



## Brief Summary

The majority of calls to Radio Ergo's feedback platform this week (7-13 January 2021) was about the locust invasions across the country. There were more locust callers this week from southern regions than in previous weeks. Other concerns expressed by callers were the rise in water shortages in some areas, and the hardships caused by the fall of the Somali shilling, especially in Puntland. The following summarises the calls by theme.

**Locusts** – this week the regions generating most calls complaining about locusts included Gedo, Hiran, and Sanag. In Gedo, callers were from Fahfadhun, Beledhwao, and Bardera. They described loss of farms and grazing for livestock. Callers in Bardera described conditions as being drought-like. One said they had tried but failed to drive the locusts away. A farmer in Jowhar, M. Shabelle, said they had been displaced by the locusts. In Hiran, call came from Beledweyne, Buloburte, Jalalaqsi, El-Gaal, and Mahas. A pastoralist in Mahas said the locusts had pushed them into drought and he feared famine unless they received aid. Farmers in Jalalaqsi wanted information about whether they should start preparing for the 'gu rainy season or not. In El-Gaal callers said they had lost bananas and mangoes; elsewhere in Hiran farmers had lost watermelon, sesame, beans and maize crops. A female caller in Bosaso, Bari, wanted to know why they were not seeing the aerial spraying teams. A caller elsewhere in Puntland said people were speculating that the chemicals sprayed were actually increasing the locust swarms. A number of callers in Sanag said the locusts had not only left the livestock without anything to eat but had also contaminated the water supplies.

**Water shortage** – apart from the locust callers also mentioning water issues, there were calls about water shortages from parts of Sanag, Bari, Galgadud, and Bay. A caller in El-Afweyn, Sanag, said there was no water for their goats. A caller in Shilamadaw, Galgadud, said the nomadic pastoralists there had no water. A female caller in Abudwak asked for water aid as their livestock had no water. In Baidoa, a caller said they had to buy water but they could not get a regular supply.

**IDPs** – a female caller in Bosaso said they faced water shortage and poor shelter. Another IDP caller from Dusamareb, Galgadud, complained of lack of water and food, locust invasions, and a general lack of humanitarian aid. A female caller in Haylan, Sanag, said organisations had been registering their names but they had not received any aid.

**Cash crisis** – callers complaining about the rise in prices and rejection of the shilling said the poor were being hardest hit. A pastoralist in Qardo, Bari, said they could not buy anything with their shillings. Another said they were hit by inflation as well as locusts. A caller in Garowe said businesses there had also started refusing the shilling and the government was even accepting payment of port taxes in dollars.

On other issues, there were a number of calls to the Radio Doctor about COVID19, mainly on symptoms and prevention. Several asked about differences between common cold or flu and COVID19. A caller in Goldogob, Mudug, wanted information about the new variant of the virus in the UK. There was an increase in callers about Livestock issues this week, with reports of camel disease in Togdher and Sool, and other complaints of goats disease including CCCP.

Location	Theme	Date	Remarks
Sheikh Togdher	1/13/2021	Locust	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.
El-afweyn Sanag	1/11/2021	Locust	Hello I am calling from El-afweyn. There was drought earlier and although we finally got rainfall, locusts have destroyed the vegetation that grew and they have also contaminated the water. We would like to get help.
Erigabo Sanag	1/13/2021	Locust	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.
Badhan Sanag	1/9/2021	Locust	(F) Hello my name is N.L.M in Badhan, Sanag. Locusts have descended on us and we are not able to find fodder for our livestock. We are requesting the government to reach us with intervention.
Badhan Sanag	1/7/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A. I am calling from Badhan, Sanag. There are large numbers of locusts that have been a threat to our vegetation and we would like to get help in dealing the locusts.
Badhan Sanag	1/8/2021	Locust	Hello my name is M. in Badhan. We have been invaded by locusts that are eating away our farm produce. We don't know how we can deal with these locusts.
Sanag	1/12/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A. in Sanag. Invasive locusts have devastated the fodder and even contaminated the water.
Hingalol Sanag	1/11/2021	Locust	Hello my name is F.M.D in Hingalol. This area is under the grip of locusts and we would like the government to reach us as soon as possible to alleviate the suffering caused by the locust plague.
Lasanod Sool	1/9/2021	Locust	Hello my name is H.A in Lasanod. There are swarms of locusts that are eating everything and laying more eggs. We would like to get help in dealing with the locusts.
Sool	1/12/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A.A.B in Sool region. There are a huge number of locusts. The area is still under the grip of these destructive pests. We need the government to intervene.
Taleh Sool	1/9/2021	Locust	Hello my name is I.Y in Taleh. I would like to know how we can control the locusts. We need the experts to tell us how we can drive away this locust plague. Thank you.
Sool	1/12/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A. and I would like to speak about locusts that have descended on us and are leaving behind larvae. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Somaliland	1/12/2021	Locust	Hello my name is M.S in Dira'. We have been invaded by locusts and we would like Radio Ergo to share our message with the government and aid organisations so that we can get help.
Somaliland	1/8/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A.M.A in Aw-bare. Locusts are quickly destroying all green vegetation and we are requesting aid organisations to deal with the locusts.
Somaliland	1/7/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to speak about locusts that have wreaked havoc, I would like to know what we can do to deal with the locust plague.

