



Brief Summary

The swarms of desert locusts plaguing many parts of Somalia remained the primary concern of most callers to Radio Ergo's independent feedback platform this week (28 October-2 November 2020). A new development was the high number of calls about locusts received from Middle Shabelle region. The other point of note was the increased number of calls about water shortage and food insecurity, mostly from northern regions. Coronavirus was still a topic of concern for some callers. The following summarises the week's calls by theme.

Locusts - whilst there were still more calls overall from northern and central regions, there was a significant number of calls from people in Middle Shabelle, reporting invasions of locusts and asking for intervention. Callers said the swarms had arrived during the last days of October. Some said crops including sesame and sorghum were being eaten. One farming community said they had lost their farms in the recent floods and now faced the threat of locusts. Callers from neighbouring Lower Shabelle also complained about locust swarms, with one describing the colour of the insects sighted as green. Several callers asked Radio Ergo to tell their stories and share their messages in order to get help. In Hiran, especially Jalalaqsi, callers said the locusts had destroyed sesame, maize, sorghum, and beans. Most of the large number of calls from various parts of the central Somali regions were from Adado and Guriel. A female caller in Guriel said the livestock were running away from the locusts, which were eating all the fodder. Another female caller said they were losing their livestock and livelihood due to the lack of animal fodder. Another caller in Guriel said they had tried shooting in the air and other means but nothing drove the locusts away. Callers in Adado spoke of diminishing grazing land and wanted aerial spraying. A caller in El-dhere, Galgadud, said the locusts had invaded them and basic food stuffs were now short. In Dagari, southern Mudug, callers said the rain had finally come but so had the locusts. Other calls came from Somali region of Ethiopia, Sool, Sanag, Togdher, and Hargeisa, complaining of loss of grazing and farm produce.

Water shortage – most calls about drought and water shortage came from Somaliland, including parts of Togdher, Sanag, and Sool. A caller in Balli-dhiig said water and food were scarce. Callers from Erigabo, Ainabo, Badhan, and Buhodle spoke of communities migrating in search of water and needing aid. A caller in Ainabo said those who lived on livestock and meat markets had lost their source of income and children were dropping out of school due to lack of school fees. In Lasanod, a caller said many people had migrated there to get water and the available water supplies were being depleted. Flood-displaced IDPs in Bananey, Hiran, said they lacked water and could not go home.

Floods – several communities hit by flooding in parts of Hiran, M. Shabelle, and Gedo expressed concern over their losses and appealed for assistance.

COVID19 – there were calls to the Radio COVID Doctor asking about symptoms from Sanag, Puntland, Abudwak, and Somali region of Ethiopia. Callers in Badhan and Galkayo wanted to know more about the risk of repeat Coronavirus infections. A caller in Dusamareb wanted to know if it was safe to go to a gathering without a mask. In Galkayo, a caller said infections were still occurring despite the advice on masks and distancing. In Dusamareb, a caller wanted to know if some people were more susceptible to the virus than others given the high rates in some other countries. One caller in Buhodle commented that not having seen a single case, he doubted the existence of the disease.

Location	Date	Theme	Remarks
Buhodle Togdher	10/31/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is B.O.H in Buhodle. I have not been affected by the Coronavirus and I have not seen anybody who has been affected by the disease. We are starting to doubt the existence of this disease.
Badhan Sanag	10/31/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A.F.M in Badhan, Sanag. I would like to know if the Coronavirus can infect someone again after they have recovered from the disease.
Sanag	10/31/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A.A.A in Sanag. I would like to know if the Coronavirus can cause stomach pain and headache. Also what precautions should I take to stay safe?
Somali Ethiopian region	10/29/2020	COVID19	Hello my name A.D in Somali-Ethiopian region. We are doing well and people are following the Coronavirus precautions. People are wearing masks and there is awareness among the people.
Somali Ethiopian region	10/28/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.H in Jigjiga. I am having a dry cough and I also feel short of breath. I have taken the flu medicine and I still feel sick. I would like to know if I have the Coronavirus.
Puntland	10/31/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name A.M.A. I would like to know how the Coronavirus affects people. Is it more like the flu, with runny nose and headache?
Galkayo Mudug	10/31/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.A in Galkayo. The people have been advised to stay apart and cover their faces, but people are still contracting the disease. I would like to know how that happens.
Galkayo Mudug	10/28/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is R.M in Galkayo, I would like to ask the doctor if a person who had the virus can get it again.
Abudwak Galgadud	10/28/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is G. in Abudwak. I am having dry cough and difficulty in breathing. I would like to know if camel meat is a cure for this disease.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	10/31/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A.S in Dhusamareb. I would like to know if the Coronavirus affects children and adults in the same way. Also we are hearing some people in some countries reporting very high numbers, does it affect certain people more than others?
Buleburte Hiran	10/28/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.M in Buleburte. I would like to ask the doctor what we should do if we are attending a party and we don't have masks. We are afraid of the Coronavirus.
Somaliland	10/29/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.O. We are complaining about the locust invasion. Also I had three donkeys and they have all drowned in the water reservoirs. I don't know if someone deliberately drowned them. I now would like to get help so that I can get new donkeys.
Gabiley W.Galbed	10/29/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.O.A in Gabiley. We are under the grip of locusts and we would like the Somaliland government agencies to reach us swiftly.

