



Brief Summary

The devastation being caused by locusts remained the main concern of listeners across the country this week (23-29 Dec 2020), as expressed by the volume of calls received on Radio Ergo's independent feedback platform. Farmers in Beletweyne were among the most vocal this week. Other concerns were water scarcity in some areas, and inflation in Puntland. Some callers had questions about Coronavirus for the Radio Doctors. The following summarises the calls by theme.

Locusts – calls about locusts from farmers and pastoralist communities across the country continued to dominate on the platform. Most prominent this week were the many callers from Hiran, especially Beletweyne. People there described huge waves of locusts descending on farms and vegetation. One caller said the magnitude of the devastation was unprecedented. A caller in Beletweyne said locusts were their biggest threat and came just as they were recovering from the recent devastating floods in the region. People called for intervention, as well as advice and access to pesticides. Elsewhere in the south, callers in Gedo reported being under the grip of locusts. A farmer in Bardera said he had taken on debts in order to invest in his farm and was now counting losses due to locusts. In Kismayo, a caller said the goats had no fodder because of the locusts and the pastoralist communities were suffering. In central Somalia, the number of calls from Galmudug were fewer this week compared to previous weeks, although some new areas reported locust invasions. There were only two calls from Adado. The sole caller from Abudwak, a pastoralist, said they had lost their livestock fodder and appealed for humanitarian aid. A caller in Dhagaweyne, Galgaduud, said the locusts had contaminated the water and eaten the farms. In Do'oley, pastoralists said their livestock were threatened as locusts had eaten all the fodder. In Goldogob, Mudug, a caller said the locusts had been the biggest problem during the whole year and they needed the government to step in. Further north in Puntland, several callers in Qardo, Bari, described the loss of their farms. One caller asked about the safety of drinking water contaminated by locusts. In Haabo, Bari, some farmers originally displaced from the south said they had lost their farms and were worried. Callers in Sanag were also worried about their livestock. In Aroweyne, people said they had failed to drive away the waves of locusts by burning tyres to create smoke.

Water scarcity – problems with water were reported by callers in northern areas in Sanag and Togdher, and in parts of Bay and Gedo. A pastoralist community in Togdher said they wanted a truck and support to move their livestock to an area where there had been rainfall. Farmers in Bardera asked for help in renovating a reservoir that had been buried. In Baidoa, a caller asked for more sustainable ways of getting water than by donkey carts.

IDPs and aid – callers from IDP camps in Waridat, Sool, complained of corruption in aid delivery. Others in Garowe said there was a food shortage there. A blind man in an IDP camp in Abudwak asked for support.

Prices – several callers complained about inflation and lack of access to the local currency causing problems for low income families. One caller in Puntland said five million shillings could not even buy you a cup of tea. Another in Garowe said the poorest families were suffering due to the rejection of the shilling. People wanted regulation and sustainable solutions by the authorities.

COVID19 – calls about Coronavirus came from Togdher, Bari, Nugal, Mudug, and Gedo. Most were asking questions about symptoms and seeking diagnosis or advice from the Radio Doctor. A female caller from an IDP camp in Galkayo said a lot of people were sick and coughing in the camp and they wanted medical services. A caller in Bardera said if the Radio Doctor advised that his symptoms were those of Coronavirus, he would self-isolate. A female caller in an unidentified (south-central) location said her small children were coughing and she wanted to know if it was flu or Coronavirus.

