



Brief Summary

The main preoccupation of callers to Radio Ergo's independent platform this week (26-31 March 2021) was worsening drought and water shortages. The water crisis was affecting people across all parts of the country with many calls coming from northern regions. COVID19 also continued to be a major concern. Locusts, often in combination with drought and water shortage, prompted some calls. The following summarises the calls by theme.

COVID19 – callers in different parts of the country were concerned about the prevalence of COVID19, with several mentioning that the disease was widespread in their areas. Callers in Somaliland, Galgadud, and M. Shabelle wanted to know when they would access the vaccine. Many wanted to ask the Radio Doctor to diagnose their symptoms. A female caller in Buhodle, Togdher, said lots of children were coughing and she wanted to know if it could be Coronavirus. A student caller in Beledweyne said students had no facemasks and wanted schools to provide them. A female IDP caller said the IDPs living near Mogadishu airport needed soap and other hygiene products to stay safe from the virus. A caller in El-Adde, Gedo, said many people were sick with COVID19, and there was also severe water shortage leading to livestock disease. Two callers in Balli-dhig, Togdher, said they were grappling with drought as well as the pandemic. A caller in Hargeisa noted the severe economic impact of COVID19. A farmer in Balad, M. Shabelle, said locusts and drought as well as Coronavirus were making life very hard for them.

Water crisis – the majority of calls this week were about water shortage and related impacts on people's lives, with the largest number coming from across the northern regions of Somaliland and Puntland. There were also significant numbers of callers from central regions, and Hiran, M. Shabelle and Gedo. A caller in Seyla, Awdal, said they needed help urgently due to drought and locusts. Another in Garaao, Awdal, said they had been displaced by drought and needed shelter and food aid. There were many callers from Togdher region. They said the hot, dry weather was prolonged and they had no water. Some said they had moved in search of water but found none. Callers in Beer described the land as bare. In Ayn, a caller said their water wells had broken down. A caller in Buhodle said they had heard of rainfall in some areas bringing new waves of locusts. Several callers in Sanag said they had no water and needed aid. Several callers in Sool spoke of having no water for animals and people. A female caller in El-lahelay said the drought was worsening and they needed help from the Somaliland government. Others said they were losing their livestock. From various parts of Puntland, callers described dried up water sources and desperation for livestock and people. A female caller said they were walking long distances in search of water. The calls were similar from Mudug and Galgadud. A female caller in Dusamareb said their livestock were struggling to survive. Another said the government had neglected them. In Do'oley, a caller said the land was bare because of locusts and water prices had skyrocketed. In Lamaweyne, a caller said his animals were too weak to be used to fetch water. In Hiran, a caller in Beletwyene said the river was low, the water was dirty, and they needed wells to be drilled. Callers in M. Shabelle spoke of heat, drought, and also locusts.

Locusts – locusts continued to cause major problems with reported new invasions in some places as well as devastation caused by earlier waves. There were a number of calls from the north, especially Sanag and Sool regions. Farmers in Kalabaydh, Sool, said they had been invaded by locusts and needed locust control measures and water aid. A caller in Badhan, Sanag, said they were under the grip of locusts and their livestock were dying due to lack of pasture. In Puntland, villagers in Waiye said their farms had been destroyed by locusts and they needed help. A female caller in Baidoa said they were still counting the losses from locust damage to their farms. A caller in Lower Shabelle said they had taken loans last time and feared to plant again in case of further locust attacks on their crops.

