabelle after recurrent flooding. A female caller said they needed food aid as their crops had all been destroyed. People displaced from Beletweyn to Isbunyada called for food and shelter for the many IDPs gathered there.

Location	Date	Theme	Remarks
Badhan Sanag	9/20/2020	COVID19	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.J.M in Badhan, Sanag. I regularly wash my hands with water and soap every 30 minutes. I would like to know if that is enough and what more I should do to protect myself from the Coronavirus.
Holhol Sool	9/23/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A.D in Holhol, Sool. The people have moved on with their lives as if the Coronavirus has completely disappeared from the world. I would like to tell the people to still practise the guidelines.
Somaliland	9/22/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M. and I would like the doctor to tell us the causes of the Coronavirus and how it spreads to people. Thank you Radio Ergo for your programmes.
Adado Galgadud	9/22/2020	COVID19	(F) Hello my name is N. in Adado. I would like the doctor to tell us how we can protect ourselves from Covid19.
Guriel Galgdud	9/20/2020	COVID19	(F) Hello my name is H. in Guriel. I would like to ask the doctor to tell us how we can prevent ourselves from contracting the Coronavirus. Thank you.
Beledweyne Hiran	9/23/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A.M.M in Beledweyne. I would like to tell the health centres to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus.
El-Jalle Hiran	9/21/2020	COVID19	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.M. in El-Jalle. I would like to ask the doctor if the Coronavirus is transmitted through the air only.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	9/23/2020	COVID19	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.M.A in Jowhar. The Coronavirus has caused economic problems besides the death and health problems.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	9/23/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is N.A in Jowhar. I would like to know if someone affected by the disease who has recovered can still be affected by the disease.
Bardera Gedo	9/21/2020	COVID19	(F) Hello my name is R.A in Bardera. I would like to ask the doctor how we can protect ourselves from the Coronavirus. Thank you.
South Central	9/22/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.N. I would like the doctor to tell us how the Coronavirus spread. How can the virus be transmitted from one person to another?

Daadmaren Togdher	9/21/2020	Locust	Hello my name is O.H.A in Daadmaren. I would like to speak about the locusts that have wreaked havoc in this area. We would like to get intervention to control the locusts.
Sarar Togdher	9/22/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is Y. in Sarar. I would like to speak about locusts that have taken over this area. We have got rainfall however the locust have wreaked havoc and are eating away our produce.
Burao Togdher	9/23/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.F in Burao, Togdher. Our farms have been infested by locusts. We don't know how to control these locusts and we are losing our farms.
Togdher	9/23/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.J.D in Togdher. The locust have left this area and the larvae are now growing and destroying the vegetation. We need aid organizations to help us deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Sahil Togdher	9/23/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo A.A in Sahil. I would like to talk about the locust invasion that is destroying our crops. We appeal to the aid organizations to intervene in the locust invasion.
Badhan Sanag	9/20/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S.A.A in Badhan, Sanag. We have been invaded by locusts and we would like to get intervention. We have heard there is aerial spraying and we would like the locust plague to be contained.
El-buh Sanag	9/21/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S.H.D in El-Buh. I would like to speak about large number of locusts that have spread across the area and wreaked havoc. We would like to get intervention.
Wardher Sanag	9/20/2020	Locust	Hello I am calling from Wardher, Sanag. My name is A.H.M. This area has been invaded by locusts and we have been neglected by the government and aid organizations. We would like Radio Ergo to share our message so that we can get intervention.
Sanag	9/20/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.F in Sanag. There is a locust invasion in area and we would like to get intervention. This area is under the grip of locusts.
Sool	9/21/2020	Locust	Hello am calling from Sool region. There are locusts that have invaded our vegetation. We would like to get help in controlling the locusts. We don't have the capacity or the knowlegde to deal with the locusts.
Daba-dhige (Ethiopia?)	9/20/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is H.M.M. in Daba-dhige. I would like to speak about the large number of locusts that are devastating the environment. We are losing our grazing lands and farm produce. We would like to get intervention from the government. We are worried about the locust plague. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Raqda (Ethiopia?)	9/22/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.M. in Raqda. I would like to speak about invasive locusts that have taken over the area by storm and wreaked havoc.