Bosaso Bari	1/9/2021	Locust	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.Y.A in Bosaso. We have been devastated by locusts and we don't know where the aerial spraying campaign has gone.
Garowe Nugal	1/8/2021	Locust	Hello my name is Y.A.A in Garowe. I would like to speak about locusts that have eaten away our farm produce. We would like Radio Ergo to share our message. Thank you.
Mudug	1/11/2021	Locust	Hello I am calling from Mudug. We decry the locust plague, it is a disaster and we don't have the capacity to deal with
Puntland	1/8/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like the experts to tell us how we can deal with the destructive locusts. Also there are people that believe that the chemical used to spray locusts are instead increasing the number of locusts.
Mudug	1/9/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Mudug. We are worried about locusts and their larvae. We would like to get help in dealing with the locusts. We are in the dry season and the locusts are still here with us.
Haarhaar Mudug	1/11/2021	Locust/ Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is F. in Harhaar. I would like to know what we can use to control the locusts. We have not got pesticides and I would also like to know how these pesticides could affect the livestock.
Abudwak Galgadud	1/13/2021	Locust	(F) Hello my name is L.A. I am calling from Abudwak. We have been devastated by locusts and we want the experts to tell us how we can deal with the locusts.
Adado Galgadud	1/8/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A.K in Adado. There are large numbers of locusts here and we would like Radio Ergo to share our message. Thank you.
Galgadud	1/7/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Galgadud. There have been large swarms of locusts in Galgadud and it has wreaked havoc across the country. We need the government to bring us control measures.
Garasle Galgadud	1/13/2021	Locust	Hello I am calling from Garasle, Galgadud. My name is M.A, we are facing locusts that have destroyed our farms. We need Radio Ergo to share our message.
Beledweyne Hiran	1/8/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A.H in Beledweyne. Locust have descended on us and have formed a blanket over the whole area. We are appealing for swift intervention. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Beledweyne Hiran	1/8/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A.O.A in Beledweyne. There are swarms of locusts that have destroyed the environment. We would like the government to help us deal with these locusts.
Buleburte Hiran	1/7/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Buleburte. We are worried about locusts that are coming in from all directions and eating away all the vegetation. We would like aid organszations to help us spray the locusts.
Buleburte Hiran	1/13/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A.Y.H in Buleburte. The locusts are natural beings and they will eat what was destined for them. So I think the people should be patient. Thank you.
Buleburte Hiran	1/11/2021	Locust	(F) Hello my name is B.A in Buleburte. The locust plague has hit hard on our vegetation and farm produce and we are now counting losses after we lost our farms.
Buleburte Hiran	1/7/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A. in Buleburte. There are large numbers of locusts threatening to destory all our vegetation. We are appealing for help from the government. Thank you.

