



Brief Summary

The threat from locusts to farms and grazing continued to be the subject of concern of the majority of callers to the Radio Ergo call-in platform this week (9-15 December 2020). Lack of water also prompted a number of calls, notably from Togdher and Gedo. The following summarises the calls by theme.

Locusts – calls about locusts came from regions across the country. In the north, they were mainly from Sanag, Sool, and Bari. The majority overall came from Galmudug, with significant numbers also from Hiran and the Shabelle regions. Many callers complained that the locusts had contaminated their water sources causing further problems. Livestock herders expressed worry about the survival of their animals with the lack of fodder and water.

Water scarcity – several callers from Dollow, Gedo region, called to say they had no water for people or animals and needed help. A caller in Dollow identifying as an IDP said they also needed food aid. Several callers in Togdher, specifically Buhodle and Sarar, complained similarly about lack of water as their main concern.

Cost of living – rising prices and unaffordability of food continued to elicit calls from Bosaso in the north and from parts of Galmudug. People said the use of the dollar and rejection of the shilling was negatively affecting the poor. There were also calls about unemployment. Youth in Guriel said the lack of jobs was pushing people into risky migration journeys. In Beletweyne, a caller said the farms had failed and farmers needed the government to give them jobs even through recruitment to the army.

COVID19 – several callers asked questions to the Radio Doctor about symptoms and prevention.

Livestock and Farming – callers continued sending questions to the experts for these programme segments on Radio Ergo.

Location	Date	Theme	Remarks
Buhodle Togdher	10/12/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Buhodle, my name is I.A.I. We are facing water shortage in the area. That is our main concern, please share my message. Thank you.
Togdher	10/12/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.A in Togdher. We are facing water scarcity and we have not got the Deyr rainfall. We would like the Somaliland government to reach us with water aid.
Sarar Togdher	10/12/2020	WASH	Hello my name is A.H in Sarar. We are facing drought and water scarcity, we would like Radio Ergo to share our message with the government of Somaliland. Thank you.

Sarar Togdher	10/12/2020	WASH	Hello my name is S.J.M in Sarar. There is drought and water scarcity in the area. The livestock and people don't have water. We would like the government and aid organizations to bring us water.
Galhamur (Ethiopia)	14/12/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.N.A in Galhamur. We are facing water shortage and failed rains.
Feerfeer Hiran	9/12/2020	WASH	Hello Radio I am calling from Feerfeer, Hiran. We are doing well although there is water scarcity in the area. This area is safe although there is water shortage.
Dollow Gedo	11/12/2020	WASH/ IDPs	Hello my name is H.I.A in Dollow, Somalia. I am a displaced person and we are facing water scarcity. We would like aid organizations to reach us with food and water aid. Thank you.
Dollow Gedo	12/12/2020	WASH	Hello I am calling from Dollow. We are facing water shortage and we would like the aid organizations to help us get water. Thank you.
Dollow Gedo	15/12/2020	WASH	Hello my name is A.A in Dollow. We are facing drought and water scarcity. We have lost our vegetation and we are not expecting rain soon. We would like to get humanitarian aid.
Dollow Gedo	10/12/2020	WASH	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Dollow. We are facing water scarcity and heat. The livestock don't have access to water. Please share our message, thank you.
Sanag	10/12/2020	Locust/ WASH	(F) Hello I am calling from Sanag. My name is N.M.A, locusts have descended on us and we are losing our livestock fodder, the water is also getting scare and we are appealing for intervention. Thank you.
Taleh Sanag	11/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.M.W in Taleh, Sanag. We are complaining about locusts and we would like to get intervention to deal with the locusts before they cause more damage.
Badhan Sanag	10/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is D. in Badhan. I would like to speak about voracious locusts that are destroying our vegetation and falling into the water sources.
Badhan Sanag	11/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is H.I in Badhan, Sanag. We have been invaded by large numbers of locusts and we would like to get intervention to deal with the huge number of locusts. Thank you.
Badhan Sanag	12/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.S.A in Badhan, Sanag. I would like to speak about locusts that have invaded our farms and livestock grazing areas. We would like the concerned agencies to help us deal with the issue of locusts.
Badhan Sanag	13/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling form Badhan, Sanag. Locust have wreaked havoc in this area. The locusts have eaten
Lasanod Sool	10/12/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Lasanod. We have been invaded by locusts and we pray that they fly away. We would like to get some form of intervention to deal with the locusts.
Sool	13/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M.I in Sool region. We are doing well except we have been devastated by locusts. We are doing well otherwise and we would like to get agencies to help us deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Somaliland	11/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.M.A, I am a farmer and my farm has been eaten by locusts. I would like to get intervention so that I can save my farm.