Qardo Bari	9/21/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Qardo. I would like the experts to tell us the measures that can be taken by farmers in remote areas in controlling the locust plague. Thank you.
Eyl Nugal	9/19/2020	Locust/ WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.Y in Eyl. There is water scarcity and a locust invasion in the area. We would like the Puntland administration to help us deal with the water scarcity.
Puntland	9/22/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.A in Geed-Elmi. We are worried about locusts that are eating away our small vegetation. Now our livestock do not have access to fodder. We would like to get intervention. Our livestock are thin and in a desperate condition, we are appealing for help.
Mudug	9/23/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is east Mudug region. We have been devastated by locusts and we fear that the larvae will grow in the rainy season. Thank you.
Sadeh-higlo Mudug	9/23/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.D in Sadeh-Higlo. There are locusts in the area and they are destroying all vegetation. We need the government to stop these locusts.
Mudug	9/23/2020	Locusts/ WASH	Hello my name is A.E.N in Mudug. I am a farmer and my produce has been eaten by locusts and shrivelled from water scarcity. I used to grow lemon, guava and mangoes among other. I am now appealing for aid.
Radeer	9/21/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.K.M in Radeer. We would like to get intervention from FAO spraying team. We don't have farms but we are losing our grazing land to locust. We are worried about the locust plague and we would like to get intervention.
Buleburte Hiran	9/23/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.J in Buleburte, Hiran. We have been invaded by locusts and we would like to get pesticides to control the locusts.
Middle Shabelle	9/23/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.A in Middle Juba. I would like to speak about locust larvae that are destroying our vegetation. We need the government to help us.
Janale L.Shabelle	9/20/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.H.I in Janale. I would like to speak about the locust invasion. Our produce such as maize and sesame that we planted have been eaten away by locusts. We would like to know how we can deal with the locusts. Thank you
Diinsor Bay	9/23/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.H in Diinsoor. I would like to speak about locusts in the area that have destroyed our crops and are causing food insecurity. We need intervention in this area.
Gedo	9/23/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A. in Gedo. We are now expecting the rains to begin soon but we fear that the locust larvae will grow in the rain and form huge locust waves.
South Central	9/21/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.A. I would like to ask the aerial spraying groups to reach us. We are losing our grazing land and our livestock are still scared of the locusts. We are appealing for intervention.

Buleburte Hiran	9/21/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.H in Buleburte. I would like to speak about the floods in Hiran region and other regions in Somalia. I am a farmer in Buleburte. Last year we lost our farms to floods, we planted our crops again and then we lost our farms again to floods. We have been affected by recurring floods.
Buleburte Hiran	9/23/2020	Floods	Hello my name A.A.R in Buleburte, Hiran. We are farmers and we have been affected by recurring flood cycles and we would like the government to help us control the river.
Hiran	9/21/2020	Floods/ Aid	(F) Hello I am calling from Hiran. Our farms have been destroyed by floods and we are facing food shortages. We would like FAO to bring us swift food aid. Thank you.
Hiran	9/23/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.H.L. in Hiran region. We are facing hardships, the road that we used is now under construction and the other routes have been cut off by floods. Accessibility has been hampered in the area.
Beletweyne, Hiran	9/21/2020	IDPs/Aid	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.H.O in Isbunyada, we have been displaced from Beledweyne. There are many IDPs who have arrived here and they are all facing a dire situation. There is food scarcity and lack of proper shelter. Please share our message so that we can get help. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Kismayo L.Juba	9/20/2020	IDPs/ Shelter	(F) Hello my name is H. in Kismayo, there have been very strong winds and a mosquito influx. We would like to get help, we are displaced families and we would like to get plastic shelters and aid. Thank you, please share my message.
Erigabo Sanag	9/21/2020	WASH	(F) Hello my name is A.A.J in Erigabo. We are facing water scarcity and drought. We appealing for intervention. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Shimbirale Sanag	9/23/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.S in Shimbirale, Sanag. I would like to speak about water scarcity in the area. We would like aid organizations to help us get a water well. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Somaliland	9/20/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, we are facing hot temperatures, water scarcity, and a failed rainy season in this area. We would like to get intervention from the government. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Eyl Nugal	9/20/2020	WASH/ Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.Y in Eyl. There is water scarcity and problem of locust invasion in this area. We would like to get intervention. Thank you.
Puntland	9/20/2020	WASH/ Health	Hello my name is Abdirisak Mursal. I am a pastoralist and we have been hit by water scarcity and drought. There are also diseases like diarrhoea.
Adado Galgadud	9/20/2020	Education/ WASH	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is L. in Adado, Galgadud. We would like to get schools in this area. We would also like to get water pumps. Please share our message with aid organizations so that we can get services in this area.