Qorilugud Buhodle	11/1/2020	Locust	My name is J.M.F in Qorilugud, Buhodle. There are locusts that pose a danger to the fodder and farms. Thank you Radio Ergo for covering stories on the effects of locusts.
Hawd Togdher	11/2/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is K.D.A in Hawd. There are swarms of locusts pouring in from Ethiopia. They are destroying our vegetation and we would like to get help.
Sanag	10/28/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.M.Y in Sanag region. We have been invaded by locusts and we would like to get intervention.
Sanag	11/1/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.Y in Sanag. This area is still affected by locusts. We need Radio Ergo to share our voice so that we can get aid organisations to spray this area.
Lasanod Sool	10/29/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Lasanod, Sool. There are swarms of locusts that are eating away our vegetation. The Somaliland government has not done anything to deal with the locusts. We are appealing for intervention from aid organisations.
Somali Ethiopian region	11/1/2020	Locust	Hello my name is J.A in Aw-bare, in Somali Ethiopian region. This area has been affected by locusts, the fodder and farms are in danger of getting wiped out.
Somali Ethiopian region	11/1/2020	Locust	Hello my name is D.H.H in Southern Galladi in the Somali-Ethiopian region. The locust have left larvae and we want them to be sprayed.
Karkar Bari	10/29/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.N.M in Karkar. We have been invaded by locusts just like many other parts of the country. I urge the people to leave them alone, they are creations of God.
Galkayo Mudug	10/30/2020	Locust	Hello my name is I.A. I am calling from Galkayo. We have been invaded by locusts and we are appealing for intervention.
Dagari Mudug	10/29/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.D, I am calling from Dagari, Mudug. We have been invaded by locusts and we are quickly losing our vegetation, we would like to get control measures. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Dagari Mudug	11/1/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Dagari, Mudug. We have got the Deyr rainfall, although now there are huge numbers of locusts that have invaded the area. We have tried to get rid of the locusts but we don't have the capacity to deal with
Abudwak Galgadud	11/1/2020	Locust	Hello I am calling from Abudwak, Galgadud. My name is A.A, there are locusts that are destroying the vegetation within a short period.
Adado Galgadud	10/28/2020	Locust	Hello I am calling from Adado. A large number of locusts have invaded us. We would like to get the local spraying teams to reach us and help us.
Adado Galgadud	10/29/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Adado. We are losing our vegetation to locusts. Please share our message so that we can get help in dealing with the locusts.