El-gaal Hiran	1/11/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is Y.D.O in El-Gaal. We are under the grip of locusts, our farm produce including our bananas and mangoes have all been wiped out.
Jalalaqsi Hiran	1/11/2021	Agriculture/ Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is E. in Jalalaqsi. We are still under the grip of locusts. We would like to know about the weather forecast and the 'gu rainfall. We would like the experts to tell us if we should prepare our farms for the 'gu rains and how the locust plague will be in the rainy season.
Mahas Hiran	1/11/2021	Locust	Hello my name is K.A in Mahas, Hiran. We have been invaded by locusts and we are facing drought, we are pastoralists and we fear we could face famine if we don't get aid now.
Hiran	1/8/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Hiran. I would like to speak about large numbers of locusts that have camped on our vegetation and finished everything. The locusts don't seem to be going away and we would like to get help in dealing with this plague.
Hiran	1/11/2021	Locust	Hello my name is K. in Hiran. There are large numbers of locusts that have descended on our watermelon, sesame, beans and maize crops. We are appealing for intervention.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	1/11/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.J in Jowhar. There are large numbers of locusts here and their larvae that have wreaked havoc. We pray to God so that they can fly away.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	1/11/2021	Locust	Hello I am calling from Jowhar. We are under the grip of locusts that have displaced the farmers. We would like the government and aid organisations to advise us on how we can deal with locusts.
Shabellow	1/9/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A.S in Shabellow. I would like to speak about large numbers of locusts that have invaded us. We would like the government to send us aeroplanes to spray these pests.
Janale L.Shabelle	1/7/2021	Locust	Hello I am calling from Janale. My name is M. I would like to speak about locusts that are eating away our farm produce. Please share our message so that we can get advice and help.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	1/9/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Wanlaweyn. We are farmers and large numbers of locust have taken a heavy toll on our vegetation. We would like to get help in dealing with the locusts.
Hirshabelle	1/13/2021	Locust	Hello my name is S. in Hirshabelle. I would like to speak about locusts that have devastated us. Thank you Radio Ergo for your services.
Qansah-dhere Bay	1/13/2021	Locust/ Livestock	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 CCPP disease. I think the locusts left this disease.
Baidoa Bay	1/12/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.A in Baidoa. Our farms have been destroyed by locusts and we need help in controlling the locusts. Thank you
Bardera Gedo	1/7/2021	Locust/ Livestock	Hello I am calling from Bardera. The area is dry and we have been invaded by locusts. There are also livestock diseases including CCPP that has affected our goats. Thank you.
Bardera Gedo	1/7/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Bardera. We have been invaded by locusts and this year locust plagues have wreaked havoc and led to drought.

Bardera Gedo	1/9/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A.J in Bardera. We are doing well although there are locusts that have devastated us and we couldn't find ways to drive them away. We are in the dry season and our main concern is the locusts.
Bardera Gedo	1/8/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H.B. I am calling from Bardera. Today we have seen swarms of locusts. We are losing our vegetation and we would like to get intervention to deal with the locust invasion.
Beledhawo Gedo	1/7/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A.M. in Beledhawo. We have been devastated by locusts and we would like Radio Ergo to share our message so that we can get intervention.
Fafahdhun Gedo	1/12/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A.A.A in Fafahdhun, Gedo. This area is under the grip of invasive locusts that have wreaked havoc. We would like to get help to save our livestock fodder and all the surrounding vegetation.
Gedo	1/9/2021	Locust	Hello my name is M.A in Gedo. We are under the grip of locusts and their larvae and we are appealing for help.
Kismayo L.Juba	1/11/2021	Locust	(F) Hello my name is S.M. in Kismayo. There are large numbers of locust that have spread across our farmlands. We are requesting aid organisations to help us deal with the locust plague. Thank you.
South Central	1/8/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.A in Darul-Salam. There are swarms of locust that have wreaked havoc. We would like to get intervention in dealing with the locusts.
South Central	1/12/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.J. I would like to talk about invasive locusts that have destroyed the environment and all vegetation. It is a disaster that needs attention and response.
South Central	1/13/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A.U. Our farms have been invaded by locusts, we need help to deal with the locusts. We need aid organisations to reach us. Thank you Radio Ergo.
South Central	1/7/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is R.A.H in Balanbur. I would like to know what we can do to control the widespread locusts. Thank you.
South Central	1/8/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J. in Bundagadud. We have been devastated by locusts and we are requesting for help to deal with this menace.
South Central	1/8/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A.M.A. We are complaining about the locust plague that is eating away our livestock fodder and we would like to get help so that we can control these locusts.
South Central	1/7/2021	Locust	Hello my name is A. in Kulmiye. There are locusts all across the area, we received rainfall but locusts have quickly eaten away everything.
South Central	1/7/2021	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, we have been invaded by locusts that have devastated our farms, please share our message so that we can get intervention.
South Central	1/10/2021	WASH/ Health	Hello my name is A. in Diinko village. I would like to inform you that there is drought here and we don't have water. We also don't have health facilities. Pregnant mothers sometimes don't have access to MCHs and they sometimes die from excessive bleeding.

