



Brief Summary

The majority of calls to Radio Ergo's independent feedback platform this week (3-9 November 2020) were about the influxes of desert locusts, especially across central and southern regions, causing widespread agricultural damage and loss of grazing for livestock. Notable this week was the rise in calls from Hiran, and the Shabelle regions. There was also a significant number of calls from communities facing water scarcity and food shortages, particularly in the north. The following summarises the calls by theme.

Locusts – the majority of locust calls came from Mudug, Galgadud, Hiran, M. Shabelle and L. Shabelle. There were a few from Puntland, some from Bay region, and several from unnamed locations presumed to be in southern regions. Most callers spoke of damage to crops and grazing and the impact on livelihoods. Most asked for control measures, and some from Hiran wanted food aid. Farmers in Adale (M. Shabelle) said that they had been displaced from their farms by the locusts. Others in Balad and El-baraf (M. Shabelle) and Wanlaweyn (L. Shabelle) spoke of losing food crops including sesame, cassava, maize and beans. Callers from Garowe, Abudwak, and Hiran wanted to know about the risks and side effects of using pesticides to kill the locusts. Herders in Galgadud and Gelinsor attributed livestock diseases to the locusts and their larvae, or to the spraying. A caller in Eyl claimed that drought followed the killing of the locusts.

Water shortage – callers in some parts of Togdher described movements of people away from the areas of water scarcity to find water in Sool and Sanag. Another caller said they had migrated to Buhodle in Togdher, where they had been welcomed and helped. Some callers talked of contaminated water in wells where levels were low, and the escalating costs of water barrels. Pastoralists in Suuj, Mudug, said some of their animals were dying due to lack of water. Most callers were asking for water aid. An IDP community in El-afweyn, Sanag, said they lacked water and food and had been neglected.

COVID19 – some callers asked about the difference between flu and Coronavirus. A caller in Garhaharey, Gedo, wanted to identify a disease going round that did not include coughing. In Jowhar, a caller asked about the correct use of facemasks. Callers in Bosaso and Abudwak wanted to know if sick goats could transmit Coronavirus to humans. In Sanag, a caller asked if the locust pesticides caused Coronavirus.

(Note that Radio Ergo continues to answer listeners' questions in various weekly broadcast segments including Radio Doctor, Radio Vet, and a special Locust programme with experts).

Location	Date	Theme	Remarks
Sanag	11/8/2020	COVID19/ Locust pesticides	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.B in Sanag. I would like to know if the locust pesticides could cause disease such as the Coronavirus. Thank you.
Bosaso Bari	11/3/2020	COVID19/ Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.A.H in Bosaso. I would like to ask the doctor if goats can get Coronavirus and if they can transmit the disease to people.
Adado Galgadud	11/7/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is Z. in Adado. There are reports that the Coronavirus has made a comeback. I would like to know if the symptoms are now different.
Abudwak Galgadud	11/5/2020	COVID19/ Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is Abudwak. I am a pastoralist and I noticed that I am coughing and my goats are coughing. Could the disease have been transmitted from the goats?
Jowhar M.Shabelle	11/7/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is N. in Jowhar. I would like to know how we can protect ourselves from the Coronavirus. If we wear masks and if my contaminated hand touches the face mask could I get the disease?
Garbaharey Gedo	11/7/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A. in Garbaharey. There is a widespread disease that resembles the Coronavirus and is not the flu, people are not coughing. I would like to know if it is the Coronavirus.
South Central	11/5/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to ask the doctor the difference between the flu and the Coronavirus.
Awdanle	11/7/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.M.S in Awdanle. I would like to speak about locusts that have descended on us and covered the horizon.
Tukaraq Sool	11/9/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.S.M in Tukaraq, Sool. We have been invaded by locusts that are wreaking havoc, we would like the experts to tell us how we can deal with the locusts, Thank you.
Eyl Nugal	11/7/2020	Locust/ Misinformation	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.J in Eyl. We have noticed that once the locusts were killed the rains stopped. I would like to advise the people to leave the locusts alone.
Garowe Nugal	11/7/2020	Locust/Pesti cides	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Garowe. We have been invaded by locusts and we are losing all our farms and fodder. The locusts are depleting our livestock pastures, and we can't spray them as the pesticides could affect us.
Goldogob Mudug	11/6/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Goldogob, Mudug. We have been invaded by locusts and we are losing all our vegetation. We would like to get spraying campaigns from the government. Thank you.
Jarriiban Mudug	11/5/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Jarriiban, Mudug. This area is under the grip of locusts and we are losing our vegetation at a very fast pace. We are appealing for control measures.
Gelinsor Mudug	11/4/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F. in Gelinsor. I would like to speak about swarms of locusts that are eating away our vegetation and leaving behind larvae. We would like to get intervention in dealing with the locusts.