Adado Galgadud	11/1/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A in Adado, I would like to talk about locusts that are competing for the grazing lands and they are leaving larvae. We don't know how to control them.
Adado Galgadud	11/1/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A. Adado. The people are concerned about locusts, they eat into everything. They also leave behind larvae. We need aid organisations to intervene.
Adado Galgadud	10/31/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S. in Adado, we are complaining about large numbers of locust swarms. Please share our message with the state and federal government so that we can get help.
Adado Galgadud	11/2/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is U. in Adado. We have been invaded by locusts and they are wreaking havoc. We would like to get help in spraying the locust swarms. Thank you.
Adado Galgadud	11/2/2020	Locust	Hello my name is H.O.H in Adado. I would like to speak about the locust invasion that is a threat to our environment.
EL-Bur Galgadud	10/31/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is B.A in EL-Bur. I would like to speak about locusts that are a threat to this area and the whole country. We would like to get help although we have never seen any intervention.
El-dhere Galgadud	10/28/2020	Locust/Food Security	Hello my name is A. in El-dhere. We have been invaded by locusts and now there is a shortage of flour, rice and sugar in the markets.
Galgadud	10/29/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.A in Galgadud. We have been hearing about locust plagues but today we have actually seen the locusts. We would like to get the contacts of the locust control groups. Thank you
Galgadud	10/30/2020	Locust	Hello my name is O. I am calling from Galmudug. I am complaining about the locust invasion that is destroying our livestock fodder. I am requesting intervention from the government. We have not seen any planes spraying the locusts. We would also like to get intervention from the federal government.
Guriel Galgdud	10/28/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. in Guriel. I would like to speak about large swarms of locusts. We are losing our vegetation and we would like to get intervention in controlling the locust plague.
Guriel Galgdud	10/29/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, we have been invaded by locusts. I am calling from Guriel. We have tried to shoot at them and we have tried every means but we couldn't drive them out. We are appealing for intervention.
Guriel Galgdud	10/30/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is F. I am calling from Guriel. I am complaining about the locust invasion that is destroying our livelihoods. We are losing our livestock due to lack of fodder and we would like to get intervention.
Guriel Galgdud	11/1/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is N. in Guriel. I would like to speak about the locust invasion that is leaving behind larvae. Please share our message so that we can get intervention.
Guriel Galgdud	10/31/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.A.H in Guriel. We have been invaded by locusts that are eating away our livestock fodder. The livestock keep on running from the locusts.
Galgadud	10/29/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.A. in Qaradi. I would like to speak about the large number of locusts that are eating away our vegetation. Please share our message. Thank you Radio Ergo.

Beledweyne Hiran	10/28/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is A.M.A in Beledweyne, Hiran. There are swarms of locusts that have invaded us and we are losing our livestock fodder. We are destitute people and we would like to get intervention.
Do'oley Hiran	10/28/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A. in Doley. I would like to speak about locusts that are eating away all the vegetation cover. We would like to get the spraying teams to help us control the locusts.
Jalalaqsi Hiran	10/29/2020	Locust	Hello my name is Y.M in Jalalaqsi. We have been under the grip of locusts for the past few days. The locusts are a threat to our sesame, maize and sorghum plantations.
Jalalaqsi Hiran	10/31/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is O. in Jalalaqsi. The locusts are eating away our beans, sesame and all other vegetation. I would like to know how we can deal with the locust plague.
Middle Shabelle	10/28/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is Z. in Middle Shabelle. The locusts are headed towards us and we don't know how to deal with the locusts. We would like to get intervention in dealing with the locusts.
Middle Shabelle	10/29/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Middle Shabelle. We have been invaded by locusts and we would like to get swift intervention.
Middle Shabelle	10/29/2020	Locust	Hello I am calling from Middle Shabelle. There are large numbers of locusts and we are now losing our sesame and sorghum plantations to locusts. We have even tried to shoot at the locusts but it is all in vain.
Middle Shabelle	10/30/2020	Locust	Hello, my name is A. M. O. I am calling from Middle Shabelle. I want to tell Radio Ergo that we have started seeing swarms of locust. I want the government of Hirshabelle to intervene.
Middle Shabelle	11/1/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is L.M.M. I would like to speak about invasive locusts that are eating away our vegetation. I am calling from a village between Warsheikh and Jowhar.
Middle Shabelle	10/31/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is O.M in Middle Shabelle. We have been invaded by locusts and we are losing our farm produce and fodder.
Middle Shabelle	10/31/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.M in Middle Shabelle. We have seen swarms of locusts in the past two days. We would like to get intervention to stop the invasive locusts.
Middle Shabelle	10/31/2020	Locust	Hello my name is H.R.M in Raga-Ceel. We have seen a large number of locusts that have invaded us. The locusts have appeared unexpectedly in the area.
Middle Shabelle	10/31/2020	Locust/ Floods	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.N, I am calling from Middle Shabelle. We are farmers and our farms were destroyed by floods and now we are facing the imminent threat of locusts. We are appealing for intervention. Thank you.
Lower Shabelle	10/30/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S.M, I am calling from Lower Shabelle. I would like to share my concern about the locust invasion. We need swift intervention from government and aid organisations.
Wanalweyn L.Shabelle	10/31/2020	Locust	Hello my name is B.S.A in Wanlaweyn, Lower Shabelle. Today we have been invaded by green locusts. That is our main concern and we want control measures against the locusts.