Location	Date	Theme	Remarks
Buhodle Togdher	12/26/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.F in Buhodle. I would like to know what happens to a person when they get Coronavirus, what are the first changes that a person notices? Thank you.
Badhan Sanag	12/26/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is M.A in Badhan, Sanag. There is widespread coughing that is affecting the people. We don't know what is causing this coughing.
Bosaso Bari	12/23/2020	COVID19	Hello I am calling from Bosaso. I would like to know how we can tell the difference between someone who is just sneezing due to rhinitis or because of the Coronavirus. Thank you.
Qardo Bari	12/23/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A.M.S in Qardo, Karkaar. I would like to know how we can tell someone has Coronavirus. I would like to know if cough, fever and aching in the bones are signs of the Coronavirus.
Garowe Nugal	12/26/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is A.D.H in Garowe. I am feeling short of breath and headache and I would like to ask the Radio Doctor if it is just flu or I have the Coronavirus.
Hobyo Mudug	12/26/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Hobyo, Mudug. I would like the doctor to tell us if someone who has recovered from Coronavirus can get it again. Thank you.
Galkayo Mudug	12/26/2020	COVID19/ Health	(F) Hello my name is A.N in Wadajir camp in Galkayo. There is widespread disease here, people have got fever and coughing as well as general body weakness. We would like to get medical aid.
Dollow Gedo	12/27/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Dollow. I would like to ask the doctors if Coronavirus is the same as the flu and what differences they have?
Bardera Gedo	12/23/2020	COVID19	Hello my name is M.I in Bardera. I can't taste or smell anything, I don't know if it is because of Coronavirus? I would like the expert to tell me so that I can self isolate if I have Coronavirus.
South Central	12/23/2020	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to know if someone can get Coronavirus again after having recovered from the virus the first time?
South Central	12/24/2020	COVID19	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, I have got small children and they are constantly coughing, I want the doctor to tell us if they have got Coronavirus or if it's just the flu?
Waridad Sool	12/28/2020	IDPs/Aid	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.H in Waridad, Sool. There are many IDP families here and they are not getting the aid that is given by aid organisations. The local authority takes the aid.
Waridad Sool	12/27/2020	IDPs/Aid	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. in Waridad, Sool. There is poor governance, the IDP families do not get the aid. There is corruption around the aid.
Garowe Nugal	12/26/2020	IDPs/Aid	Hello my name is M.A.I in Garowe. We are living in a dire situation. It is cold and and there is a food shortage and we would like to get humanitarian aid.
Abduwak Galgadud	12/23/2020	IDPs/PLWD	Hello Radio Ergo my name is I. in Abudwak, Galgadud. I am an IDP and a blind person and I need help. Please share my message so that we can get intervention.
Awdal	12/28/2020	Locust	Hello I am calling from Awdal, my name is A.H.H. Locusts have invaded us and we fear we might lose all our farm produce and livestock fodder.

Hawd W.Galbed	12/26/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A.M in Hawd. This area is under the grip of locusts and we are worried they will cause more havoc. We are appealing for help. Thank you
Somaliland	12/27/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.D.H . We are under the grip of voracious locusts that are eating away our vegetation. We would like the government to help us deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Somaliland	12/28/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, we didn't previously get good rainfall and now the small amount of fodder we had has been eaten away by locusts.
Somaliland	12/23/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, Radio Ergo, I would like to speak about locusts that have eaten away our vegetation and farms. Please share our message so that we can get help. Thank you.
Sahil Togdher	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A. in Sahil. I would like the experts to tell us how we can deal with the locusts, the effects of locusts apart from eating away the vegetation, and the environmental impact of pesticides?
Aroweyne Sanag	12/26/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.M.M in Aroweyne, Sanag. We have seen more and more waves of locusts and we have tried to burn tyres to smoke the locusts away, but this doesn't seem to be working.
Badhan Sanag	12/26/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.M in Badhan. Today we have seen more waves of locusts and our livestock are bearing the brunt of fodder shortage. We need help in spraying and controlling the locusts.
El-Buh Sanag	12/27/2020	Locust	Hello I am calling from El-Buh, we are farmers and locusts have eaten away everything we had. We need swift intervention so that we can curb these insects. Thank you.
Sanag	12/24/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.M in Sanag. We are facing locusts that have wreaked havoc. We are now facing desertification and we would like to get intervention. Thank you.
Sanag	12/27/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.I in Sanag. We are worried about the locust plague. Our livestock don't have fodder and they are even feeding on the locusts. We need help so that we can deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Qardo Bari	12/26/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.A.H in Qardo. I am a farmer and our farms have been hit by locusts. We are counting losses due to locust plagues.
Qardo Bari	12/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F. in Qardo. I would like the experts to tell us if we can drink water where locusts have fallen into, or is it dangerous for consumption?
Qardo Bari	12/26/2020	Locust	Hello my name A.M.M in Qardo. We have got farms and our farms have been invaded by locusts. We would like to get help in controlling the locusts. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Haabo Bari	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.Y.F in Haabo, Bari. We were displaced from southern Somalia. We are now worried about the locust invasion that has devastated our farms and vegetation.
Eyl Nugal	12/23/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.A.F in Eyl. I would like to know how long it takes for the locusts to lay and bury their larvae on the fields?

