



Brief Summary

The largest number of calls to the Radio Ergo platform this week (30 December 2020 to 6 January 2021) was about locusts, as has been the case for the past few months. There was a rise in the number of callers reporting water shortages, some in combination with food shortages and losses caused by locusts. Another main issue raised by callers was the Somali shilling currency crisis and the impact on the poor. There were also a number of calls with questions to the Radio Doctor about Coronavirus symptoms and prevention. The following summarises the calls by theme.

Locusts – calls reporting locusts this week came from all across the country, including Togdher, Sanag, Sool, Bari, Nugal, Mudug and Galmudug, Hiran, Shabelle regions, Bay, and Gedo. Many pastoralists complained about the destruction of grassland and the lack of fodder available for their livestock. One farmer said his 15 kilometre square farm had been wiped out by locusts. In Dagari, Mudug, another farmer said he lost the USD 2,000 he had invested in his farm over three days. Many called for intervention and help from government and organisations. People in Galgadud spoke of shortages of water and food. In Hiran, callers spoke of hardships for both farming and livestock communities. New waves of locusts were reported in Wanleweyn, L. Shabelle; and in Barawe a caller said they had never seen so many locusts before. There were a number of calls from Dollow and Bardera in Gedo. A caller in Bardera said they had just given up on their farms. Another said the locusts had hit as they were trying to recover from drought. Callers in Qansadhere in Bay, and Adado in Galgadud, suggested that sickness affecting their livestock was related to the locust plagues.

Water – callers in Togdher (including Buhodle and Ayn) reported water shortages, as well as depressed livestock prices, lack of access to the shilling, and locusts. People reported water shortages and migratory movements in search of water in Sanag and Sool. One caller in Somaliland (unspecified location) said people were monopolizing the existing water supplies in the reservoir and they wanted justice. In parts of Galgadud (Dusamareb, Abudwak, El-dhere, Hero-lo'ad) people talked of food and water shortages, broken wells, locusts, and the need for aid. An IDP caller in Balad, M. Shabelle, said they had been displaced by water scarcity and locusts and asked for help.

IDPs – IDPs in Burao, Togdher, said they had no water, food or medical aid. Also in Mudug, IDPs in camps in Agaran said they had no water or health facilities and were also hit by the shilling crisis.

Cash crisis – there was a significant number of calls about the effects of the shilling crisis, some in combination with other problems such as lack of water, locusts, and ailing livestock. Calls about the cash crisis came from Sanag, Sool, Bari, Nugal, and Mudug. Most said the Somali shilling had been refused by businesses, prices had risen, and low income and poor families were suffering. A caller in Sanag said he had amassed 18 million shillings in cash that were now worthless. A caller saying he represented school children in Bosaso complained they were normally given some small pocket money for the day to buy food but they now had nothing. A female caller in Puntland said one dollar was now worth 42,000 shillings.

Coronavirus – the calls this week came from various locations around the country, mainly asking questions about COVID19 symptoms and protection measures.

Location	Theme	Date	Remarks
Sanag	CASH	1/5/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M.A in Sanag region. The Somali shilling has been declined and it has caused suffering. I personally had 18 million Somali shillings and it has been declined.
Sool	CASH	1/4/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is Y.A. in Sool region. We are concerned about the Somali shilling that was rejected. We would like the government to either introduce new currency or bring back our shilling.
Bosaso Bari	CASH	1/5/2021	Hello my name is A.M in Bosaso. We are school children and we used to get money that we can use during the day. However the Somali shilling has been declined and we don't know what we can do.
Qardo Bari	CASH	1/6/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.I in Qardo. I would like to speak about the declined Somali shilling and the forex shops are refusing to give or take the Somali shilling.
Garowe Nugal	CASH	1/4/2021	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N. in Garowe. We are complaining about the Somali shilling that has been declined in many parts of the country.
Galkayo Mudug	CASH	1/5/2021	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.A in Galkayo. The Somali shilling has been declined in many parts of Puntland. I would urge the people accept the Somali shilling and take pride in the shilling.
Puntland	CASH	12/30/2020	Hello my name is A.A.A. I would like to speak about the Somali shilling that has been rejected for two months. We would like the government to bring back the shilling. The poor people are suffering and we would like to get accountability.
Puntland	CASH	1/5/2021	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.M.A in Qorya-ad. The shilling has dropped compared to the dollar, one dollar is now 42,000 shillings. We need government intervention.
South Central	CASH	1/4/2021	Hello my name is A.M. and I would like to speak about the Somali shilling that has been declined. It has caused suffering among the people. Not everyone can get the dollar and we need the government to bring back the shilling.
Gabiley W.Galbed	COVID19	1/3/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.D.A in Gabiley. I would like to know how we can protect ourselves from Coronavirus and how can we treat it?
Dabatag Sool	COVID19	1/2/2021	Hello my name is A.A.D in Dabatag, Sool. I would like to get more information on Coronavirus and how it affects people.
Bosaso Bari	COVID19	1/6/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A. in Bosaso. I would like to know if I can greet someone with Coronavirus when I am wearing a face mask and gloves?
Puntland	COVID19	1/6/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to know where does Coronavirus come from and how do we know if someone has got that virus? Thank you.
Puntland	COVID19	12/30/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.M. in Haylan, I would like to ask the doctor if Coronavirus can be transmitted through sexual intercourse?
Adado Galgadud	COVID19	1/6/2021	Hello my name is L.S in Adado. If a family has got Coronavirus can they used antibiotics or herbs to help treat the virus?

