



Brief Summary

Radio Ergo listeners' calls this week (26 November to 1 December 2020) were mainly about locusts, as in previous weeks, with the majority coming from central regions. The other concerns of callers to the platform included water shortages, the effects of November's Gati cyclone, and high prices resulting from the falling value of the local currency against the US dollar. There were also calls about Coronavirus, mainly about people's symptoms. The following summarises the calls by theme.

Locusts – the biggest number of calls about locusts came from Galgadud, especially Abudwak, Adado and Dhusamareb. There were also many from Mudug, Somaliland regions, and southern regions most notably Hiran and Middle Shabelle. Two callers from Somaliland questioned the ethics of killing the locusts. The rest called for control measures, described the devastation being wreaked on livelihoods, and/or asked for information from the experts in Radio Ergo's weekly locust programme. Many callers described locust hopper bands being active in their area. Several callers complained that the locusts had fallen into their water sources and contaminated the water. A female caller in Gelinsor, Galgadud, feared they might get sick from the water. Another caller in Miyir said the locusts had led to water shortages. A female caller in Adado said the locusts had swarmed inside their houses and toilets. Several callers reported multiple problems such as locusts and floods in Hiran, and locusts invading after people had been displaced by floods in Wanleweyn, L. Shabelle.

WASH – water shortages were reported from Sanag, Mudug, Gedo, and L. Shabelle. As stated above, some water shortages were reported alongside locust invasions. IDPs in Galkayo said they had no water after failed rains and were also being invaded by locusts. A caller in Hudun, Sool, stated that they lacked food.

Cyclone Gati – some callers in Hafun, Bari, appealed for aid after losing homes and livelihoods in cyclone Gati. Two separate female callers identifying as IDPs in Bosaso said they had been badly affected by the heavy rainfall and needed assistance.

Cash – a number of callers complained about rising prices of food and other goods due to the strong dollar against the shilling, and of local businesses refusing to accept the shilling. A caller in Togdher said inflation was so high that they could not even afford a cup of tea. A female caller in Puntland said she was not able to spend the shillings she had when she went out shopping. Callers complained that the use of the dollar was negatively affecting the poor and small businesses.

COVID19 – there were several calls from northern and central regions asking the Radio Doctor to diagnose symptoms exhibited by the callers themselves or those around them. Most wanted to be able to distinguish between COVID19 and flu. A caller in Somaliland wanted to know if the new wave of the disease would lead to more lockdowns. A caller in Mudug asked if the new wave of the virus was different or caused the same symptoms as before. There was a question from Bosaso about use of face masks and gloves and whether it was true that they could spread the virus instead of preventing it.

Location	Date	Theme	Remarks
Somaliland	11/26/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.M.H in Somalia, Ethiopia border. I would like to know if the new wave of Coronavirus could bring back the lockdowns and travel bans. We would like to know how this pandemic will affect us.
Badhan Sanag	11/29/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A, in Badhan. We have been told the Coronavirus causes fever and difficulty breathing. Could someone only display some of the symptoms of the virus or do all have to be present?
Bosaso Bari	11/26/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is F.M.H in Bosaso, Bari. I would like to know the difference between the Coronavirus and the common flu. We know the flu causes fever and running nose.
Bosaso Bari	11/28/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is M.A.D in Bosaso. The Coronavirus pandemic has affected the whole world and I would like to know if face masks and gloves are good protection. Is it possible they might spread the virus?
Mudug	11/28/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.A in Mudug. I would like to know if there are symptoms that are specific to the new wave of Coronavirus or if it is just like the previous one.
South Central	11/27/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A. I am coughing and my nose is paining. I have also got a dry throat and difficulty in breathing. I would like to get advice from the doctor.
South Central	11/28/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A. I would like to know if the flu and Coronavirus cause the same symptoms or if they have different symptoms.
Jalalaqsi Hiran	11/28/2020	COVID19	He Radio Ergo my name is O. in Jalalaqsi. I am coughing and I have a fever. I don't know if I have got Coronavirus or the flu.
Awr-Bogeys Togdher	11/27/2020	Cyclone	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.A in Awr-bogeys. I would like to advise the people to keep off low lying areas that might be hit by storms. Thank you.
Hafun Bari	11/28/2020	Cyclone/ Aid	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.M.M in Hafun. We are now homeless after our houses were hit by storms and heavy rainfall. We would like to get humanitarian aid.
Hafun Bari	11/29/2020	Cyclone/ Aid	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.M in Hafun, Karkar. This area has been hit by Gati cyclone, houses and boats have been destroyed by the cyclone. We would like Radio Ergo to share our message so that we can get intervention. Thank you.
Bosaso Bari	11/30/2020	Cyclone/ IDPs	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Bosaso, my name is A.A.M. We are IDPs and there have been heavy rains that have destroyed our homes and we would like to get humanitarian aid.
Bosaso Bari	11/28/2020	Cyclone/ IDPs	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.A.S. I am calling from Bosaso. We are facing difficulties as we have been affected by heavy rainfall in the area. We need swift help from the Puntland government.
Galkayo Mudug	12/1/2020	IDPs/ Locust/ WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.H.G in Galkayo. We are IDPs and we are facing water shortage after the failed rainy season. There are also locust larvae that are widespread. Thank you for your services.