Gedo	10/31/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.E.H in Gedo region. We have woken up to locusts that have invaded us and we are quickly losing our farm produce in the area.
South Central	10/29/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.F. I would like to speak about swarms of locusts that have invaded us and we are appealing for intervention to control the locust plague.
South Central	10/29/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, we have been invaded by locusts. We are losing our fodder and farm produce to locusts and we would like to get intervention.
South Central	10/30/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo I am a farmer and our crops have been invaded by locusts. We need Radio Ergo to tell our story so that people can assist us.
South Central	11/1/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.M.A in Halhaside, this area has been hit by locusts. The grazing lands have been destroyed and we need them sprayed.
South Central	10/31/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is K. We have been invaded by locusts and we are asking Radio Ergo to broadcast our message so that we can get help from aid organisations.
South Central	10/31/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A.O. We are worried about locust swarms that are sweeping through the vegetation and destroying the environment. We would like to get intervention.
Sarar Togdher	10/31/2020	WASH	Hello my name is F.B.B in Sarar area. We are facing water scarcity and drought. There used to be aid organisations but they are no longer here.
Balli-dhig Togdher	10/28/2020	WASH/ Food security	Hello Radio Ergo my name is J. in Balli-dhiig. There are some people that have been hit by water and food scarcity. These people hit by drought need attention. Aid organisations have neglected this area, we would like Radio Ergo to share our message.
Erigabo Sanag	11/1/2020	WASH	Hello my name is A.A.F in Erigabo. The rains have declined and there is water scarcity. The people are migrating in search of water. Thank you Radio Ergo for the humanitarian news.
Ainabo Sanag	11/1/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A in Ainabo. We have not got rainfall here, there is drought here. The pastoral families have migrated, other families who worked in meat markets are stranded, the children cannot also access education.
Badhan Sanag	11/1/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A in Badhan, Sanag. We are facing water shortage and drought. The rainfall has delayed and people have migrated in search of water.
Buhodle Sanag	10/28/2020	WASH/IDPs	Hello my name is I.M.A in Buholde. We are displaced people and we migrated in search of the water. We have been neglected by the government and we would like to get intervention.
Lasanod Sool	11/1/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is Y.H in Lasanod. We have got rainfall and the people have migrated here, we fear water shortages since the huge number of people who flocked here are already depleting the water.

Hudun Sool	10/29/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Hudun, Sool. My name is M.A.A. We are facing water shortage in this area.
Somaliland	10/31/2020	WASH	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Somaliland. We are facing drought in the area and many people have migrated from this area. We are appealing for help.
Somaliland	10/29/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.H.A. We are facing water scarcity, there are no water reservoirs in this area.
Bari	10/31/2020	WASH/ Food security	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Bari region. There is a high rate of inflation and drought in the area and I pray that life will get back to normal.
Abudwak Galgadud	10/31/2020	WASH	(F) Hello my name is N. in Abudwak. We are doing fine although it is very hot in the area and we are waiting for the rains. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Bananey Hiran	11/2/2020	WASH/IDPs	Hello my name is D.M in Bananey. The IDP families are facing water scarcity. We cannot go back to our area due to floods.
Middle Shabelle	11/1/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.H.M in Middle Shabelle. There are many people here, we don't have water wells, and the water reservoirs are not safe. The people need support and humanitarian aid.
South Central	10/30/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is H.A. I would like to speak about drought and water scarcity affecting our area. Thank you Radio Ergo for your services.
Beledweyne Hiran	10/29/2020	Floods	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.M. in Beledweyne. We are doing well, and we have got rainfall, but we now fear that there could be floods.
Afgoye M.Shabelle	10/28/2020	Floods	Hello my name is A.A.I. I am calling from Afgoye. There have been floods in this area and the farms have been inundated. We would like to get intervention.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	10/29/2020	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Jowhar. The river has flooded and we are now counting losses after the river floods. Please share our message so that we can get help. Thank you.
Dollow Gedo	10/30/2020	Floods	Hello my name is A.A. calling from Dollow. I am one of the farmers in the district. I am complaining about flooding that has affected our farms. We have been neglected and we are appealing for intervention.
Bardera Gedo	11/1/2020	Floods	Hello, I am calling from Bardera, Gedo. I am a farmer and we are worried that the rainfall that has begun in the Ethiopian highlands will cause flooding along the river.
Baidoa Bay	10/30/2020	Floods/Food	Hello Radio Ergo. My name is H. I am calling from Baidoa. I am worried about inflation of prices that could come as a result of flooding that disrupts the flow of goods.
Baidoa Bay	10/31/2020	IDPs	Hello my name is A.H in Baidoa. There are many IDPs in camps and they are facing a dire situation. We would like to get intervention. Thank you.
Kalabaydh Sool	10/28/2020	Rain	Hello my name is D. in Kalabaydh. We are doing good and we have got rainfall, we are recovering from the heat and water scarcity.