Gelinsor Mudug	11/6/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.J.G. in Gelinsor. I would like to speak about locusts and hopper bands that have covered the land. We would like to get intervention to deal with this locust plague.
Gelinsor Mudug	11/7/2020	Locust/Lives tock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is I. in Gelinsor. The locusts have laid a lot of larvae. Our livestock are sick and I am not sure if the livestock diseases are related to the locusts.
Harardhere Mudug	11/6/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Harardhere, I am a pastoralist and today we have seen large swarms of locusts that are eating away our livestock fodder.
Harhar Mudug	11/6/2020	Locust	Hello my name is K. in Harhar. We have been devastated by a locust plague that is eating away the vegetation and we are appealing for help. Thank you.
Dagari Mudug	11/6/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F. in Dagari, Mudug, This area has been invaded by swarms of locusts and it is a threat to people and the environment. Thank you.
Balli-Ad Mudug	11/3/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.F in Balli-ad. There are swarms of locusts that have invaded us and they are leaving behind larvae. We would like to get intervention. Thank you.
Bandiradley Mudug	11/7/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is O.D in Bandiradley. There are swarms of locusts that have stripped the vegetation off the land. We would like to get aerial spraying of the locusts. Thank you
Garas, Galgadud	11/7/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M. in Garas, we have lost our farms and food produce because of locusts. Please share our message so that we can get intervention. Thank you.
Abudwak Galgadud	11/3/2020	Locust/IDPs	Hello Radio Ergo my name is N. in Abudwak. I would like to report a locust plague that have invaded us. We are IDPs in Abudwak.
Abudwak Galgadud	11/6/2020	Locust/Pesticides	Hello I am calling from Abduwak. I don't support the locust spraying campaigns. The pesticides could have side effects to the environment and the people. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Abudwak Galgadud	11/8/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.K in Abudwak. We are under the grip of locusts, we would like to get help so that we can deal with the locust plague, our livestock are losing their vegetation and we would like to get help with the locusts.
Adado Galgadud	11/9/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.H in Adado. I would like to know which are more destructive between the hopper bands and fully grown locusts. Thank you.
Adado Galgadud	11/8/2020	Locust	Hello my name is F.G in Adado. We have been invaded by locusts and their larvae, please share our message with the Galmudug administration and concerned authorities.
Adado Galgadud	11/6/2020	Locust	Hello my name is H.I in Adado. I would like to speak about the locust invasion, we are losing our farms and fodder. We would like to get aerial spraying from the government. Thank you.

Balli-Sonkor Galgadud	11/4/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Balli-Sonkor. I would like to speak about locust larvae that have stormed this area. We would like to get intervention, our livestock don't have access to fodder
Balli-Sonkor Galgadud	11/6/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.A.D in Balli-sonkor, Galgadud. I would like to speak about large numbers of locusts and larvae. We are concerned about the locust plague. Thank you.
Galgadud	11/7/2020	Locust/Lives tock	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.J in Galgadud. There have been locusts in the area and they have been sprayed, but we noticed that our livestock are sick. I would like to know if the disease was caused by the locust pesticide or the locusts, or if the disease has nothing to do with the locusts.
Galgadud	11/5/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A in Galgadud. We have been invaded by locusts and we have not been able to drive them away. We would like all ministries to work together so that we can deal with this locust plague issue.
Galgadud	11/3/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.A in Galgadud. We have got rainfall but the little vegetation we got is now under the threat of locusts. We need control measures for the locusts.
Beledweyne Hiran	11/4/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M. in Beledweyne, Hiran. We are under the grip of invasive locusts. We would like know how we can deal with this locust plague. Thank you.
Beledweyne Hiran	11/3/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.A in Beledweyne. There are swarms of locusts that have invaded us, they have covered the horizon. We would like to get locust control measures. Thank you.
Beledweyne Hiran	11/3/2020	Locust	Hello my name is D.M in Beledweyne, Hiran. We have been invaded by locusts flying in large numbers. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Buleburte Hiiran	11/9/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.S in Buleburte. There are swarms of locusts that are wreaking havoc. We would like to get intervention. Thank you.
Buleburte Hiiran	11/3/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A in Buleburte. We have been invaded by locusts, our farm produce has been wiped away by locusts and we would like aid organisations to help us deal with the locusts.
Buleburte Hiiran	11/6/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M.M in Buleburte. We would like the experts to tell us how we can deal with locusts. Thank you.
Hiran	11/7/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.S in Hiran. There have been devastating invasions of locusts that have been a threat to our farms.
Hiran	11/5/2020	Locust/Aid	Hello my name is A.A.M in Hiran. In the past two days we have been invaded by locusts. We would like to get all sorts of intervention so that we can fend off this locust plague.
Hiran	11/5/2020	Locust/Aid	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.F in Hiran. We have been devastated by locust plagues and we would like WFP to reach us with food aid. Thank you.
Hiran	11/6/2020	Locust/Pesticides	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Hiran. This area has been invaded by locust and we don't know how we can spray the locusts as it could be harmful to the livestock fodder.

