



Brief Summary

As in the previous few weeks, the majority of calls to Radio Ergo’s independent platform this week (10-18 November 2020) continued to be complaints from across the country about desert locusts devouring crops and grassland. Most were from central regions, with others from southern and northern areas. There were some complaints about unverified aid diversion in Sanag and Jowhar. Callers continued to have some questions and comments about Coronavirus. The following summarises the calls by theme.

Locusts – most calls came from central regions, especially Abudwak, Adado, Guriel, and other parts of Galgadud. There were also calls from northern regions Togdher, Sanag, Sool and Bari, and from across the border in Somali region of Ethiopia. Calls from the south came notably from Hiran, Lower Shabelle, Bay, and other unspecified locations. A caller in Abudwak described the community as being powerless and unable to control the locusts. A female caller from a pastoralist community in Abudwak said they had moved three times and each time had encountered the locusts again. She said they feared desertification in the area. Another caller in Abudwak said their livestock had no grazing left, as half had been destroyed by locusts and the rest had been fenced off by private individuals. In Adado, a caller said they had earlier suffered drought and now the locusts were destroying the grassland after the rainfall. A caller in an unnamed part of central Somalia said they had no capacity or finances to deal with the locusts and needed government and aid organisations to help them. In Beletweyn, a caller said the locusts were eating the vegetation and mosquitoes were also breeding in the stagnant water left by recent river flooding. One of the callers from Wanleweyn in L. Shabelle said they needed to be given pesticides to fight the locusts as they feared the swarms would make a comeback in the area.

COVID19 - callers from Sanag and Bay wanted to know more about how to distinguish between flu and Coronavirus. Two callers wanted to know more about repeat infections by Coronavirus. Callers in Galgadud and Hiran asked about methods of protection in rural areas and in crowded places. A caller in Bardera, Gedo, said a lot of people were coughing from suspected Covid infections and he blamed khat imports as a source of contagion.

Aid complaints – Ergo is following up callers from Sanag about alleged misuse of aid commodities, and also from Qalafow (presumed to be in Jowhar) where beneficiary names were allegedly removed from an aid agency’s list.

Livestock and Agriculture – pastoralists shared questions for the radio vets to answer about diseases affecting goats and camels. There were also some questions from farmers for our weekly agriculture programme.

Location	Date	Theme	Remarks
Burao Togdher	COVID19	11/11/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.I in Burao. I would like to ask the doctor if the Coronavirus causes nerve problems and pain. Thank you.
Badhan Sanag	COVID19	11/14/2020	Hello Radio my name is A.A.I in Badhan, Sanag. I would like to ask the doctor the difference between the flu and the Coronavirus and how we can tell which disease someone has got.
Bosaso Bari	COVID19	11/12/2020	Hello my name is M.S.M in Bosaso. I would like to ask the doctor how we can protect ourselves from the Coronavirus since we are always in crowded places.

Adado Galgadud	COVID19	11/11/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A.D in Adado. I would like to ask the doctor how many times can a person can contract the Coronavirus and will the situation be the same every time.
Farlibah Hiran	COVID19	11/14/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.D in Farlibah, Hiran. I would like to ask the experts how the people in rural areas can prevent themselves from contracting the Coronavirus. Thank you.
Moqokori Hiran	COVID19	11/11/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.F.M in Moqokori, Hiran. I would like to know how I can protect myself from getting the deadly respiratory Coronavirus.
Dayinle Bay	COVID19	11/11/2020	Hello my name is A. in Dayinle, Bay. I would like to know the difference between the common flu and the Coronavirus. We are not able to tell the two apart. Thank you.
Bardera Gedo	COVID19	11/10/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is D.H in Bardera, Gedo. I would like to speak about khat that is coming into the country. The people are coughing and we fear that it is the Coronavirus. We would like this Khat to be stopped from coming into the country.
South Central	COVID19	11/14/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like ask the doctor if someone can get the Coronavirus more than once. Thank you.
Adadley Somaliland	Locusts	11/18/2020	Hello my name is A.I.E in Adadley. In the past few days there has been a plague of locusts in the area. The farms and produce have been destroyed.
Buhodle Togdher	Locust	11/15/2020	Hello my name is A.Y.M, I am calling from Buhodle. The locusts have left the area but they have left larvae which continue to destroy the environment.
Togdher	Locust	11/16/2020	Hello my name is M.D in Togdher. There are locusts which have invaded us, the government has not responded and we are facing hardships.
Berbera Togdher	Locusts	11/16/2020	Hello my name is F.M.A in Berbera, Sahil. This area has been invaded by locusts. The grazing fields have been destroyed, we need help because we have not got anything. We need the Somaliland government and aid organisations to reach us.
Sanag	Locust	11/12/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.S in Sanag. We have been invaded by a large number of locusts and we are asking the government to help us deal with the locusts.
Sanag	Locust	11/10/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Sanag region. I would like to speak about locusts that have settled on the vegetation and we are losing our vegetation. We would like aid organisations to reach us with aid intervention. Thank you.
Hudun Sool	Locusts	11/18/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.A in Hudun, Sool. The locusts have destroyed the vegetation. For instance in Hudun valley, there are swarms of locusts, please share our message and we hope that the Somaliland government will intervene.
Hudun Sool	Locusts	11/18/2020	Hello my name is A.A.A in Hudun, Sool. We have rainfall, although the grazing fields and vegetation are getting destroyed by locusts. We need them to be sprayed.