Abudwak Galgadud	COVID19	1/6/2021	Hello my name is S. in Abudwak. I would like to know about the fever caused by Coronavirus. Is it extreme fever or does it cause drastic changes in temperature?
Dhusamareb Galgadud	COVID19	1/6/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M. in Dhusamareb. I would like to ask the experts what we can we eat to help us recover from Coronavirus?
Buleburte Hiran	COVID19	1/6/2021	Hello my name is M.D in Buleburte. How can we protect ourselves from Coronavirus? It has brought about social change and how we interact with the people.
Baidoa Bay	COVID19	1/2/2021	(F) Hello my name is N. in Baidoa. I would like the Radio Doctor to tell us how we can protect ourselves from the Coronavirus and is there any cure for this disease?
Bardera Gedo	COVID19	1/6/2021	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.A.M in Bardera, Gedo. I would like to know the difference between Coronavirus and the flu. I have been coughing and I would like to know if I have got Coronavirus?
South Central	COVID19	1/6/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. I would like to ask if the vaccine and medicine for Coronavirus has reached Somalia?
Burao Togdher	IDPs	1/3/2021	Hello my name is M.F.O in Burao, Togdher. We are IDP families and we don't have any sort of aid. We don't have water, food or medical aid. We would like to get relief aid.
Agaran Mudug	IDPs/CASH+ B11	12/30/2020	Hello my name is S. in Agaran, Mudug. We are IDPs in camps and we don't have water or medical facilities, there has also been inflation of prices and the Somali shilling has been rejected. We are in a dire situation and we would like to get help. Thank you.
Marodi-jeh W.Galbed	Aid	1/5/2021	Hello I am calling from Marodi-jeh. WFP told us we will get six months of cash aid. We have not got the aid and we would like to know what happened.
El-Afweyn Sanag	Aid	1/3/2021	Hello my name is S. in El-afweyn. There is an aid organisation called Takulo that was giving cash aid. Some people have got the aid and others have not, we would like to know why we have not got the aid.
Togdher	Livestock	12/30/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.A.H in Togdher. Our livestock have got a cough and I would like to know the medicines we can use to treat our livestock.
Elaal Togdher	Livestock	1/3/2021	Hello my name is F.A in Elaal, Togdher. Our livestock are sick, although we have got rainfall and fodder. The livestock have got a coughing disease that is killing them and we would like to know more about this disease.
Elaal Togdher	Livestock	1/2/2021	Hello my name is F.J.A in Elaal area. Many pastoralist families have migrated here after this area received rainfall. However, there are now diseases affecting our livestock.
Somaliland	Livestock	1/4/2021	Hello my name is A.A in Magalo-yar. I would like the experts to tell us about CCPD disease, we don't have medicine and we would like to get advice on how we can treat our livestock.