Date	Location	Gender	Theme	Remarks
28-03-2021	Lasidle Sahil	Male	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A.M in Las-idle, Sahil. There is widespread, fever, running nose, diarrhoea, which are mostly Coronavirus symptoms. We would like help so that experts can review this disease and bring us vaccines. Thank you.
28-03-2021	Hawd Somaliland	Male	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.A in Hawd. The Coronavirus is widespread in Somaliland. We would like to know the symptoms of this disease. Thank you.
30-03-2021	Gabiley Marodi-Jeh	Male	COVID19/ WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H.I in Gabiley. The Coronavirus has had devastating economic impacts on our lives. We are also facing drought.
26-03-2021	Marodi-Jeh	Female	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.M.M in Marodi-Jeh. I would like to know the symptoms of the Coronavirus and how we can stay safe from this virus. Thank you.
29-03-2021	Daadmaren Togdher	Male	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.J.M in Daadmaren. I would like the doctor to tell me the symptoms of the Coronavirus and how we can recognize someone carrying the virus.
27-03-2021	Buhodle Togdher	Female	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name A.M in Buhodle. There are many children who are coughing and we suspect they might have contracted the Coronavirus. I would like to know the symptoms of the Coronavirus.
26-03-2021	Adado Galgadud	Male	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Adado. The Coronavirus is widespread in the the area, we have heard that the vaccines have reached the country however they remain in Mogadishu. We would like the government to bring us the vaccines.
30-03-2021	Hirshabelle	Female	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M in Hirshabelle. I would like to know how we can protect ourselves from the Coronavirus. Thank you.
30-03-2021	Beledweyne Hiran	Male	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name A.E.F in Beledweyne, Hiran. The Coronavirus is a deadly disease. We are students and we don't have face masks, we therefore would like the schools to provide masks for us.
30-03-2021	South Central	Female	COVID19/ IDPs	Hello Radio Ergo are IDPs and we are living near the airport. We would like to get soaps and other sanitation products so that we can stay safe from the Coronavirus. Thank you.
27-03-2021	Jowhar M.Shabelle	Male	COVID19	Hello my name is D.O in Jowhar. The Coronavirus is widespread in the country I would like to know why we have not got the COVID19 vaccines that we had received from the world.
27-03-2021	Barawe L. Shabelle	Male	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H.A in Barawe. I would like to know if I get the Coronavirus, am I likely to recover from it? Thank you,

30-03-2021	El ade Gedo	Male	COVID19/ WASH/ Livestock	Hello my name is A.F in El-ade. We are facing water and fodder shortage. Our livestock are sick. The Coronavirus has also become widespread and many people have been affected. We don't see any efforts to reduce the spread of this virus.
26-03-2021	South Central	Male	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, we have been told that the Coronavirus causes headache and fever, however I would like to know if it also causes bloodstains when coughing.
26-03-2021	Abudwak Galgadud	Male	IDPs/Aid	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Abudwak. We are IDPs in Alla-Amin camp. There was an aid organization called Himilo that has taken our photos and promised to give us aid. However we have not got any aid. We are reporting and hoping to get action taken.
29-03-2021	South Central	Female	IDPs	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.A. in Hayan camp. We are in a dire situation and we are facing water, food and even fodder shortage. We have not got any aid intervention.
27-03-2021	Togdher	Male	Locust	Hello my name is O. in Togdher. We are worried about locusts that have descended on our vegetation. We would like the locusts to be sprayed. Thank you.
28-03-2021	Erigabo Sanag	Male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.W. in Erigabo, Sanag. The locust plague has taken a heavy toll on our vegetation and we would like the government to reach us with swift aid. Thank you.
26-03-2021	Badhan Sanag	Male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Badhan, Sanag. We are under the grip of locusts. We would like to get help in spraying the locusts away. Our livestock are perishing due to lack of fodder. We would like to get help. Thank you
26-03-2021	Sanag	Male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Sanag. My name is F.A.F. We are worried about locusts that have have descended on the land. We are appealing for intervention. Thank you.
26-03-2021	Sanag	Male	Locust	Hello my name is D.J.S in Sanag region. We have been invaded by large swarms of locusts. We are appealing to aid organizations to reach us. The locusts have eaten away all the vegetation and the livestock don't have fodder.
30-03-2021	Kalabaydh Sool	Male	Locust/ WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.J.W in Kalabaydh, we are farmers and we have been invaded by locusts. There is also water scarcity, we need water and locust control measures.
27-03-2021	Ainabo Sool	Male	Locust/ WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.O. in Ainabo. We are worried about locusts that have been a threat to our vegetation and are worsening the effects of droughts.
28-03-2021	Puntland	Male	Locust	Hello Radio my name is A.F.A in Waiye village. We were farmers and our farms were eaten away by locusts. We would like government to help us recover from the disaster and bring us aid.
29-03-2021	Bal'ad M.Shabele	Male	Locust/ WASH/ COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Bal'ad. Our farms been devastated by locusts, also the water in the river has dropped significantly. We are also in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. We are living in hard times.
26-03-2021	Baidoa Bay	Female	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M. in Baidoa. We have been devastated by locusts and we are still counting the losses. We are appealing for help. Thank you.