Somaliland	Locust	11/15/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Somaliland, there are locusts that are devouring the grazing lands. Please share our message.
Qardo Bari	Locust	11/11/2020	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is Y. in Qardo. I would like to speak about locusts that have eaten away my farm produce. That is our main concern, thank you Radio Ergo.
Dagadere Bari	Locust	11/15/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, My name is L.A.H in Dhagah-dhere. There are locusts that have swarmed the area, the grazing lands have been destroyed. The pastoralists and livestock are now facing uncertainty.
Galkayo Mudug	Locust	11/14/2020	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N. in Galkayo. I would like to know if the locust pesticide could cause health hazards to the environment and the livestock.
Galkayo Mudug	Locust	11/16/2020	Hello my name is B.A in Galkayo. I would like to talk about locusts that have taken over the grazing lands. The farms have also been hit hard and the locusts are leaving larvae behind.
Mudug	Locust	11/12/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is G. in Mudug. This area has been invaded by locusts. We are not worried about the locusts as they are natural beings that are just feeding on the vegetation.
Dagari Mudug	Locust	11/16/2020	Hello my name is A.A.A, in Dagari. There are locusts that have invaded us and we don't know how to deal with them, please tell us how we can deal with the locusts. We are tired.
Abudwak Galgadud	Locust	11/15/2020	Hello my name is M.J.S in Abudwak. I would like to talk about locusts which have proved to be a challenge. We are powerless and we don't have the capacity to deal with the huge number of locusts. We are powerless and we can't control them. We need swift response. Thank you.
Abudwak Galgadud	Locust	11/15/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Shilamadaw, Abudwak. The locusts have destroyed the environment and left larvae, we need help. We are working to control the locusts but we have not achieved much.
Abudwak Galgadud	Locust	11/16/2020	Hello my name is M.N in Abudwak. There are locusts destroying the environment. They are quickly finishing the vegetation we got during the rain. It is leading to desertification.
Abudwak Galgadud	Locust	11/10/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Abudwak. We have been devastated by locusts and we would like the federal government and the government of Ethiopia to reach us with intervention. Please share our message. Thank you.
Abudwak Galgadud	Locust	11/13/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is D.A.J in Abudwak. We are under the grip of invasive locusts and we would like to get aerial spraying to control the locusts.
Abudwak Galgadud	Locusts	11/16/2020	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is Z.M in Abudwak. We are pastoralist families and we have got rainfall. We were invaded by locusts which have left larvae. We have moved three times and on each of these occasions we have encountered the locusts again, we don't know how to deal with them and we would like to know how we can avoid them. We fear desertification in the area. Thank you for your services.
Abudwak Galgadud	Locusts	11/18/2020	(F) Hello my H.A in Abudwak. There are larvae which have invaded the area. The environment has been destroyed.