El-afweyn Sanag	1/12/2021	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Duruus near El-afweyn, there is water scarcity, we let out goats early in the morning but there is no water in the area. We have got fodder but the water catchment area is getting dry.
Sanag	1/11/2021	WASH	Hello my name is F.R.H in Sanag region. We are facing water scarcity. We have not been able to get water for our livestock and we need water aid.
El-gal Bari	1/11/2021	WASH/ Livestock	Hello I am calling from El-Gaal, we are facing water scarcity. Our camels and goats are sick, we have injected them and given them other medicine, however they are still very sick. We would like to get help in dealing with the livestock.
Shilamadaw Galgadud	1/12/2021	WASH	Hello my name is M.A.W in Shilamadaw. There are nomadic pastoralist families here and they are facing water shortages. Thank you Radio Ergo.
Abudwak Galgadud	1/12/2021	WASH	(F) Hello Radio Ergo my name is H.A in Abudwak. Our livestock are facing water scarcity and we would like to get water aid in the area. Thank you.
Baidoa Bay	1/7/2021	WASH	Hello my name is A.S.M in Baidoa. I would like to speak about water scarcity. We have to buy water although we have not been able to get a regular supply of water.
South Central	1/8/2021	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.O in Kaadlab, near the Ethiopian border. There is water scarcity in the area and we have not got any aid. We would like you to share our message so that we can get water aid.
Bosaso Bari	1/13/2021	IDPs/WASH	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F. in Bosasso, we are IDPs and we are facing water shortages and poor shelter. We also need mosquito nets and humanitarian aid.
Dhusamareb Galgadud	1/13/2021	IDPs/ WASH	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.
Haylan Sanag	1/13/2021	Aid	(F) Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.A in Haylan. Some aid organisations have been writing down our names but we have not received any form of aid from them.
Buhodle Togdher	1/7/2021	CASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Buhodle. I would like to speak about the business people who have rejected the local currency, it has left us in limbo.
Qardo Bari	1/11/2021	CASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.B.N in Qardo. I am a pastoralist and our main concern is the rejected shillings. We are not able to buy things with our Somali shillings.
Qardo Bari	1/9/2021	CASH/ Locust	Hello my name is B. in Qardo. I would like to speak about the inflation of commodity prices and the invasion by locusts.
Bosaso Bari	1/11/2021	CASH	(F) Hello my name is F.M.A in Bosaso. The Somali shilling has been rejected and our life has become difficult. Our lives depended on the Somali shilling.