Buhodle Togdher	11/29/2020	IDPs/Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.H.J in Buhodle. There are many IDPs who have arrived here, this area has also been invaded by swarms of locusts. Thank you Radio Ergo
Sahil Togdher	12/1/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Sahil. There are airplanes spraying the locusts and I think they should stop. The locusts are natural beings and they should let them be.
Awr-Bogeys Togdher	11/30/2020	Locust	Hello I am calling from Awr-bogeys. I would like the experts to tell us whether the fully grown locusts or the hoppers are more dangerous to the vegetation.
Badhan Sanag	11/27/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A in Badhan. The locusts have left behind larvae and we would like to know how we can deal with the locusts.
Dharkeyn Sanag	11/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.A in Dharkeyn. We have been invaded by locusts after we received rainfall. The locusts are eating away everything. We would like to get swift intervention to deal with the locusts.
El-Afweyn Sanag	11/27/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A. in El-Afweyn. I would like to get help in dealing with the locusts. The locust plague has destroyed the vegetation and we would like to get control measures.
Lasqorey Sanag	11/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.F in Lasqorey. The locust plague has wreaked havoc. The locusts are very widespread and we would like to get intervention in dealing with the locusts. Thank you.
Lasqorey Sanag	11/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Lasqorey. I would like to speak about locusts and we would like to get intervention to deal with the locusts. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Lasqorey Sanag	11/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.O I am calling from Lasqorey. I would like to speak about locusts that are eating away our vegetation. Please share our message with the government and aid organisations.
Taleh Sanag	11/27/2020	Locust	Hello my name is O.M in Taleh. We have not had much rainfall and we have been hit by locusts. We would like to get the aerial spraying. Thank you. Radio Ergo.
Adadle Marodi-Jeh	11/30/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.S in Adadle, Marodi-Jeh. We have been invaded by locusts and I would like to know if it is morally wrong to kill the locusts. Thank you.
Somaliland	11/28/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to speak about locusts that invaded us yesterday. The pastoralist families are quickly losing their livestock fodder. We would like to get help so that we can deal with the locusts.
Somaliland	12/1/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Far'aday. There are swarms of locusts that have invaded us and they are eating away our vegetation. I would like to know if smoke and fire could chase away the locusts.
Mudug	11/26/2020	Locust	Hello my name is F.H. I am calling from Mudug. We have been invaded by locusts and we would like to get measures to deal with the locusts.
Jariban Mudug	11/28/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Jarriban. We have got rainfall but we have been invaded by locusts which are eating our farms. I would like to know how we can deal with these pests.