Abudwak Galgadud	Locusts	11/18/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.F in east Abudwak. There are larvae that are quickly destroying the vegetation. We need help to deal with it.
Abudwak Galgadud	Locusts	11/18/2020	Hello my name is M.A.A in Abudwak, we are pastoralists and part of the grazing environment has been destroyed by locusts while the rest has been fenced off by private people. We don't have grazing lands for our livestock.
Adado Galgadud	Locust	11/11/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is D.H in Adado. I would like to speak about large swarms of locusts that are a threat to the vegetation and the fodder. We would like to get intervention so that we can deal with the locusts.
Adado Galgadud	Locust	11/13/2020	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F. in Adado. We have been invaded by locusts eating away our vegetation.
Adado Galgadud	Locust	11/13/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S. in Adado. We are complaining about hopper bands that are widespread and are eating away our vegetation. We would like the government to intervene and help us control the locusts.
Adado Galgadud	Locust	11/16/2020	Hello my name is A in Adado. There has been a locust plague in the area. It is destroying the crops and grazing fields.
Adado Galgadud	Locust	11/14/2020	Hello my name is A. Adado. We are worried about locusts and larvae. Please share our message so that we can get control measures.
Adado Galgadud	Locusts	11/18/2020	Hello my name is A. in Adado. I am a pastoralist and we have been through drought, but then we got rainfall. Now we are faced with new issues of a locust plague that is destroying the environment. They also left behind larvae which pose great dangers to the fodder [grassland].
Balli-ad Galgadud	Locust	11/11/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.Y. in Balli-ad. I would like to speak about locust larvae that are eating our vegetation. We would like to get the spraying in our region.
El-Bur Galgadud	Locust	11/12/2020	Hello my name is F.A.G in El-Bur. We have been invaded by locusts that are eating away our fodder and vegetation. Please share our message. Thank you,
Deqlo Galgadud	Locust	11/12/2020	Hello my name is M.M.S in Deqlo area. I would like to speak about locusts that have invaded us and are leaving behind larvae. Our livestock don't have enough fodder and now their food security is being threatened by locusts.
Galgadud	Locust	11/13/2020	(F) Hello my name is R. in Galgadud. We are worried about locusts and we have tried to kill them and drive them away but more and more are still coming. What can we do to control these locusts?
Galgadud	Locust	11/11/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.H.R in Galgadud. We have been invaded by locusts and there are locusts that are eating away all our vegetation. We would like to get help in controlling the locusts.
Galgadud	Locust	11/12/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.G in Galgadud. I would like to know the effects of the locust pesticides on our vegetation and produce. Thank you.

Galgadud	Locust	11/16/2020	Hello my name is A.A in Galgadud. We are concerned about locusts that are destroying the environment in a short period of time. The fodder and grass fields have been invaded and our livestock could run out of pasture.
Gideys Galgadud	Locust	11/16/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.M in Gideys. The locusts are posing a big threat to us, we need aid organisations to reach us and help us deal with the locusts.
Guriel Galgadud	Locust	11/11/2020	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.A. in Guriel. I would like to speak about locusts that are leaving a trail of destruction and are leading to desertification in the places they land on.
Guriel Galgadud	Locusts	11/16/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Guriel, Galgadud. There are very large numbers of locusts that have swarmed over the area. We need aid organisations and the government to reach us so that we can control the locust plague.
Guriel Galgadud	Locust	11/12/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A in Guriel. Swarms of locusts have descended on us and we would like to get intervention from the government. Thank you.
Guriel Galgadud	Locust	11/10/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A. in Guriel. I would like to speak about swarms of locusts that are eating away our vegetation. They are widespread and they have wreaked havoc. We would like to get intervention to deal with this menace.
Hananbure Galgadud	Locusts	11/16/2020	Hello my name is B.M.W in Hananbure, there are larvae here and the people have not been able to control them. We would like to know how we can spray them and get rid of them.
Heral Galgadud	Locust/ Health	11/12/2020	Hello my name is H. in Herale. I would like to speak about the locust plague and mosquitoes in the area. Otherwise we are doing well.
Dalsan Galgadud	Locust	11/16/2020	Hello my name is A.A.M in Dalsan, Galgadud. We would like to talk about locusts that have devoured the vegetation. We don't have the capacity to deal with them and we need help.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	Locust	11/15/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Dhusamareb. The locusts have invaded the area. They have also left larvae in the fields, the locals have tried to spray the locusts but the pesticides were ineffective.
Shilamadow Galgadud	Locusts	11/18/2020	Hello my name is B.A in Shilamadow. This area has been devastated by locusts, they have destroyed the livestock fodder and vegetation.
Central Somalia	Locust	11/15/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is G.S.D in central Somalia. We have been affected by locusts, especially larvae that are eating into the grazing fields. We don't have the capacity and the finances to deal with the locusts. We need the government and aid organisations to reach out to us.
Beledweyne Hiran	Locust/ Health	11/10/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.D.A in Beledweyne, Hiran. There are swarms of locusts that are eating away our vegetation. There are also mosquitoes breeding in the floodwaters. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Mahas Hiran	Locust	11/15/2020	Hello my name is G. in Mahas, there are locusts here and we need you to share this information with aid organisations so that we can get a swift response. Thank you.
Mahas	Locust	11/10/2020	Hello I am calling from Mahas, Hiran. We are pastoralists and we are worried about locusts that are eating away our