Baargal Bari	10/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A. in Baargal, Gardafuu. The locusts have had an effect on the livestock and the vegetation and we would like to get intervention to deal with the locusts.
Gardafuu Bari	9/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Gardafuu. My name is A.S. and we are worried about locusts that have wreaked havoc. We would like to get intervention to deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Gardafuu Bari	10/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.S.Q in Gardafuu. I would like to speak about locusts that have wreaked havoc. We would like to get ideas and advice on how we can deal with the locusts.
Gardafuu Bari	13/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.S. in Gardafuu. New waves of locusts have invaded us. The locusts are a threat to us and we would like to get intervention.
Garowe Nugal	11/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Garowe, we are under the grip of locusts that have wreaked havoc. We would like to get intervention to deal with the locust plague. Thank you.
Dangoronyo Nugal	9/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.S in Dangronyo, Nugal. We have been devastated by locusts and we would like to get help in dealing with the locusts. We have lost all the vegetation that grew in the rainy season.
Nugal	12/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is H.A.H in Nugal region. I would like to speak about locusts that are eating our vegetation. We have not seen the spraying teams that were supposed to spray our farms.
Bitale Mudug	13/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.H.A in Bitale. We have been invaded by locusts that have cleared the vegetation. We would like the government agencies to help us deal with the locust menace.
Hinlabi Mudug	15/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.M in Hinlabi. We are under the grip of locusts and they are competing for the livestock fodder. We don't know how to deal with the locusts.
Gara'ad Mudug	10/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.S.A in Gara'ad. We have had rainfall but it was followed by the locust invasion and we are now losing the vegetation we got. We would like to get intervention to deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Ba'adweyne Mudug	9/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Ba'adweyne. We have been invaded by swarms of locusts and we are appealing for intervention. Thank you.
Mudug	10/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S.M.J in Mudug. We are worried about locusts. There are some aeroplanes spraying the area, but the locusts are not dying or flying away. We don't know if they are spraying locust pesticides.
Abudwak Galgadud	9/12/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is H. Abudwak. We have been invaded by voracious locusts. They are flying over us and they have fallen in our water, eaten our vegetation and even entered our homes. We would like help to deal with the locusts.
Abudwak Galgadud	10/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A. in Bangele, Abudwak. We have been invaded by swarms of locusts and we would like aid organizations to help us deal with the locusts. Thank you Radio Ergo.