Galkayo Mudug	11/29/2020	Locust	Hello my name is K. in Galkayo. We have been invaded by locusts and we have tried to spray them but we still cannot drive them away.
Dagari Mudug	11/29/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.K in Dagari. The locusts are flying over us and we have not been able to control them. We would like them to be sprayed.
Balli-Busle Mudug	11/27/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Balli-Busle. I would like to speak about locusts and larvae that have covered the land and formed a blanket. Thank you.
Abudwak Galgadud	11/26/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is H.A in Abudwak. I would like to speak about the locust invasion and we are appealing for control measures. We have not had any help from the government and we would like to get help. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Abudwak Galgadud	11/27/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M in Abudwak. We are under the grip of locusts. We are losing the vegetation and we would like to get a swift response to the plague of locusts. Thank you.
Abudwak Galgadud	11/29/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is D.J In Abudwak. I would like to speak about destructive locusts that are leaving behind larvae. We would like them to be sprayed. Thank you.
Abudwak Galgadud	11/29/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M in Abudwak. We have been invaded by locusts and their larvae that are stripping the vegetation off the land. Please share our message so that we can get intervention. Thank you.
Abudwak Galgadud	12/1/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.H in Abudwak. As we know, the locusts are widespread in the country, and I would like to urge the government to deal with the locusts while they are still in the larvae stage of their development. If they grow to be full locusts and start flying it might be hard to control them.
Abudwak Galgadud	12/1/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A. in Abudwak. There are swarms of locusts in the area and the government should try to control the locusts before they become full grown. Thank you.
Adado Galgadud	11/28/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H. in Adado. The locusts and larvae have eaten away our vegetation and fallen into our water. We would like to have control measures.
Adado Galgadud	11/28/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Adado. We have been devastated by locusts and we would like to get help in dealing with the locusts. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Adado Galgadud	11/29/2020	Locust/ WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is G. in Adado. I would like to speak about the locusts and larvae that have fallen into our water and contaminated it. We have also lost our vegetation and fodder to the locust plague.
Adado Galgadud	11/30/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is F. in Adado. I would like to speak about locusts that flying in our houses and our toilets. The locusts has wreaked havoc in rural area and it has come to town areas.
Afweyn Galgadud	11/28/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Afweyn, Galgadud. My name is L.A, I would like to speak about the locust plague that has devastated the land. Please share our message so that we can get help. Thank you.
Bahdo Galgadud	11/26/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.M.D in Bahdo, Galmudug. There are widespread hopper bands and we are not seeing anyone coming out to deal with the locusts.

Dhusamareb Galgadud	11/27/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is S. in Dhusamareb. I would like to speak about locust that have invaded us. They are widespread and they have formed a blanket over us and the fields.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	11/27/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is S. in Dhusamareb. We are worried about locusts that are eating away our vegetation. They are a threat to our environment and we would like to get intervention.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	11/27/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is D.M.D in Dhusamareb. We have been invaded by locusts and we would like the aid organisations to bring us spraying equipment so that we can deal with them.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	11/30/2020	Locust	Hello my name is F.A in Dhusamareb, Galmudug. There are swarms of locusts that are eating away the vegetation and leading to desertification.
El-Bur Galgadud	11/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.H.G in El-Bur, Galgadud. I would like to know if when the locust larvae fall in water sources it could lead to contamination and diseases?
Galgadud	11/27/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N. in Galgadud. I would like to speak about locusts that have invaded us and are eating our vegetation and livestock fodder. We would like to get intervention to deal with the locusts.
Galgadud	11/30/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.A in Galgadud. I would like to ask the experts how long it takes for the larvae to become fully grown locusts.
Galgadud	12/1/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.D in Galgadud. I would like to speak about locusts that have come following the rains. We would like the government to help us get pesticides to deal with the locusts.
Gelinsor Galgadud	11/28/2020	Locust/ WASH	(F) Hello my name is H.H in Gelinsor, Galgadud. We are doing well but we are facing the plague of locusts that are eating our vegetation and contaminating our water. We are afraid we might get sick because of the contaminated water.
Guriel Galgadud	11/27/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.I in Guriel, Galgadud. I would like to speak about locusts that have devastated the vegetation and left larvae. What can we do to control the locusts and protect the vegetation? Thank you.
Guriel Galgadud	11/28/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is K.D in Guriel. There are widespread hopper bands that have wreaked havoc. We want the government to help us deal with this menace.
Bahdo Galgadud	11/26/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.M.D in Bahdo, Galmudug. There are widespread hopper bands and we are not seeing anyone coming out to deal with the locusts.
Doongale, Galgadud	11/30/2020	Locust	Hello my name is H.D in Doongale. I would like to speak about hopper bands that are crawling on the fields and eating our vegetation. We would like to get intervention to deal with the locusts. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Beledweyne Hiran	11/30/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.O in Beledweyne. I would like to know how we can deal with the locusts. We would like to get tips on how to deal with the locust plague.