Hiran	Locust	11/10/2020	vegetation. We would like to get intervention so that we can deal with the locusts.
Mataban Hiran	Locust	11/15/2020	Hello my name is F.G in Mataban. There are locusts wreaking havoc. The local representatives in our constituency should reach us.
Hiran	Locust	11/10/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.A in Hiran. We have been invaded by swarms of locusts and we have lost our sesame and other crops. We have not got any intervention and we are praying to God.
Middle Shabelle	Locust	11/10/2020	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is F. in Middle Shabelle. We are under the grip of a locust invasion that is eating away our produce.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	Locust	11/11/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.A. I am calling from Wanlaweyn. I have been devastated by locusts that are eating away our vegetation. We pray that the locust plague disappears.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	Locust	11/10/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A. in Wanlaweyn, Lower Shabelle. We are worried the locust swarms will make a comeback and we need to get pesticides to kill the locusts.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	Locusts	11/11/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.H in Wanlaweyn. This area has been invaded by locust swarms and we hope that we will get intervention. Thank you.
Ufurow Bay	Locust	11/12/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Ufurow. We have got rainfall, but the rainfall has attracted locusts.
Baidoa Bay	Locust	11/12/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.J.Y in Baidoa. We are farmers and our farms have been invaded by locusts and we would like aid agencies to help us deal with the locust plague.
Somali Ethiopian region	Locust	11/15/2020	Hello my name K.Y.A in Somali-Ethiopian region. There are a huge numbers of locusts depleting our food. Please reach out to us so that we can give you more information.
Somali Ethiopian region	Locust	11/15/2020	My name is A.A.Y in Somali-Ethiopian region. This area has been swarmed by locusts. They have destroyed everything and left larvae on the fields.
Somali Ethiopian region	Locust	11/16/2020	Hello my name is A.M.A in Somali-Ethiopian region. We have been attacked by locusts. Please share our message so that we can get necessary aid.
Somali Ethiopian region	Locust	11/16/2020	Hello my name is M.A.A in Somali-Ethiopian region. There are locusts and larvae destroying the pasture and grazing lands. We don't know how to control them.
South Central	Locust	11/15/2020	Hello my name is A. in Dolale. We have got some little downpours and the fodder has been destroyed by locusts. Thank you for this toll free number.