Sanag	11/1/2020	Environment	Hello Radio my name is H. I am calling from Sanag. We are suffering from deforestation and environmental degradation. There are people cutting down trees who should be stopped.
Wanalweyn L.Shabelle	10/28/2020	Protection	Hello Radio Ergo my name is G. in Wanlaweyn. We don't have fire fighting facilities here. We only hope that fire does not start in this area.
Burao Togdher	10/31/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is A.J.A in Burao, Togdher. I would like to ask the vet doctor about ticks and how we can treat the ticks.
Guriel Galgdud	10/31/2020	Livestock	(F) Hello my name is H. in Guriel. I would like to know the causes of CCPP disease and how it can be treated. If livestock die of this disease can their meat be eaten?
Beledweyne Hiran	10/31/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.F in Beledweyne, Hiran. My goats are sick and they are feeling itchy and are rubbing themselves against surfaces so they are starting to lose their skin.
Bardera Gedo	10/31/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Bardera, my name is A.S and I have seen that our goats have got a disease. They have got runny noses and appear weak. Please advise me on what to do.
South Central	10/31/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is M.A. I would like to know about the 'dhabar-Jabiye' disease that affects cattle and how we can treat it.
South Central	10/31/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, our goats are sick, they are not grazing and they are weak. We have cut open the dead goats and have noticed they have red stomachs.
South Central	10/31/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is D.G.Y. Our goats are sick, they have are coughing and they have got runny noses. They also have got cowpox and I would like to know how we can treat our livestock. Thank you.
South Central	11/2/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is A.H.D. I have got some goats and they are sick, they are swinging their back and they have got runny noses. I would like to know how I can deal with this. Thank you.
Gabiley W.Galbed	10/28/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is A.M in Gabiley. I am a farmer and I would like to know about the benefits of tillage for the soil.
Adado Galgadud	10/28/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is A. Adado. I am farmer and I would like to know what causes maize to rot and have holes in it.
Adado Galgadud	10/28/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is A.I in Adado. I would like to ask the agriculture expert to tell us how we can plant lemons and oranges. I have buried the seeds in the soil and I would like to know how I should grow these tree.
Buleburte Hiran	11/1/2020	Agriculture	Hello, I am calling from Buleburte, my name is M.D.I. I am a farmer and we have pests eating into our produce. We have used all available pesticides but they have been ineffective. I grow tomatoes and onions and I don't know how to save them. Please tell how we can get rid of the pests.
Hiran	10/28/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is A.Y in Hiran. I am a farmer and we have noticed that when our maize are ready for harvest the plants look unhealthy and there is a lot of chaff in the maize.

South Central	11/1/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is M.I.A. There are pests called 'kadalan' that are eating our crops and we are appealing for intervention.
South Central	10/30/2020	Agriculture	(F) Hello my name is S. I am a farmer and I grow tomatoes. We have recently been seeing new pests in our tomatoes. I would like to know how we can deal with these pests.