Dabad Galgadud	9/20/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A. in Dabad, Galgadud. There is water scarcity and we would like aid organizations to bring us water aid. We have a water generator that pumped water but it broke down. Please share our message.
Galgadud	9/19/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is W.A in Galgadud. There is water scarcity in the area. Please share our message so that we can get intervention. Thank you.
Qalanqale Galgadud	9/22/2020	WASH/ Conflict	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Qalanqale. We have not got rainfall and there is drought in the area. There are also conflicts going on and we would like to get peace settlement.
Galmudug	9/22/2020	WASH/Aid diversion	(F) Hello my name is A. in Galmudug. We have not got rainfall and there is drought. We have not got any aid. We used to get sorghum, but our livestock don't have fodder now and we would like to get aid. There are some aid groups bringing aid and cutting the food sacks so they pour out the food aid.
Baidoa Bay	9/20/2020	WASH/IDPs	Hello my name is M.A.M in Baidoa. I have been displaced from Beledweyne, we are facing sever water shortages in this area. Thank you.
Beled-Hawo Gedo	9/19/2020	WASH	Hello my name is S. in Beled-Hawo. We are facing drought and water scarcity in the area. We would like to get intervention. Thank you.
Beled-Hawo Gedo	9/20/2020	WASH	Hello my name is S. in Gedo region. I would like to inform you that we have been hit by drought and we are appealing for humanitarian aid.
Bardera Gedo	9/22/2020	WASH/ Shelter	Hello my name is M.A in Bardera. It is very hot and there has been a rise in temperatures. We are also facing lack of proper shelter, we don't have houses although there are weather extremes. It is hot, there are mosquitoes and the rains might begin soon.
Burtinle Nugal	9/22/2020	Rain/ Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.J in Burtinle. We are doing well in this area. We are now expecting the rains although we fear the locusts.
Arfula	9/21/2020	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.O I am calling from near Arfula. We have got rainfall and we are doing better and water is collecting in our reservoirs. Thank you Radio Ergo.
South Central	9/23/2020	Rain/ COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.M.O in Areey village. We have got rainfall and we are in bliss, we are also hearing about the Coronavirus and I wish quick recovery for the people affected.
Sool	9/20/2020	Governance/ Food security	Hello my name is A.M in Sool region. I would like to speak about a group of people that are fencing off our water wells and grazing lands. We would like Radio Ergo to share our message to the government of Somalia and Somaliland so that we can get intervnetion. Thank you Radio Ergo.