Puntland	Livestock/ CASH	1/6/2021	Hello my name is A.O. Our goats are weak and their limbs are not able to support the body of the goats. We would also like the Puntland administration to bring back the Somali shilling.
Puntland	Livestock	1/4/2021	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.S.A. I am a pastoralist and our livestock have got measles. Please share my message so that we can get advice. Thank you.
Guriel Galgadud	Livestock	1/2/2021	Hello my name is M.A.M in Guriel. I am a chicken farmer and we would like the experts to tell us how we can get rid of chicken lice. Thank you.
Burao Togdher	Locust	1/4/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.S.M in Burao, Togdher. We have been hit by locusts that have eaten away our vegetation and left behind larvae.
Sheikh Togdher	Locust	1/6/2021	Hello my name is J.A.E in Sheikh. We are farmers and we have been hit by invasive locusts. The government has not responded to this disaster and we have been devastated.
Erigabo Sanag	Locust	1/6/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.A in Erigabo, Sanag. I would like to talk about locusts that are destroying trees and fodder. They are now contaminating the water. They have formed a blanket over the area and land is not even visible. We need aid organisations to help us deal with the locusts.
Lasqoray Sanag	Locust	1/5/2021	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A.M in Lasqoray. We are worried about locusts that are eating away everything. They have wreaked havoc and we need intervention. Thank you.
Sanag	Locust	1/4/2021	Hello my name is A.M. I am calling from Sanag. I am a pastoralist and we are appealing for help so that we can deal with the locusts.
Lasanod Sool	Locust	1/4/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Lasanod. The locusts are eating away the vegetation and the livestock are facing shortage of fodder.
Somaliland	Locust	1/3/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.O in Qoor-boolo. The locusts have eaten away our vegetation and they are leaving behind their larvae. We would like to get intervention in dealing with the locusts.
Somaliland	Locust	1/3/2021	Hello my is O.M in Biyo-ad. We have been invaded by locusts and they have eaten away our farms. I owned a 15 km square farm and it is now bare due to the locusts.
Bosaso Bari	Locust	1/3/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M. in Bosaso. The locusts have taken a heavy toll on the vegetation and we would like to know the best ways of dealing with the locusts and thier larvae.
Bargal Bari	Locust	1/4/2021	Hello my name is S.A in Bargal. We have been hit by locusts. The locusts have devoured our farms and we are appealing for help.
Bosaso Bari	Locust	1/4/2021	Hello my name is A.A.D in Bosaso. Locusts have landed on our vegetation and they are eating away the vegetation. We would like to get help.
Puntland	Locust	1/3/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, we are worried about locusts that are destroying our farms. We would like the experts to advise us on how we can control the locusts. Thank you.
Puntland	Locust	1/5/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to speak about hopper bands that are eating our vegetation, please share our message with the government so that we can get help.

Puntland	Locust	12/30/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is G.A.D. in Puntland. I would like to know if there is a particular breeding time for locusts or do they lay thier larvae in any rainy season?
Puntland	Locust	1/5/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to speak about locusts that have taken a heavy toll on the environment and the vegetation.
Qalo'an Mudug	Locust	1/6/2021	Hello my name is D.T I am calling from Qalo'an. We have been hit by locusts and they have left behind larvae. We are worried about these locusts.
Galkayo Mudug	Locust	12/30/2020	Hello my name is F. in Galkayo. Locusts have wreaked havoc. We own a small farm and locusts have destroyed it.
Hobyo Mudug	Locust	1/2/2021	Hello I am calling from Hobyo. The locusts have eaten away the grass and livestock fodder and we would like to get locust pesticides so that we can spray the locusts.
Dagari Mudug	Locust	1/5/2021	Hello my name is M. in Dagari. We have seen locusts in biblical proportions and we hear that more are still coming.
Dagari Mudug	Locust	12/30/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A in Dagari, Mudug. I have invested \$2,000 in my farm and a locust plague has destroyed it within three days. I have not got any help and we are sharing our message so that we can get help.
Gideys Galgadud	Locust	1/3/2021	Hello my name is A. in Gideys. The locusts are natural beings and they are feeding on the vegetation. I would advise the people to avoid burning or spraying the locusts. They are natural beings from God.
Guriel Galgadud	Locust	12/30/2020	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.A.in Guriel. We are complaining about locusts that are eating away our grazing lands. Please share our message so that we can get intervention.
Guriel Galgadud	Locust	1/5/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Guriel, Galgadud. We have been hit by locusts and they have wreaked havoc. We don't know how to deal with the locusts and we are calling for intevention.
Halane Galgadud	Locust	1/2/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.M.H in Halane, Galgadud. We have been invaded by locusts and the hopper bands are now eating away our vegetation and falling on the water, we are appealing for humanitarian intervention.
Abudwak Galgadud	Locust	1/4/2021	Hello my name is A.A.K in Abudwak, Galgadud. A locust plague has descended on our farms and all vegetation. The locusts are disastrous and we would like to get control measures before the locusts eat away everything.
Abudwak Galgadud	Locust	1/2/2021	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. in Abudwak. Locusts have descended on the farms and we are now counting losses. We would like the ministry of agriculture in Galmudug to intervene.
Adado Galgadud	Locust/ Livestock	1/3/2021	Hello my name is L. in Adado. We have been invaded by a locust plague. Our livestock have also got disease and we are not sure if it has anything to do with the locusts.
Do'oley Galgadud	Locust	1/4/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Do'oley. The are widespread locusts that are a threat to our vegetation and livestock fodder. We would like to get humanitarian aid.