Abudwak Galgadud	11/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Abudwak, Galgadud. We have been devastated by locusts that have wreaked havoc and we are worried that it could cause more destruction. We would like to get intervention.
Abudwak Galgadud	13/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.H in Abudwak. I would like to speak about locusts that are causing havoc. Please share our message so that we can get intervention.
Adado Galgadud	11/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is N. in Adado. We are worried about locusts eating into our vegetation. We would like to get intervention to deal with the locust plague. Thank you.
Adado Galgadud	12/12/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Adado. This area is under the grip of voracious locusts eating our livestock fodder. We would like the government to help us deal with these locusts.
Adado Galgadud	13/12/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is M.M.M in Adado. The locusts have caused desertification and they are even eating away the trees that provided us with shade.
Adado Galgadud	14/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is N.M in Adado. We have been invaded by locusts and we would like to get help in deal with the locust invasion. Thank you.
Adado Galgadud	14/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A. in Adado. There are widespread locusts that have fallen into our water sources and contaminated the water. We are in the dry season and the livestock don't have access to water and pasture.
Adado Galgadud	15/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.A.A in Adado. I am a farmer and my farm has been eaten away by locusts. I have recorded my voice message before, please share it on the radio.
Adado Galgadud	15/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H. in Adado. Large numbers of locusts have invaded us and wreaked havoc. We don't know how to deal with these locusts.
Galgadud	9/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Galgadud. We are under the grip of locusts, some that are crawling and others flying. We would like to get intervention to deal with the locust plague.
Galgadud	12/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is F.N.G. In Galgadud. We have been devastated by locusts. Please share our message with the government and aid organizations so that we can get control measures.
Galgadud	13/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is F. in Galgadud. Today we have seen large swarms of locusts descending on our farms. We would like to get help in dealing with the locust plague. Thank you.
Galgadud	15/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is F. in Galgadud. The locusts have eaten away our vegetation and our fodder. We would like to get help to deal with the locusts that have eaten our vegetation.
Gideys Galgadud	10/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.O.A in Gideys. Locusts are eating the vegetation and livestock fodder. We would like aid organizations to help us deal with the locusts that are leading to desertification.
Gideys Galgadud	12/12/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is L.M. in Gideys. Locusts have wreaked havoc in our area and eaten away all the vegetation. We want the federal and regional governments to come to our rescue.

Guriel Galgadud	10/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H. in Guriel. I would like to speak about widespread locusts that have invaded us. We would like to get intervention to deal with the locusts.
Guriel Galgadud	15/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.A.W in Guriel. There are large number of locusts that have wreaked havoc and are having a huge impact on the environment. These locusts need swift intervention.
Guriel Galgadud	15/12/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Guriel. The vegetation and the fodder have been wiped out by the locusts. We are now worried for our livestock without any food.
Tulo-Sarman Galgadud	9/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A. in Tulo-Sarman, Galmudug. We have been invaded by locusts and we would like aid organizations to help deal with this locust plague.
Tulo-Sarman Galgadud	10/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A. in Tulo-Sarman. There are widespread locust that have wreaked havoc. The locusts are now falling into our water sources after clearing the vegetation. We would like to get control measures. Thank you.
Mogadishu Banadir	12/12/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.M in Mogadishu, we are worried about huge number of locusts that are eating away our vegetation. We would like the locusts to be sprayed. Thank you.
Mahas Hiran	13/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.H.B in Mahas, Hiran. This area has been invaded by locusts and we would like to get help to deal with the locusts and their larvae.
Mahas Hiran	10/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Mahas, my name is M.A.M. Locusts have become a threat to our livestock fodder and caused hardships.
Jalalaqsi Hiran	14/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Jalalaqsi, we have been invaded by locusts that have persisted in causing damage. We would like to get help.
Beledweyne Hiran	11/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is J in Beledweyne, Hiran. We have been invaded by locusts and we would like to the government to reach us with control measures. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Bal'ad M.Shabelle	15/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is H.I.M in Bal'ad. I would like to know how we can control the locusts so that we can save our farms and fodder from these insects.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	10/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is O. in Jowhar. We are under the grip of locusts that are a threat to our farms and all vegetations.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	12/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name A.A.D in Jowhar. Our farms are under the imminent threat of locusts and their larvae. Thank you Ergo.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	14/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.O.A in Jowhar, I have travelled form Hiran. The locusts are widespread and it is causing disaster. It is only God who can save us from this plague.
Middle Shabelle	13/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.A.S in Middle Shabelle. I would like to speak about locusts and the hopper bands that are destroying the vegetation. We would like to know how we can protect the environment from the locust plague.