Nugal	12/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Nugal. The locusts are causing unprecedented and heavy damage. I would like to know how we can deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Puntland	12/25/2020	Locust/ Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M. The locust have left a trail of destruction in the area. Our livestock have also got sick.
Puntland	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.M.Y. We are worried about the invasive locusts that are eating away our vegetation. We would like aid organisations to help us deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Puntland	12/24/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Habarshiro. There are locusts that have wreaked havoc, they have not left anything behind. We would like to get advice on how we can deal with the locusts.
Goldogob Mudug	12/28/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A. in Goldogob. This year our biggest concern has been the locusts that have wreaked havoc. We would like the government and aid organisations to help us deal with this locust plague.
Galkayo Mudug	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A. in Galkayo. I would like to report locusts that are a threat to the vegetation and the environment. We are appealing for help to deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Galkayo Mudug	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S. in Galkayo. I would like to know how we can save our farms and fodder from the locusts. Thank you.
El-aqwan Galkayo	12/29/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.H in El-aqwan. There have been large numbers of locusts that have stripped the vegetation off the ground.
Dagari Mudug	12/23/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A in Dagari. In the past few days, we have been invaded by locusts. I had planted some crops and they have been devastated by locusts. We would like the government to help us control the locusts.
Dagari Mudug	12/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Dagari. There are swarms of locust that have wreaked havoc, they have also left larvae on the fields and we are appealing for intervention.
Galgadud	12/26/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.A in Galgadud. I would like to know how we can control locusts although we don't have pesticides to kill the locusts. Thank you.
Galgadud	12/28/2020	Locust	Hello my name is H.M in Galgadud. The locusts have wreaked havoc and there are still more coming. We have lost our livestock fodder, we pray that they disappear.
Godinlabe Galgadud	12/27/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.D.W I am calling from Godinlabe. We have been invaded by locusts and we are losing our vegetation to the locusts. We are appealing for intervention to deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Guriel Galgadud	12/29/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.A.Y in Guriel. We have been devastated by locusts and our now our livestock are in jeopardy. They don't have enough fodder and they are now starving.
Guriel Galgadud	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello my name is F.O in Guriel, Galgadud. We are under the grip of locusts and we are requesting for help. The locust swarms are eating away large swaths of farm land.

Dhusamareb Galgadud	12/23/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.H in Dhusamareb. Locust plagues have descended on us and devastated our farms. Please share our message so that we can get help.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	12/23/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is H. in Dhusamareb. The locusts are still flying into our area. Our farms have suffered the brunt of the locusts and we want the government to help us deal with the locusts.
Adado Galgadud	12/28/2020	Locust	Hello I am calling from Adado. We are farmers and our tomatoes and other vegetables that provided our livelihood has been threatened by locusts.
Adado Galgadud	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.M in Adado. A large number of locusts have invaded us and there have been aeroplanes spraying the locusts with kerosene [Sic]. The vegetation has become hard and we believe the locusts are a disaster.
Abduwak Galgadud	12/28/2020	Locust/Aid	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Abudwak. We are pastoralists and our livestock fodder has been depleted by locusts. We are appealing for humanitarian aid. Thank you.
Bangele Galgadud	12/27/2020	Locust	Hello I am calling from Bangele. Our biggest concern is locusts that are a threat to our vegetation. We would like to get control measures to deal with this plague.
Do'oley Galgadud	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.M.A in Do'oley. We are pastoralists, and the livestock fodder has been affected by locusts and we would like to get help.
Dhagaweyne Galgadud	12/23/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Dhagahweyn. There are large swarms of locusts that have contaminated our water and eaten our farms. We would like to get help in dealing with the locusts.
Dhagahyale Galgadud	12/24/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S.O.I in Dhagahyale. This area is under the grip of locusts and hopper bands. We are losing our vegetation and we would like to get help. Thank you.
Duqaqo Galgadud	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A in Duqaqo. Locusts have descended on us and we are requesting the government to bring us aid and intervention. Thank you.
Beledweyne Hiran	12/27/2020	Locust	Hello I am calling from Beledweyne. We are facing locust invasions that have wreaked havoc. We would like aid organisations to help us deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Beledweyne Hiran	12/24/2020	Locust	(F) Hello my name is N.O in Beledweyne. There are swarms of locusts that have eaten away our vegetation and we would like to get advice on locust control. Thank you.
Beledweyne Hiran	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.A in Beledweyne, Hiran. Locusts are now the biggest threat and it is coming after we have just recovered from floods. Please share our message so that we can get help. Thank you.
Beledweyne Hiran	12/23/2020	Locust	Hello my name is B.A.H in Beledweyne, Hiran. We are farmers and locusts have descended on our farms and we would like to know how we can control the locust.
Beledweyne Hiran	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is I.O in Beledweyne. A locust plague has descended on our farms and we need the experts to tell us how we can deal with the locusts. Thank you.
Beledweyne Hiran	12/24/2020	Locust	Hello I am calling from Beledweyne, my name A.O. We are farmers and our farm produce has been hit by locusts. Thank you.