Halgan Galmudug	Locust	1/5/2021	Hello my name is F.O in Halgan. Locusts have invaded us and our livestock do not have access to fodder. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Galgadud	Locust	12/30/2020	Hello my name is A.H in Galgadud. A locust plague has descended on this area and we would like to get help in dealing with the locusts. Thank you.
Galgadud	Locust/ WASH	1/2/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Galgadud. We are concerned about the locust plague. There is also a water and food shortage. We would like to get aid in this area.
Beledweyne Hiran	Locust	1/5/2021	Hello my name is E. in Beledweyne. We were displaced by floods and now we have been hit by locusts. We need the government to help us deal with the locusts.
Beledweyne Hiran	Locust	1/4/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Beledweyne. The farms in this area have been hit by locusts. The pastoralist families are also facing hardship as the locusts have hit the fodder.
Beledweyne Hiran	Locust	12/30/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Beledweyne, Hiran. We are farmers and our farm produce has been hit by locusts. The locusts have covered large swaths of farmland. The locust are eating away the green leaves and produce on the farms.
Buleburte Hiran	Locust	12/30/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Buleburte. Today we have seen more locusts eating away our vegetation. We need to get locust control measures.
Buleburte Hiran	Locust	1/6/2021	Hello my name is Y.M.G in Buleburte. Locust plagues have destroyed our vegetation. Please share our message so that we can get intervention.
Buleburte Hiran	Locust	12/30/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Buleburte, the locusts are eating away everything. They have now started eating our livestock feed. We need help in dealing with the locusts.
Haar-caddey Hiran	Locust	12/30/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Haar-caddey. In the past few days we have been under the grip of locusts. It is leading to drought, we pray that the locusts disappear. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Bal'ad M.Shabelle	Locust	1/3/2021	Hello my name is A.M in Bal'ad. My farm and other farmers in the area have been devastated by locusts. We are appealing for help so that we can salvage our farms.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	Locust	1/4/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Jowhar. We have been invaded by locusts and we would like to get help with the locusts.
Barawe L.Shabelle	Locust	1/2/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.M in Barawe, Lower Shabelle. We have never seen such a large number of locusts and it has wreaked havoc. We would like to know how we can deal with the locusts.
Lower Shabelle	Locust	12/30/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M in Lower Shabelle. We are under the grip of locusts, we have lost our farm produce and livestock fodder and we hope to get intervention from the government.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	Locust	1/5/2021	Hello my name is Y.B in Wanlaweyn. We have been devastated by locusts. We don't have pesticides to spray the locusts. Thank you.

Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	Locust	1/3/2021	Hello my name is M.A.B in Wanlaweyn. We would like to get advice on how we can deal with these locusts. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	Locust	1/3/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H in Wanlaweyn. New waves of locusts have descended on our farms and we would like the government to help us deal with the locusts.
Qansah-dhere Bay	Locust/ Livestock	1/6/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Qansah-dhere. We have been affected by invasive locusts. We are pastoralists and our livestock have been affected by CCPD disease. I think the locusts left this disease.
Baidoa Bay	Locust	1/4/2021	Hello I am calling from Baidoa, Bay my name is N.M.A. We are farmers and our farms have been hit by locusts and we are appealing for help so that we can deal with the locusts.
Bardera Gedo	Locust	12/30/2020	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.A.J in Bardera, Gedo. Large swarms of locusts have invaded us, we have been recovering from droughts and now we have been hit by a locust plague. Thank you Radio Ergo for your services.
Bardera Gedo	Locust	1/3/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.J in Bardera, Gedo. I would like to inform Radio Ergo that there are a large number of locust swarms. We have now just given up on the farms, please share our message so that we can get help. Thank you.
Bardera Gedo	Locust	1/5/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Bardera, my name A.A.J. Our farms have been eaten away by the locusts, please share our message with the aid organisations and the government so that we can get help.
Bardera Gedo	Locust	1/4/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H in Bardera. The locusts have been persistently coming back to destroy our vegetation. We would like to get help in dealing with the locusts.
Dollow Gedo	Locust	12/30/2020	Hello my name is I.N.S in Dollow, we are farmers and locusts have descended on our farms, the locusts have left behind larvae and we would like to know how we can deal with the larvae. The larvae are growing and they are persistent, we would like to get help in dealing with the locust plague.
South Central	Locust	12/30/2020	Hello my name is A.AS in Gor-sar. Locusts have destroyed our livestock fodder and our message to our aid organisations is to reach us with locust control measures. The families that have been hit by the invasive locusts need aid and support.
South Central	Locust	12/30/2020	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.W in Nadifo village. Locust have wreaked havoc and we have lost our vegetation. We are appealing for help from the government. Thank you.
Buhodle Togdher	WASH/CAS H	1/3/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is B.A in Buhodle. We are facing water scarcity as we have not had good Deyr rainfall. The decline of the Somali shilling is also leading to suffering among families in the area.
Ayn Togdher	WASH	1/2/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.A in Ayn, we are facing water shortage and poor livestock market. Please share our message.