Barawe L.Shabelle	9/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A. in Barawe, Lower Shabelle. We are under the grip of locusts and we are appealing for swift intervention. Please share my message. Thank you.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	14/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Wanlaweyn. We have been invaded by locusts and we are informing the government and other government agencies to help us deal with the locusts.
Hudur Bakool	9/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.H.M in Hudur, Bakol. We have been devastated by locusts and I would like to know if there are pesticides or other means of controlling the locusts.
Bardera Gedo	12/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Bardera, Gedo. We would like to get help to deal with the locusts. This area was known for farming and the farms have now been hampered by the locusts.
Dibira	12/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S. in Dibira. We are facing locust invasion and water shortage. We would like the government to reach us with aid. Please share our message so that we can get intervention. Thank you.
South Central	9/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, the locusts are flying away and we have got rainfall. I think the rains are chasing the locusts away. We would like to get expert advice on the locusts.
South Central	12/12/2020	Locust	Hello my name is O.A.H in Geed-hambar, the locusts have descended on us and they are leaving behind larvae on the fields. The have devoured our vegetation.
South Central	12/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.O, I am a farmer and locusts have wreaked havoc in my farms. The locusts have also buried larvae on the fields. I would like to know how we can deal with the larvae.
South Central	15/12/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.A.A. Locusts descended on us months ago and they don't seem to be moving away. We would like to get help in dealing with the locusts. Thank you.
Bosaso Bari	12/12/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is O. in Bosaso. I would like to ask the agriculture experts to tell us the preentive measures we can take to deal with caterpillars before they even attack the farms.
Galkayo Mudug	9/12/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is M.A in Galkayo. I would like to know if I wanted to plant melon in my farm should I plant the cantaloupe or any other varieties?
Adado Galgadud	14/12/2020	Agriculture	(F)Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. in Adado, Galgadud. I would like to start farming and I would like advice on if I should look for specific areas to do the farming or if I can start it anywhere?. Thank you.
Guriel Galgadud	12/12/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is L. in Guriel, Galgadud. I am a farmer and I would like to how well crops do in red soil.
Beledweyne Hiran	12/12/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Beledweyne. I would like the agriculture experts to tell us the crops that take away minerals from the soil and the crops that enrich the soil with minerals.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	13/12/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling form Jowhar, my name is A. We are farmers and whenever we wake up we see cobwebs on the farm produce. I would like to know the problems that could be caused by the webs and how we can get rid of them.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	9/12/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.H in Jowhar. I would like to know what dangers could arise if a farmer only plants one type of crop in the fields.

Jowhar M.Shabelle	9/12/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M in Jowhar. I am a farmer and our farms have been inundated by floods. I would like to know how we can salvage our crops from the floods.
Baidoa Bay	10/12/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.A in Baidoa. I would like to know how to water our farms during the dry season. We don't have rivers and we use wells which sometimes become dry.
South Central	12/12/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.H.Y in Burfulo. Pests have infested our farms. Our farms are always failing due to floods and pests. We would like to get pesticides to deal with the pests.
South Central	15/12/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is A.M.A in Gablow. I would like the agriculture expert to give us advice on planting maize. Thank you.
Dharkeyn Sool	9/12/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is N.M.A in Dharkeyn. I would like to know about livestock disease that is causing the goats to have mouth sores. We would like to get expert advice from the vet doctors.
Galkayo Mudug	12/12/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Galkayo. Our goats are coughing and they have got running noses. We would like the veterinary doctor to tell us how we can treat our livestock from these diseases.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	12/12/2020	Livestock	(F) Hello my name is S. in Dhusamareb. I would like to know how we can treat CCPP disease that affects goats. Also how can we prevent the goats from getting this disease.
Adado Galgadud	12/12/2020	Livestock/ Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Adado, the locusts invaded us and they are now moving away, but our livestock have got sick, they have got diarrhoea and they are coughing. I would like to know if the pesticides is causing this.
Bosaso Bari	14/12/2020	CASH	Hello my name is M.D in Bosaso. Prices have been rising and people are trading using dollars instead of the shilling. We want government intervention.
Bosaso Bari	10/12/2020	CASH	Hello my name is M.D in Bosaso. There is inflation in this area and the Somali shilling has been rejected. We would like the government to bring in regulation.
Garowe Nugal	14/12/2020	CASH	Hello my name is I.M.A in Garowe. The dollar rate has started to fall and the prices of livestock is falling which is affecting our income.
Galkayo Mudug	10/12/2020	CASH	(F) Hello my name is F.A in Galkayo. I would like to speak about the hardships caused by the cash that has been rejected. We are poor people are we don't have mobile money. We would like to get the shilling back.
Adado Galgadud	9/12/2020	CASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.A in Adado. The Somali shilling has been rejected and the business people are only accepting the dollar. We have not been able to afford food and we would like to get intervention.
Guriel Galgadud	13/12/2020	Jobs	Hello my name is I.A.H in Guriel. We are youth of Guriel. The people are at risk of overseas migration or joining extremist groups. We don't have jobs in the area. I have seen some young people planning to travel overseas on dangerous trips.