26-03-2021	Lower Shabelle	Male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.H in Lower Shabelle. I am one of the people that have been devastated by locusts. I took a loan to plant my farm but everything was eaten and destroyed by locusts. We fear that if we grow our crops this year the locust plague might once again destroy our farms.
26-03-2021	South Central	Male	Locust	Hello my name is M.D. We have been devastated by locusts. The locusts have had huge impacts on us. We would like to get intervention. Thank you.
27-03-2021	Seyla Awdal	Male	WASH/ Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.I.R in Seyla. We are facing drought and locust invasion. We have lost our vegetation and water. If we don't get help in the next few days we might be in a dire situation.
28-03-2021	Garao Awdal	Male	WASH/ IDPs	Hello my name is M.A.M in Garao, in Awdal. We have been displaced by drought. We are facing hardship and we would like to get shelter and food aid. Thank you.
31-03-2021	Lama Dhere Togdher	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.F.S in Lama-dher, Togdher. There is a prolonged dry season. We have been neglected here and the people are facing a dire situation. We would like Radio Ergo to share our message. We came to this area in search of fodder however it has been depleted. Thank you
26-03-2021	Balli dhig Togdher	Male	WASH/ COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, Y. in Balli-dhig. There is drought in the area and we are in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. We would like the government and aid organizations to intervene.
30-03-2021	Balli dhiig Togdher	Male	WASH/ COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H.A in Balli-dhiig. There are severe droughts in the area, we also don't see aid organizations, we are grappling with the pandemic and drought.
30-03-2021	Beer Togdher	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is K.A.E. in Beer, Togdher. We are facing prolonged water shortage, the land is also bare without vegetation. We would like to get help to deal with the water shortage.
27-03-2021	Beer Togdher	Male	WASH	Hello my name K.A.E. in Beer, Togdher. We are facing drought, the dry season has been prolonged. We want the Somaliland government to bring us aid.
28-03-2021	Buhodle Togdher	Male	WASH/ Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Buhodle. We are facing drought and water shortage. We have heard there are some people that have got rainfall and new waves of locusts are emerging.
28-03-2021	Ayn Togdher	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.A in Ayn. Our water wells have broken down. We don't know what caused this. We would like to get help. Please share our message. Thank you.
30-03-2021	Sarar Togdher	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Sarar. The people are facing water shortage. Although the whole country is in the dry season we are worse here, we are appealing for swift intervention.
29-03-2021	Dhahar Sanag	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.A.K in Dhahar. There is water scarcity and the only water available is bitter. Our livestock are also thin and can barely fetch good prices.

26-03-2021	Badhan Sanag	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.A in I am calling from Badhan. There is drought in the area. We have not got any aid intervention and we would like the government to bring us aid. Thank you.
28-03-2021	Taleh Sanag	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Taleh. We are facing drought, our wells have dried up. Please share our message so that we can get intervention. Thank you.
26-03-2021	Sanag	Male	WASH	Hello H.M in Sanag region. We are facing drought in the area. We don't have access to water and we would like to get water aid from the Somaliland government.
27-03-2021	Sanag	Male	WASH	Hello my name is A.A.S, I am calling from Sanag. We are facing drought and water scarcity, We would like the aid organizations to help us deal with the water shortage. Thank you.
28-03-2021	Waridad Sool	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Waridad. I am a pastoralist and we are facing fodder and water shortage. We have lost some of our livestock, we would like to get aid intervention.
26-03-2021	Ainabo Sool	Male	WASH	Hello my name is A.A.D in Ainabo. We have got water and fodder for the livestock, however we have no drinking water. The water is bitter and not safe for drinking. There is generally drought in the country.
30-03-2021	Aroley Sool	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.S.D in Aroley, Sool. There is drought and water shortage in the area. We pray to God to help getting water.
27-03-2021	El-lahelay Sool	Female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from El-lahelay, Sool. The drought is worsening, there is heat, and thirst in the area. We would like the Somaliland government to help us.
31-03-2021	Hudun Sool	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.D.O in Hudun, Sool. We are facing drought, there is water and food shortage. We had some boreholes, however they have dried up. We would like to get water aid. Thank you
26-03-2021	Somaliland	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.H in Af-weyne. There is drought and hardship in the area. We would like the aid organizations to reach us with swift water aid. Thank you.
27-03-2021	Somaliland	Male	WASH	Hello my name is S.O in Talabud. We are facing water shortage. We are informing you of our situation and we would like the Somaliland government to bring us aid. Thank you.
26-03-2021	Somaliland	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Cagar-weyne. My name M.D.A, there has been prolonged drought in the area. The rainy seasons have failed and we are losing our livestock.
29-03-2021	Qalanqale Bari	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Qalanqale. There has been prolonged drought and water shortage. The people and livestock are in dire situation. We are calling out for humanitarian aid.
29-03-2021	Garowe, Nugal	Male	WASH/ Locust	Hello my name is W.A in Garowe. Our water wells have dried up, our farms have been destroyed by locusts and we have not seen any intervention.
31-03-2021	Garowe, Nugal	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.B.M in Garowe. We are facing drought and water shortage. We would like the Puntland administration to help get water aid.