Beledweyne Hiran	12/23/2020	Locust	Hello my name is S. in Beledweyne. We have been under the grip of locusts. I would like to know how we can deal with the locusts and protect our farms from the locust attacks.
Beledweyne Hiran	12/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M in Beledweyne. More and more waves of locusts are invading us and we would like to get help in dealing with locusts. Thank you.
Beledweyne Hiran	12/27/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A in Beledweyne. The locust plague has taken us by storm, they have descended on us and they don't seem to be moving away. Today we have seen an unusually large number of locusts.
Beledweyne Hiran	12/23/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.N in Beledweyne, Hiran. New waves of locust are coming and we would like to get help so that we can get rid of the locusts. Thank you.
Beledweyne Hiran	12/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I. in Beledweyne. I would like to report locusts that are eating our fodder and farms. The livestock are even scared of the locust that are flying into the eyes of the livestock.
Beledweyne Hiran	12/23/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Beledweyne. We are facing a locust invasion that has wreaked havoc. I would like to know how we can deal with these locusts?
Beledweyne Hiran	12/27/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.M in Hiran. Large number of locusts have wreaked havoc in Beledweyne, they are a disaster and we pray that God takes them away. Thank you.
Buleburte Hiran	12/28/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. in Buleburte. Locusts have descended on our vegetation and we would like to get help in dealing with the locusts. Thank you.
Hiran	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my O.A in Hiran. We are under the grip of locusts and we would like to know the pesticides that we can use which will not be hazardous to our farms.
Hiran	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Hiran. We have been invaded by locusts and have never seen such a magnitude of locust destruction. We are appealing for help.
Baidoa Bay	12/29/2020	Locust	Hello my name is M.A in Baidoa. We are worried about locusts and have not seen any control measures and we are appealing for help. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Bardera Gedo	12/23/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is I.Y in Bardera. I am a farmer and I used debt to finance my farms, however we are counting losses due to the locusts. We are appealing for help to deal with the locusts.
Bardera Gedo	12/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A.J in Bardera. There are locust swarms eating away our vegetation and we would like to get help in dealing the locusts.
Dollow Gedo	12/25/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.H.O in Dollow. The locust have wreaked havoc and we are appealing for intervention. Thank you.
Dollow Gedo	12/24/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is D. in Dollow, Gedo. I would like to know how long the locusts can fly? Also do the locusts descend on farms at night or in the day time? Thank you.
El-ade Gedo	12/28/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from El-ade. We are under the grip of locusts that have wreaked havoc. We would like to get help so that we can deal with the locusts, thank you.