Garowe Nugal	1/7/2021	CASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.S in Garowe. In the past few days we have seen business people rejecting the Somali shilling. We would like the government to bring new polices. This same administration has started taking dollars as tax in the ports.
Puntland	1/9/2021	CASH	Hello my name is A.M. We are facing challenges following the rejected local currency and we need to get it back as soon as possible.
Galkayo Mudug	1/8/2021	CASH	Hello my name is S.B. in Galkayo. There is high inflation in Galkayo that has affected the economy and it has hit hard on the poor families.
Awdal	1/11/2021	COVID19	Hello I am calling from Awdal. I would like to ask the doctor if Coronavirus can spread to another person if we are two metres apart.
Taleh Sool	1/12/2021	COVID19	Hello my name is A.A.H in Taleh. I would like to know what causes Coronavirus and how can we tell if someone has got Coronavirus. Thank you.
Taleh Sool	1/9/2021	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.A. in Taleh. I would like to ask the doctor about the difference between rhinitis and Coronavirus. Thank you.
Qalanqale Bari	1/13/2021	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Qalanqale. We have a close relative who has got Coronavirus. Please share our message, we have not been able to reach the authorities.
Qardo Bari	1/8/2021	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M.O. I am calling from Qardo. I would like to know about Coronavirus. I have had a headache and a cough lately and I would like to know if I have got the Coronavirus.
Karkar Bari	1/9/2021	COVID19	Hello my name is S.A in Karkar. I would like to know if Coronavirus causes general body weakness and headache. Thank you.
Goldogob Mudug	1/9/2021	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.A.H in Goldogob. We have been told that there is a new virus with different symptoms in the UK. I would like the doctor to tell us the symptoms of this new virus.
Puntland	1/13/2021	COVID19	(F) Hello my name is A.A.M. I would like to know the specific symptoms of Coronavirus. Thank you.
Jowhar M.Shabelle	1/7/2021	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.I in Jowhar. The people are having a flu-like illness and people have got runny noses. I would like to know what causes widespread runny noses among the people. Thank you.
Qansah-dhere Bay	1/13/2021	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.M.M in Qansah-dhere, Bay. I would like to know the difference between the common flu and Coronavirus. Thank you.
South Central	1/13/2021	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to ask the Radio Doctor if a person who already recovered from Coronavirus can get it once again and are the symptoms the same as the first time.
Daadmaren Togdher	1/11/2021	Livestock/ Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is Y.A.A in Daadmaren. Our camels are sick and this has started after the spraying in the area. We would like the vet doctors to tell us how we can treat our livestock.
Buhodle Togdher	1/8/2021	Livestock	Hello my name is S.M.H. in Buhodle. There is an unknown disease affecting our goats. They are weak and they can barely move although they are grazing well.

Badhan Sanag	1/9/2021	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Badhan, Sanag. I would like to know about 'Maasha' disease affecting livestock and how we could treat the livestock.
Sool	1/9/2021	Livestock	Hello my name is A. in Sool. There are diseases among our camels. They have got runny noses and we would like to know how we can treat our camels. Thank you.
Somaliland	1/7/2021	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.S.A. I would like to know how we can treat our goats that have got diarrhoea and are coughing. Thank you.
Somaliland	1/8/2021	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, there are sick livestock and we don't know how to give the right dosage. We would like to know how to administer the medicines.
Somaliland	1/9/2021	Livestock	Hello my name is R.A.M. There are white worms that have infested our goats. We don't know how to get rid of these worms.
Shimbirale Gagladud	1/9/2021	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is Y.W in Shimbirale. I would like to ask the vet doctor about CCPD disease affecting the livestock. We would like to know how we can treat this disease.
Adado Galgadud	1/7/2021	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A in Adado. I would like to speak about diseases that are affecting our goats.
Adado Galgadud	1/7/2021	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Adado. There is a disease that is killing our camels and we are appealing for help. Thank you.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	1/11/2021	Livestock	Hello my name is M.Y in Wanlaweyn. I would like to ask the doctor if the livestock medicines especially those that are applied on goats could have effects on humans.
Lower Shabelle	1/9/2021	Livestock	Hello my name is H.A. in Lower Shabelle. I would like to ask the vet doctor to tell us why our healthy livestock that have been walking and grazing just die suddenly at night.
South Central	1/11/2021	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M. Our goats are sick, they have got runny noses and diarrhoea and we would like the aid organisations to reach us with treatment for our livestock.
Sanag	1/13/2021	Other	Hello my name is J.A.H in Sanag region. There are marauding monkeys that are snatching away all our belongings. We are now worried they might start attacking our livestock.
Beledweyne Hiran	1/13/2021	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Beledweyne. This area is flood-prone and we get the floods every rainy season. We would like to get help in dealing with the floods.
Karkar Bari	1/13/2021	Conflict	Hello my name is my name is K.D. in Karkar. There are some clan conflicts going on and we are in the midst of economic hardships. We would like the elders to intervene and bring peace solutions.
Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	1/11/2021	Conflict	Hello my name A.M.Y in Wanlaweyn. I would like to report recurring conflict in the area that has been coming back for the past two years.
Garowe Nugal	1/7/2021	Governance	Hello my name is F. M.A in Garowe. The Tuktuk taxis are causing congestion and public disorder. They are not following rules and we need the local government to intervene.