Jowhar M.Shabelle	11/9/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.M in Jowhar. We are doing well and we have rainfall. We have been invaded by locusts but they are just flying away. We thank God.
Bal'ad M.Shabelle	11/5/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.M.A in Bal'ad. We have been invaded by locusts. We are farmers and we are losing our sesame, cassava and other crops. We would like the locusts to be sprayed. Thank you.
Bal'ad M.Shabelle	11/4/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.M in Bal'ad. Today we have been invaded by locusts, some of them are flying over us while others have descended on us. We will start feeling the brunt of the locusts from tomorrow. Thank you.
El-baraf M.Shabelle	11/3/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.M.A in El-Baraf. We have been overwhelmed by locusts and we are appealing for help, we are losing our crops.
Adale M.Shabelle	11/7/2020	Locust/IDPs	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.D.I. in Adale. We have been displaced by locusts. Our farms have been eaten away by the locusts and we are appealing for help. Thank you.
Middle Shabelle	11/3/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Middle Shabelle. There are swarms of locusts that have invaded us. We would like to get help so that we can deal with the locusts.
Warsheikh M.Shabelle	11/3/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.N.H in Warsheikh. We have been invaded by a locust plague and we would like the locusts to be sprayed. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Warsheikh M.Shabelle	11/5/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A.H in Warsheikh. We are very much concerned about locusts. The locusts are laying larvae on the ground and we would like get help to deal with the locust plague. Thank you.
Lower Shabelle	11/4/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M. in Lower Shabelle. The swarms of locusts have formed a blanket over us, we would like to get aerial spraying for the locusts. Thank you.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	11/4/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.Y.A in Wanlaweyn, Somalia. We have been invaded by locusts and we would like to get pesticides and control measures from the government. Thank you.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	11/4/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is Y.D.M in Wanlaweyn, Lower Shabelle. There are large swarms of locusts that have invaded us and we are losing our vegetation and we would like to get control measures.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	11/4/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M.O in Wanlaweyn, Lower Shabelle. There are large number of locusts that pose a threat to our farms and we would like to get intervention.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	11/3/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.M.M in Wanlaweyn, Lower Shabelle. We are farmers and we are losing our maize and beans to locusts. We don't know how to deal with this plague. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Qansah-dhere Bay	11/5/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.I. in Qansah-dhere, Bay region. I am a farmer and we have seen the locusts descending on our farms. I am worried about these locusts. Thank you.
Baidoa Bay	11/6/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Baidoa. Locust swarms have descended on our farms, please share our message with the South-West state government so that we can get the locusts sprayed. Thank you.

Qayid	11/7/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A.M in Qayid. There are large numbers of locust larvae in the area and we would like the government to help us deal with the locusts.
Gedo	11/5/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M in Gedo. This region is under the grip of a locust invasion. We would like aid organisations to spray the locusts, thank you.
South Central	11/8/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S.T in Ramlo, we have not got good rainfall and now we have been invaded by locusts, we would like the government and aid organisations to help us with control measures.
South Central	11/3/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.A. I would like to speak about devastating locusts that are devouring our vegetation and destroying the environment.
South Central	11/6/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to speak about locust larvae that have devastated the area and we would like to get intervention. Thank you.
South Central	11/5/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.M.A and I would like to report locusts that have invaded us. We would like to get help from the government.
South Central	11/3/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.A. I have called to talk about the locust plague. We are dealing with locusts and we have tried to drive them away. However we have not been able to control them and we are appealing for intervention.
South Central	11/5/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.O. We are under the grip of swarms of locusts that have descended on us. Please share our message so that we can get aid.
South Central	11/8/2020	Locust/ Floods	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.M. We have been devastated by locusts just as we were dealing with the issue of floods. We are appealing for swift intervention. Thank you.
Gadleyal Somaliland	11/8/2020	WASH	Hello my name is S.M.Y in Gadleyal. We are facing water scarcity and drought and we would like the government to reach us with swift aid.
Beer Togdher	11/5/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Beer, Togdher. We are facing water scarcity and drought in the area. We have not got rainfall and there have been people that were displaced from this area due to water shortage.
Togdher	11/6/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Togdher and there is water scarcity in this area. We would like to get intervention. People are moving to Sool and Sanag regions. Thank you.
Buhodle Togdher	11/6/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.H in Buhodle. We are doing well. We have migrated to this area in search of water and we have been welcomed and we have got assistance. We are thankful.
Qandicile Sool	11/3/2020	WASH	Hello my name is A.A.Y in Qandicile, Sool region. We are facing water scarcity, there is a water well in this area but the water is brown with soil particles and contamination. We would like to get water aid.
Ainabo Sool	11/7/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.A.A in Ainabo. We are facing water scarcity, a water tank now costs \$3 and sometimes we have to go without water. We would like to get water aid. Thank you.