Hiran	12/1/2020	Locust	Hello my name is I.A in Hiran. We are farmers and we have been invaded by locusts. I would like to ask Radio Ergo how can we protect the environment from the plague of locusts?
Mahaday Hiran	11/26/2020	Locust/ Floods	Hello my name is H.A in Mahaday. There are locusts and floods around the Shabelle river. We would like the government to help us deal with locusts and floods.
Adale M.Shabelle	11/29/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A in Adale. We are worried about the locusts and we would like Radio Ergo to share our message with aid organisations so that they can help us deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Bal'ad M.Shabelle	11/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.I in Bal'ad. We have been invaded by locusts that are eating away all the vegetation. Please share our message so that we can get help.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	11/30/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.D in Jowhar. Our vegetation has been eaten away by locusts, our farms and fodder have been devastated by locusts. We would like to get help.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	11/30/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A. in Jowhar. I would like to speak about locusts and their larvae. We are appealing to everyone who has the capacity to deal with the locusts to intervene in this.
Middle Shabelle	11/27/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.A.H in Burdhere, in Middle Shabelle. We have been invaded by locusts and they do not seem to be moving away. We would like to get aeroplanes to spray the locusts.
Warsheikh M.Shabelle	11/27/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is O.B in Warsheikh. I would like to speak about swarms of locusts that we have not been able to drive away. We would like the Hirshabelle government to help us deal with the locust plague. Thank you
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	11/26/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.H in Wanlaweyn. The locusts have flown away but there are the larvae that have been left behind. We would like to get intervention to deal the locusts. Thank you.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	11/28/2020	Locust / Floods	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is B.A in Wanlaweyn, Lower Shabelle. There are swarms of locusts that have invaded us. We were previously displaced by floods and now we are under the grip of locusts.
Baidoa Bay	11/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.A in Baidoa. We have seen swarms of locusts that have affected us and we would like to get control measures.
Bakool	11/30/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H.I I am calling from Bakool. We have been invaded by locusts and I would like to know how we can deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Bay	11/28/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A. in Bay region. We have got rainfall and our farms are doing well. The locusts invaded us and they have flown away. We thank God.
Burdhubo Gedo	11/30/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.H. in Burdhubo. We have been invaded by a locust plague, the livestock don't have fodder and the farms have been eaten away. We would like to get intervention. Thank you.
Bardera Gedo	11/30/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S.A.H in Bardera. The locusts have descended on some rural areas where they are feeding on the vegetation and breeding. I would like to report this as more locusts are coming from such areas.

Dhaharey	11/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is O.B in Dhaharey. There are swarms of locusts that are eating our fodder. We would like the Hirshabelle government to help us deal with the locusts.
South Central	11/28/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.H. I would like to speak about widespread hopper bands that are eating away our vegetation and scaring the livestock away. We would like to get intervention to deal with the locusts.
South Central	11/28/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, we are concerned about locusts that have entered into our houses and rooms. We are worried about the locusts that are flying from all directions.
South Central	11/28/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to speak about swarms of invasive locusts and their larvae. We can't afford to buy the spraying pesticides, and we have been devastated by these insects.
South Central	11/30/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.A.G in Tulo-Barde. We are facing the brunt of locusts that have wiped out our vegetation and contaminated our water sources.
South Central	12/1/2020	Locust/ WASH	Hello my name is B. in Miyir area. The locust larvae have fallen on the water sources including our well and they are now contaminated. We are facing water shortage and we would like to know how we can deal with the larvae.
South Central	11/29/2020	Floods	Hello my name is I. I migrated from Wajir, Kenya, with my camels. The flood waters have affected us and we would like the government of Somalia to help us.
Hudun Sool	11/26/2020	Food scarcity	Hello I am calling from Hudun, Sool my name is S.B. I would like to speak about food scarcity and poverty. We would like to get help and intervention. Thank you.
Wardher Sanag	11/26/2020	WASH/ Locust	Hello my name is A.S.M In Wardher, Sanag. I would like to speak about water scarcity and the locust invasion. We would like to get intervention to deal with locusts. We are appealing for help from the government and aid organisations.
Beledhawo Gedo	11/27/2020	WASH	Hello my name is M. in Beledhawo. I would like to speak about drought and delayed rainfall. Areas around this place have got rainfall, but we have not been able to get rains.
Dollow Gedo	12/1/2020	WASH	Hello my name is A.A in Dollow. There is widespread drought and water scarcity. We have not got rainfall and we would like the aid organisations to reach us before people get into a dire situation.
Qoryolley L.Shabelle	11/27/2020	WASH	Hello my name is A.A in Qoryolley, Lower Shabelle. We have not received rainfall although other areas have got rainfall. We are using generators in our farms. We are doing well and thank you for the programmes on the radio.
South Central	11/27/2020	WASH/ Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Heer-hore. We are facing drought and water scarcity and we have been invaded by locusts. We are would like to get water wells drilled in the area. Thank you.
Puntland	11/27/2020	Agriculture/ Locusts	Hello Radio Ergo, our farms have been eaten by squirrels and locusts and I would like to know how I can protect my crops.