30-03-2021	Puntland	Male	WASH	Hello my name is M.A.M, we are facing poor roads and it is hard to get water to this village. We would also like to get water aid. Thank you.
27-03-2021	Puntland	Female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.F. We are walking long distances in search of water. We would like to get water aid. Thank you.
28-03-2021	Puntland	Female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.F. I have got some goats and and we are facing water shortage. We would like to get help so that we can recover from the water shortage. Thank you.
28-03-2021	Puntland	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.S in the Rural areas. We are facing drought and we are losing our livestock. We are calling out for intervention. Thank you.
30-03-2021	Sahawanag Mudug	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.Y in Sahawanag, Mudug. There is drought and water shortage. The people and livestock are in limbo. We are hoping to get rainfall soon. Thank you.
30-03-2021	Harhar Mudug	Female	WASH/ Services	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.A.M in Harhaar, we are facing drought and lack basic social services including health and education. We would like to get government intervention.
27-03-2021	Hinlabi Mudug	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M. in Hinlabi. We are worried about droughts, and our water generators have broken down. We would like to get help. Please share our message.
27-03-2021	Guriel Galgadud	Male	WASH	Hello my name is F.A in Guriel. The people and livestock are feeling the drought, we are appealing to the government to reach us with water aid.
28-03-2021	Garowley Galmudug	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.T.G. in Galmudug. We are facing drought and we don't have enough fodder for our livestock, the rainfall has delayed and we are calling out for help.
30-03-2021	Dhusamareb Galgadud	Female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.H.E. in Dhusamareb. We are facing drought and water shortage. Our livestock are struggling to survive. We are appealing for humanitarian aid. Thank you
26-03-2021	Dhusamareb Galgadud	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.F in Dhusamareb. We are facing water scarcity and drought. The water catchment areas have dried. We would like Radio Ergo to share our message. The government has neglected us.
28-03-2021	Do'oley Galgadud	Male	WASH/ Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.M in Do'oley, Galgadud. There is prolonged drought, the water price has skyrocketed. The land is bare after locusts wiped out the vegetation. We are facing water shortage and we want water aid. Thank you.
31-03-2021	Lamaweyne Abudwak	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H.A in Lama-weyne. Our livestock are weak and we can't use them to fetch water. We would like to get weather forecasts so that we can know about the expected rainfall.
28-03-2021	Galgadud	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. I am calling from a village between Gideys and Adado. We are facing drought and we want the Galmudug government to bring us aid.