Togdher	WASH	1/4/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Togdher. There has been recurring drought in the area. I think it is because of the climate change. Part of this region gets rainfall however the other parts don't. We would like the experts to tell us what causes this.
El-Afweyn Sanag	WASH	1/4/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.S.A in El-Afweyn. We are facing water scarcity and hardship. Thank you for your broadcasts.
Sanag	WASH	1/4/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.D in Sanag. We are facing water scarcity and drought. We would like aid organisations to reach us.
Sool	WASH	1/4/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Sool region, we are facing water scarcity and the people have migrated to Sanag region for water.
Somaliland	WASH	1/4/2021	Hello my name is J.A. there are water reservoirs in the area and there are some people who are monopolising the water, we would like to get justice and access to water.
Mudug	WASH	1/5/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Mudug. We are facing water and fodder scarcity. Our livestock are facing hardships and we would like the government to reach us.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	WASH/ Locust	1/6/2021	Hello my name is A.A.E in Dhusamareb, Galgadud. There are food and water shortages, and we have been invaded by locusts. We have been neglected by aid organisations. Please share my message.
Abudwak Galgadud	WASH	1/2/2021	Hello Radio Ego, my name is M. in Abudwak, Galgadud. We are facing drought and we fear it might cause imminent suffering, we would like to get intervention before it gets worse.
El-dhere Galgadud	WASH	1/4/2021	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M. in El-dhere. We are facing water scarcity, our water well has broken down and we would like to get intervention.
Hero-lo'ad Galgadud	WASH/ Locust	1/3/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M. in Hero-lo'ad. We are facing water shortage and locust plague. We would like the aid organisations to help us get water. Thank you.
Baidoa Bay	WASH/ Locust	1/5/2021	Hello my name is Y.M in Baidoa. We are losing our farms and fodder. We are also facing water scarcity. Please share my message with the government so that we can get intervention.
Bal'ad M.Shabelle	WASH/IDPs / Locust	1/3/2021	Hello my name is A.M in Bal'ad. We are IDP families and we have been displaced by water scarcity and locusts. We would like to get help, please share our message so that we can get help.
South Central	WASH	12/30/2020	(F) Hello my name is A.M, I am calling from Kabasa. We are facing water scarcity in the area and we need help in getting water.
Puntland	Agriculture	1/5/2021	Hello my name is A.A in Garsor. I was a farmer and we depended on the rain. However the rainfall has been little and irregular. I would like to get advice on how we can revive our farms.
Galkayo Mudug	Agriculture	1/4/2021	Hello my name is N.H in Bulaley. There are birds eating our farm produce. We would like to know how we can deal with these birds. Thank you
South Central	Agriculture	1/5/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to speak about <i>Ali Garoba</i> trees that are widespread in the area and we would like it to be controlled.

Sheikh Togdher	Governance	1/3/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.I.S in Sheikh, Sahil. There are some people fencing off the land, the rainfall was scarce and so was the fodder. We are complaining about people who are illegally fencing the grazing land.
Garasbaley Banadir	Jobs	12/30/2020	Hello my name is M.A.H in Garasbaley. We are facing unemployment and we would like the government to create job opportunities for us. Thank you.
Abudwak Galgadud	Protection	1/3/2021	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.Q in Abudwak. We condemn the rape and violence against women in Galmudug and in Somalia generally. We need to get firm measures from the government.