Salahley W.Galbed	9/23/2020	Environment	Hello my name is A. in Salahley. I would like to speak about the people who are cutting down trees and doing deforestation activities to burn charcoal. We would like to get intervention from the Somaliland government so that we can protect our environment.
Qararo Togdher	9/20/2020	Environment	Hello Ergo, my name is A. in Qararo, near Buhodle. There are people cutting down trees and destroying our environment. The Ethiopian forces used to be around here and they are no longer here. We would like authorities to help us protect our environment.
Somaliland	9/20/2020	Environment	Hello Radio Ergo. Thank you for your programmes. I am calling from Somaliland. We are worried about some people who are cutting down our trees to burn charcoal. We would like the authorities to stop these people.
Galkayo Mudug	9/20/2020	GBV	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Galkayo. I would like to speak about the increasing number of rape cases reported in the country especially Mogadishu. I think it is because of the khat that was banned. The people who used khat are now idle and preying on our females. I think that is the cause of the increased rape cases.
Qalanqale Galgadud	9/23/2020	GBV	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M. in Qalanqaley. There has been an increasing number of reports of rape and violence against women. The perpetrators of these criminal acts should be punished.
Hanabure Galgadud	9/20/2020	Conflict	(F) Hello my name is A.A.A in Hananbure. I would like to speak about clan conflicts. We would like the Galmudug government to bring peace solutions and end the ongoing conflicts. Thank you.
Kalmaraje Sanag	9/21/2020	Livestock	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is Najah in Kalmaraje, Sanag. Our goats are sick and they are limping. Our goats are sick and I would like the vet doctor to tell us how we can treat this condition. Thank you.
Harardhere Mudug	9/20/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.O in Harardhere, Mudug region. We would like the livestock vet doctor to tell us the disease that affecting the lungs of the goats and causes them to cough. Our goats' eyes are also sticking together.
Hiran	9/21/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is A. G., I am calling from Hiran region. We are pastoralists and our livestock are sick, they are coughing and they have got diarrhoea. We are losing our livestock and we would like to get advice on how we can treat our livestock. Thank you.
El-Magan Bakool	9/21/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. M. A. in El-Magan, Bakool. I would like to know the disease affecting our goats, which causes them to have runny noses We would like to get advice from the vet doctors. Thank you.

Bardera Gedo	9/23/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.H in Bardera. I would like to ask the expert about ticks that are affecting our livestock. We need treatment for our livestock and medicine that don't have side effects.
South Central	9/21/2020	Livestock/ COVID19	Hello my name is T. O. M. in Jaririow area. I have got 130 goats. Almost half my goat are coughing and they have got runny noses. We fear that the goats have got Coronavirus. I would like the experts to tell me if the goats can get Coronavirus. Thank you.
Loole, M. Shabelle	9/22/2020	Livestock/ COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is Y. M. I am calling from Loole. I have 130 goats, and some of my goats have got runny noses. Could the livestock have Coronavirus? I would like the vet doctors to tell us if the livestock can get Coronavirus.
South Central	9/21/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. I would like to speak about ticks that are feeding on our camels and causing them to bleed. We would like to know how we can deal with the ticks.
Nugal	9/21/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is A.A.M in Nugal region. I would like to start farming and I would like the agriculture expert to tell me the type of soil that I should use. Also we are in the rainy season and I would like to know the type of crops that thrive in the rainy season.
Abudwak Galgadud	9/23/2020	Agriculture	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.A in Abudwak. I would like to speak about white pests that are eating into our farm produce and causing the crops to dry up. We would like to get advice on how we can deal with these pests.
Abudwak Galgadud	9/23/2020	Agriculture/ Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.I in Abudwak. Our farm produce has been infested by pests and locusts and we would like to know how we can treat them.
Hiran	9/23/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.A.M in Hiran. I am a sesame farmer and I would like to speak about pests that are destroying our farm. We need pesticides. Thank you.
Elasha Biyaha	9/20/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Elasha biyaha. I am a farmer and am growing watermelons and beans. There are pests eating our produce and causing them to dry up. I would like to know how we can deal with these pests. Please share my message.
Ganshanle M.Shabelle	9/23/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is A. in Ganshale, Middle Shabelle. Our farms have been affected by pests and we would like to get advice on how to save our farms.
Bardera Gedo	9/23/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo my name is B. I am a farmer in Bardera. We are growing sesame but the farmers in Beledweyne are dropping prices when we harvest the sesame and then they raise the price again when we have finished harvesting. We are concerned about price manipulations.