El-Afweyn Sanag	11/3/2020	WASH/Food security/IDPs	Hello my name is M.H.M in El-afweyn, Sanag. We are IDP families and we are facing water and food scarcity. We decry the lack of aid and neglect. We are appealing for help. Thank you.
Bali-Gorgor	11/5/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Bali-Gorgor. We are facing water scarcity and the rains have delayed. We pray that we will get rainfall soon. Thank you.
Suuj, Puntland	11/3/2020	WASH	Hello my name is A.A.D in Suuj. We are pastoralists and our livestock are facing drought and water scarcity. Some of the livestock are dying and we still have not received rainfall in northern Puntland state.
Puntland	11/9/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is W.H.F, we are facing water scarcity and drought and we would like to get water aid.
Shabellow Mudug	11/6/2020	WASH/Conflict	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.A in Shabellow, Mudug. There is water scarcity, drought and clan conflict. We would like to get intervention in this area. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Galkayo Mudug	11/6/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Galkayo. I would like to speak about rain water that has flooded the streets and cut off the roads. We would like the Puntland administration to help us deal with the situation in the city.
Hiran	11/4/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, I am a farmer in Hiran. We have been inundated by floods and we are now counting losses. We have not had any help and we would like to get intervention.
Mahaday M.Shabelle	11/7/2020	Floods	Hello my name is A.N in Mahaday, my farm has been inundated by flood water and I would like to get swift intervention.
South Central	11/5/2020	Floods/WASH/ Shelter	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.M.M in Haylo. We are worried about flood water that has been sitting in our area for more than five months. We have been neglected, people are living in makeshift houses and we don't have plastic shelters. Thank you.
Somaliland	11/3/2020	Aid	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.G.I. I would like to speak about FAO, that have told us that they would give us cash aid and we have not got the money. They have taken our photos and finger prints.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	11/4/2020	Conflict/IDPs	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.O. in Dhusamareb. We are facing insecurity in the area. There are some clan conflicts and people have been displaced. We are worried and we would like to see ceasefire and intervention.
Buraley, Gedo	11/5/2020	Sanitation	Hello I am calling from Buraley. We don't have enough toilets in this area. We would like to get humanitarian aid here.
Banderbeyla Bari	11/7/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Banderbeyla. I am a pastoralist and I would like to know about cowpox that affects livestock.

Gelinsor Mudug	11/9/2020	Livestock/Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Gelinsor. There are swarms of locusts that are eating away our vegetation and our livestock are sick and they have got runny noses and sores. I would like to know how we can treat our livestock
Adado Galgadud	11/3/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is Abdi Ali in Adado. I would like to know how we can treat mouth sores for young goats.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	11/3/2020	Livestock	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is M. A. O. in Wanlaweyn. I am a pastoralist and I keep goats. My goats have got diarrhoea and I would like the vet doctor to tell me how I can treat my goats.
Bardera Gedo	11/6/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.I in Bardera. I would like to ask the doctor to tell us about cow pox, that is causing livestock to have rashes and fever. I would like the vet doctors to tell us about this disease.
Gedo	11/4/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is A.S.G in Gedo region. We have got rainfall and we are doing better, and we would like to get livestock treatment.
Bula-Sheikh	11/8/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.H in Bula-Sheikh. Our cows are sick and we have tried to inject them and the cows are coughing. I would like to know how we can treat the cows.
Gedo	11/4/2020	Environment	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is K.M in Gedo. We have got rainfall and we doing well. There are people cutting down trees and destroying the environment.
Dabad Mudug	11/7/2020	Khat	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.S in Dabad, Mudug. I would like to speak about hareri Khat that comes from Ethiopia. We would like the government to ban this Khat.
Beledweyne Hiran	11/4/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S. in Beledweyne, Hiran. I would like to start farming and I would the agriculture expert to tell me about the land and the soil and everything I need to know so that I can start the farming.
Middle Shabelle	11/4/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.H.M in Middle Shabelle. I would like to know if the sesame plants become dry after the rainy season, can we instead used water from the wells?
Jowhar M.Shabelle	11/3/2020	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.W in Jowhar. There has been some good rainfall in the area, we are doing well and we thank God.
Baidoa Bay	11/7/2020	Rain	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H.A in Baidoa. We are doing well and we have got rainfall. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Sahil	11/6/2020	Conflict	Hello my name is S.A in Sahil. I am a farmer and we have got rainfall but there is clan conflict that has erupted in this place. The Somaliland government has not intervened.
Galkayo Mudug	11/5/2020	Protection	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Galkayo. There has been increase of violence and rape against women across Somalia. I would like to know how we can prevent this.