26-03-2021	Galo Galgadud	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Galo, Galgadud. We are facing drought and we have lost our livestock. There is also insecurity. We would like to get humanitarian aid. Thank you.
29-03-2021	Adado Galgadud	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.M in Adado, Galgadud. We are at the height of the dry season, there is water scarcity. Our livestock are in dire situation after they lost their fodder and water to the dry season. We are appealing for intervention. Thank you.
29-03-2021	Ab-dhare Hiran	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is E.A.W. in Abdare, Hiran. We are facing heat and drought in the area. We would like Radio Ergo to help us get aid.
30-03-2021	Balanbale Hiran	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.Y in Balanbale. We are facing water shortage in this area. We are calling out the government agencies and the aid organizations to bring us aid.
26-03-2021	Beledweyne Hiran	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from west Beledweyne. We are facing drought and water scarcity, we depended on the river water and now it has become dirty. We would like to get wells drilled in the area.
27-03-2021	Middle Shabelle	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Middle Shabelle. The temperatures have risen and there is heat. We pray to get rainfall soon. Our livestock are feeling the thirst.
27-03-2021	Qura-Madobe Mahaday, M. Shabelle	Male	WASH/ Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M. in Qura-Madobe. Drought and plagues of locusts have taken a heavy toll on the environment and the livestock.
26-03-2021	Gedo	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Gedo. We are facing drought and water scarcity, we would like the aid organizations to reach us. We are praying for rainfall.
28-03-2021	South Central	Male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.F.A. We are facing drought, the livestock don't have got enough fodder and we are losing them. Our lives are in limbo and we are appealing for help.
30-03-2021	Somaliland	Male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.A.M, our livestock are sick and the Somaliland government doesn't reach us, our goats have got diarrhea, and we want vet doctors from the government to reach us. Thank you.
28-03-2021	Sheikh Togdher	Male	Livestock/ WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Sheikh, there is drought in the area. Our livestock are also sick and we want to get them treated.
26-03-2021	Jarriban Mudug	Male	WASH/ Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.M in Jariban. There are widespread droughts, our livestock are also sick and they have been afflicted with different diseases. We would like Radio Ergo to share our messages.
27-03-2021	Adado Galgadud	Male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.A. in Adado. Our goats have got ticks and I would to know how best we can deal with the ticks, should we spray the livestock or inject them? Thank you

28-03-2021	Guriel Galgadud	Male	Livestock	Hello my name is S.M.H in Guriel. We keep goats and the goats are not grazing. They are weak, they have got runny noses and their hair is becoming dark. We need the vet doctor to tell us about this condition.
27-03-2021	Beledweyne Hiran	Male	Livestock	Hello my name is K.H in Beledweyne. Our goats are sick and they are coughing. We are also in the drought season and we are worried, please ask the (vet) doctor.
28-03-2021	South Central	Male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to ask the vet doctor, how can we treat livestock that have eaten plastic waste? I would also like to know how can we treat livestock that feed on poisonous trees.
30-03-2021	South Central	Male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to ask the vet doctor what causes the goats to have fluids from the nose and mouth and die afterwards. We would like the doctor to tell us about this disease and how we can treat it.
30-03-2021	Gashamo S.E.Region	Male	Livestock/ Health	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.O.D in Gashamo, Somali-Ethiopian region. We don't have livestock vets or human doctors. We have been neglected in this area. Please share our message so that we can get help. Thank you.
30-03-2021	Guriel Galgadud	Male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is L.H in Guriel. I would like the agriculture expert to tell us what causes the farm produce to die and what causes disease among the plants? Thank you.
30-03-2021	Hiran	Female	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.H in Hiran. I have planted lemon trees at my house. I have surrounded them with iron sheets so that I can protect them but it has overheated. I would like to know the best way I can raise the lemon trees.
30-03-2021	Bardera Gedo	Female	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.M. in Bardera. I am a farmer and my farm has been infested by pests after the locust waves moved away. I would like to know how to deal with the pests that are eating into the tomato plants. Thank you.
26-03-2021	Saqa ayub Togdher	Male	Environment	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.S. in Togdher particularly in Saqa-Ayub. There are people cutting down trees and it is worsening the drought in the area. The Somaliland government has not taken any action. We would like Radio Ergo help in conserving the environment.
30-03-2021	Bosaso Bari	Male	Environment	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Bosaso, Bari. We are worried about invasive Garan-waa (Ali-Garoba) tree, that is harmful to livestock and has got thorns which are dangerous
28-03-2021	Bosaso Bari	Male	Jobs	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.J. in Bosaso, Bari region. We are are facing unemployment. We would like to get job opportunities. The people in rural areas are grappling with drought while the politicians are fixated on elections.

28-03-2021	Somali ET Region	Male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is O.A.A in Somali-Ethiopian region. The people always complaining about drought should pray to God for rain.
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