Beledweyne Hiran	13/12/2020	Jobs	Hello my name is H.H in Beledweyne. There is unemployment in the area, the farms have failed, we would like the government to employ us or even recruit us into the army.
Garowe Nugal	9/12/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.O.M in Garowe. I would like to know if the Coronavirus can be spread through sexual intercourse. Thank you.
Puntland	9/12/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.H.N. I would like to ask the Radio Doctor to tell us if someone who has got the Coronavirus can get it again. Will the symptoms be less severe the second time they get it?
Adado Galgadud	9/12/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is M. in Adado. I would like to know if someone with Coronavirus sneezes near me and the particles reach my mask, am I likely to get the virus?
Adado Galgadud	12/12/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A.A in Adado. I would like to know the symptoms specific to the Coronavirus and how we can know someone who has the virus. Also how can we protect ourselves from this virus.
Dollow Gedo	13/12/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is S.M.O in Dollow. I would like to where the Coronavirus comes from. Also I would like to know how it spreads.
South Central	12/12/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to ask the doctor if dry lips and fever are symptoms of the Coronavirus. Thank you.
South Central	9/12/2020	COVID19	(F) Hello my name is H. We have heard there is a new wave of the Coronavirus and we would like to understand if the symptoms of the new wave are the same as the previous one.
Guriel Galgadud	13/12/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A.B.T. in Guriel, Galgadud. I have lost my sense of smell and taste and I think I have got the Coronavirus. I would like to get information about Coronavirus.
Nugal	12/12/2020	COVID19/ Health	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Nugal region. There is widespread disease being reported from the region in the past few weeks. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Tukaraq Sool	13/12/2020	IDPs/ Shelter	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.A.I in Tukaraq. We were displaced and we are now facing cold, we don't have proper shelters. We are appealing for aid. Thank you.
Galkayo Mudug	13/12/2020	IDPs/ Health	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Galkayo. We are IDPs living here after prolonged drought. We have not had aid for a long time. The people are in a dire situation, there are also diseases among the people in the camp.
Barawe L.Shabelle	15/12/2020	Shelter/ IDPs	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.K.M in Barawe, a fire outbreak has destroyed homes. We would like to get help to rebuild our lives.
Galgadud	9/12/2020	Khat	Hello my name is A. in Galgadud. The government of Somalia has banned khat from Kenya and we have seen the Kenyan khat coming into the country via Ethiopia. We would like the government to ban the khat.
Puntland	12/12/2020	Environment	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.B in Hodan. Waste is being dumped in the area and it presenting danger to us. We would like to get action against these practices.
Warsheikh M.Shabelle	9/12/2020	Other	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M.A in Warsheikh. We are facing lack of network connection. The mobile phone network is very weak and it is affecting us. We would like to get intervention.

Sanag	11/12/2020	Social	Hello my name is H.M.M in Kulal, Sanag. I would like to thank the young volunteers who are helping the families in dire situation. They have done honourable work.
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