Kismayo L.Juba	12/29/2020	Locust	Hello my name is A.A in Kismayo. This area is under the grip of locusts. Our goats don't have fodder and it has caused a lot of suffering among the pastoralist communities.
South Central	12/29/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.M. This area is under the grip of locusts and we have tried every means to get rid of these locusts although all the efforts have failed.
South Central	12/28/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Malmadow. Today we have seen locusts that covered the horizon and formed blankets of cloud in the sky. They are laying eggs on the ground too.
South Central	12/23/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.H. Locusts have devastated our farms, and we have lost beans and maize. We don't know how to deal with these locusts.
South Central	12/26/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, we have been hit by locusts and our farms are now getting depleted due to locusts. We would like the government and aid organisations to reach us with control measures. Thank you.
South Central	12/28/2020	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, there is widespread locust larvae in the fields that was buried in the ground by locusts, we fear that they might grow to be bigger locusts and cause more damage.
South Central	12/27/2020	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.A. The locust hopper bands are now a big threat to our vegetation. We are rapidly losing our vegetation and we would like to get help.
Togdher	12/26/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.H in Togdher. We are losing our camels to unknown diseases. They stand up for two days and they die afterwards.
Somaliland	12/26/2020	Livestock/ WASH	Hello my name is M.M in Suuqsade. Our livestock have got diarrhoea, and we are also facing drought. We would like the livestock expert to tell us what is causing this. Thank you.
Somaliland	12/26/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is S.A. There is a lot of plastic waste around that our livestock are eating. It is dangerous and it might kill our livestock.
Somaliland	12/26/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, our goats have got diarrhoea and we would like the vet doctor to tell us how we can treat our goats.
Puntland	12/27/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.S our young goats are sick goats are weak and they can barely stand up. Please share my message with the aid organisations so that we can get help.
Bardera Gedo	12/23/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.H. in Bardera. We are in the dry season. I would like to know the livestock diseases that are likely to come in this dry season. Thank you.
Kismayo	12/28/2020	Livestock	Hello my name is A.M.O in Kismayo. We are pastoralists and our camels are coughing, we would like to get advice from the vet doctors on how we can treat our camels.
South Central	12/26/2020	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is R.S. I would like to know what causes diarrhoea and coughing among livestock. Thank you.
Buhodle Togdher	12/23/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.S in Buhodle. We are concerned about drought that has affected our livestock and our livelihood.

Togdher	12/25/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.A.H in Togdher. There has been drought in the area, and we would like to get a vehicle and help so that we can move to the areas that have received rainfall. Thank you.
Garadag Sanag	12/26/2020	WASH	Hello I am calling from Garadag, Sanag. There is drought in the area and we are facing water scarcity and delayed rainfall.
Baidoa Bay	12/25/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.M in Baidoa. We are facing water scarcity and we would like to get more efficient ways of getting water other than donkey carts. Thank you.
Bardera Gedo	12/23/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name A.A in Bardera. There is water scarcity here and we had a water reservoir where we used to get water for our farms, but it has been buried and we would like to get help.
Gedo	12/25/2020	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is J.D in Gedo. We are facing drought that has affected the people and livestock. We pray that we get the rainfall soon. Thank you.
Gabiley Awdal	12/23/2020	Agriculture	Hello my name is M.M in Gabiley. There are pests that have infested our farms. We have never seen these pests before and they seem to produce cobwebs.
Beledweyne Hiran	12/25/2020	Agriculture/ Locust	Hello my name is A. in Beledweyne. We have been cultivating our farms and protecting the plants from birds, but we have now been invaded by locusts that have taken us by storm.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	12/23/2020	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.A in Jowhar. I am a farmer and I grow sesame. There are spiders that have made webs on the plants. I would like to know how we can control these pests.
Badhan Sanag	12/28/2020	CASH	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. in Badhan. We are facing inflation of prices, we would like the government to bring policies so that the shilling is accepted and the inflation reduces.
Shimbirale Sanag	12/24/2020	CASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Shimbirale, Sanag. We are complaining about the rejection of the Somali shilling in Puntland.
Garowe Nugal	12/25/2020	CASH	Hello I am calling from Garowe. The Somali shilling has been declined in this area and this is set to cause suffering among poor families.
Puntland	12/27/2020	CASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to speak about the rejection of shilling and the inflation of price. A person with five million shillings cannot use it to buy tea.
Puntland	12/28/2020	CASH	Hello my name is S.A in Hero-Jale. The business people have rejected the Somali shilling and it has caused suffering among the people. We would like the government to introduce laws so that the shilling is accepted.
Galkayo Mudug	12/28/2020	CASH	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. in Galkayo. We would like to get the shilling back, we need to get a sustainable solution to the monetary issue. The government should bring in laws and protect the shilling.
Galgadud	12/29/2020	Protection	Hello Radio Ergo, there is renewed clan conflict in Galgadud region. We would like the government to intervene and bring peace solutions among the clans. Thank you.

Jowhar M.Shabelle	12/25/2020	Jobs	Hello my name is K.M. in Jowhar. I am one of the youth facing unemployment. We would like the government to create jobs for us. Thank you.
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