South Central	Locust	11/14/2020	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is B.M.A. We are under the grip of an invasion by locusts that are eating away our vegetation. We would like to get swift intervention. Thank you.
South Central	Locust	11/13/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.H in Bal'ano. We are facing the threat of a locust invasion. They are eating away everything, we would like to get control measures to deal with the locusts.
South Central	Locust	11/11/2020	Hello my name is F.Q in Aliley. I would like to speak about locusts that have wreaked havoc in this area and are causing desertification. We are appealing for intervention. Thank you.
South Central	Locust	11/10/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M.J. I would like to speak about locusts and their larvae. I would like to know effective ways of controlling locusts. Thank you.
South Central	Locust	11/16/2020	Hello my name is M.M, there are larvae that are resistant to the spraying, we need more pesticides to control the larvae. Thank you
Sanag	Aid diversion	11/12/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Sanag, my name is H.I.J. I would like to comment on people that are using aid handouts and not giving to the poor people who need it. This needs to stop.
Gar-adag Sanag	Aid diversion	11/14/2020	Hello I am calling from Gar-adag. We used to get rice, sugar, cooking oil and dates, however that was stopped and we now only get sorghum.
Qalafow	Aid diversion	11/11/2020	Hello my name is A.A. in Qalafow. I am one of the people whose names were taken by FAO, however we have been told that our names were later deleted and not considered. I would like to know why the organisations or the people taking the names deleted our names.
Qalafow	Aid diversion	11/11/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Qalafow. I am one of the people who were interviewed. Our names were taken and when they came back the aid organisation didn't have our names. I would like to know how this has happened.
Hidhid Togdher	Livestock	11/11/2020	Hello Radio my name Hidhid. I would like to speak about ticks on livestock. I would like to know how we can control the ticks. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Somaliland	Livestock	11/10/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.A in Dar-Salam. Our livestock are sick and we are losing the young goats to unknwn disease. We would like to get expert advice. Thank you.
Sanag	Livestock	11/13/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A. in Sanag. I would like to speak about livestock disease that is causing our goats to have diarrhoea. Please share my message.
Puntland	Livestock	11/12/2020	Hello I would like to speak about camel diseases. The young camels that are sucking are becoming sick due to unknown diseases. We would like the vet doctors to tell us about such diseases.
Bohol, Hudun Sool	Livestock	11/12/2020	Hello my name is A. in Bohol. My camels are sick and I have lost one camel with the same symptoms. I believe it is because they have been poisoned. I would like to get the vet doctors' advice.
Durugsi Togdher	Agriculture	11/15/2020	Hello I am calling from Durugsi my name is A.F.I. I would like to ask the agriculture expert to tell me what makes the watermelon plants turn white.
Hared			Hello my name is J.A.M in Hared area. There are farms in the area which have been attacked by caterpillars and

Somaliland	Agriculture	11/15/2020	pests. Please share our message so that we can get help. We need the ministry of agriculture to help us.
El-Bur Galgadud	Agriculture	11/14/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.M.A in El-Bur, I am a bee keeper and there are some small white pests that are affecting the life cycle of the bees. I would like the experts to tell us how we can deal with these insects.
Bay	Agriculture	11/15/2020	Hello my name is A.M in Bay region. We are doing well, we have got rainfall and we are planting sorghum and beans and maize in our farms. We are now working on our farms and we thank God.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	Floods/ Locusts	11/14/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.O.A in Kalundi, Jowhar. Our farms have been hit by floods and locusts. Our crops have been submerged in water and we would like to get intervention. Thank you.
Bardera Gedo	Floods	11/15/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.A in Bardera, Gedo. We have got heavy rainfall, the water levels in the river have increased. The farms remain vulnerable to floods and they need to be saved before they are destroyed.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	Flood / Locusts	11/14/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.O.A in Kalundi, Jowhar. Our farms have been hit by floods and locusts. Our crops have been submerged in water and we would like to get intervention. Thank you.
Abudwak Galgdud	IDPs	11/16/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.I in Abudwak, I was displaced from Abudwak. I have been here for a year and I have not got help here. I need help.
Kismayo L.Juba	IDPs	11/16/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.H in Kismayo. There are a myriad challenges faced by us IDPs, there is lack of toilets, poor sanitation and neglect. We need help.
South Central	Governance	11/11/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A. in Kadiye. There are some people that have thrown away pesticide known as 'Dibta.' The water is now contaminated and we would like to see action taken against these people. Thank you.
Lower Shabelle	Health	11/11/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is Q.A.A. In Lower Shabelle. We have got heavy rainfall and there are widespread mosquitoes and malaria. Please share our message. Thank you.
Qardo Bari	Jobs	11/14/2020	Hello my name is Y.H.M in Qardo. I am a technician, I was formerly a pastoralist and I lost all livestock. I now would like to get help in getting equipment that I need for my new job.
Togdher	Rain	11/10/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A.I in Togdher. We are doing well here, we have got rainfall. Thank you Radio Ergo for your programmes. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Dollow Gedo	Rain	11/12/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M in Dollow. We have got rainfall but the river has not flooded and we are doing well. Thank you.
Leego L.Shabelle	Services	11/10/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Leego, Lower Shabelle. The roads have been destroyed and now accessibility has been hampered. Food prices are now expensive and we would like the government to build us roads.
Mogadishu Banadir	Services	11/12/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A. in Mogadishu. I am a bajaj driver and the roads have been clogged by rainwater. We pay taxes and we don't get services.