Buleburte Hiran	11/27/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is O.D in Buleburte, Hiran. There are caterpillars destroying the crops. That is our main concern now.
Hawd W.Galbed	11/27/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.H in Hawd, south of Hargeisa. There are pests destroying our farms.
Sanag	11/27/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.J in Sanag region. I would like to ask the vet doctor how we can treat our livestock for stomach pain and diarrhoea.
Badhan Sanag	11/28/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is A. in Badhan, Sanag. I would like to ask the doctor how we can treat CCPP disease affecting livestock. Thank you.
Puntland	11/28/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.J. I would like to know if there is a disease that causes livestock to be mad and start running away. How can we treat this disease?
Galkayo Mudug	11/28/2020	Livestock	(F) Hello my name is S. in Galkayo. I have got young goats and whenever I take them out for grazing they come back with mouth sores. The goats can't even suck the milk. I would like the vet doctor to tell me how I can treat my goats.
Abudwak Galgadud	11/30/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is A.M.H in Abudwak. I would like to speak about camels dying. They have got swollen feet and necks.
Buhodle Togdher	11/26/2020	CASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Buhodle. The dollar has risen against the shilling. One dollar is now being exchanged for 45,000 shillings.
Awr-Bogeys Togdher	11/26/2020	CASH	Hello I am calling from Awr-Bogeys. The dollar has risen very steeply and there is very high inflation. We can't even afford a cup of tea.
Somaliland	11/27/2020	CASH	Hello my name is K.K.Y I would like to speak about the dollar that has become expensive. Food and everything has become expensive and we would like the dollar to be devalued.
Garowe Nugal	11/27/2020	CASH	Hello my name is M.S in Garowe. The shilling has lost value and it has caused hardships. We would like to get intervention from the government and bring reform to the economy.
Puntland	12/1/2020	CASH	Hello I am calling from Puntland. The traders are starting to accept only dollars and that is causing hardship among the poor people and those who cannot get the dollar. We need the shilling back.
Puntland	12/1/2020	CASH	(F) Hello my name is S. and we are protesting at the business people rejecting the Somali shilling. It is painful to take 100,000 shillings to do your shopping and come back because the money has been rejected. We are not in the US so shouldn't be using the dollar.
Galkayo Mudug	11/26/2020	CASH	Hello my name is K..M.A in Galkayo, Mudug. I would like to speak about the inflation that has hit us hard. The poor people and small businesses have been affected as the Somali shilling has been rejected.
Galkayo Mudug	12/1/2020	CASH	Hello my name is A.D in Galkayo. In the past few days we have seen rise in Somali shilling exchange rates and it is making life difficult for local people.

Galkayo Mudug	11/27/2020	CASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.M.J in Galkayo. I would like to speak about the traders that have rejected the Somali shilling. The government has not intervened. We need to get the shilling back.
Somaliland	11/29/2020	Rain	(F) Hello my name is H.Y. We have got rainfall and the vegetation is starting to grow. We are doing well, thank you Radio Ergo.
Somaliland	11/26/2020	Khat	Hello my name is A.A.D in Warir. I would like to speak about khat that has been banned. It has led to economic downturn in the country. We would like the ban to be lifted.
Somaliland	11/27/2020	Health	Hello my name is Y.A. in Labi-Sagala. I am a charcoal trader and I cut trees, I was hit by a tree I was cutting and am now in need of treatment.
Puntland	12/1/2020	Jobs	Hello my name is W. and we are facing unemployment, we would like the government to create job opportunities for the youth. Please share our message.