



## Brief Summary

The main concerns expressed by callers to Radio Ergo's independent platform this week (1-7 July 2021) were related to the stresses on lives and livelihoods caused by locust invasions especially in the north and Puntland, drought and water shortages, poor livestock health, and general food insecurity. COVID19 also remained a topic of interest. The following summarises the calls by theme.

**Locusts** – there was an increase this week in the number of callers complaining about locusts in Puntland, with several people describing new swarms invading farms in Qardo and other unspecified parts of the region, and others saying the locusts had been causing problems for some time. In Somaliland, there were calls about locusts from areas including Awdal, Marodi Jeh, Togdher, Sanag and Sool, mainly complaining about loss of pastureland. People largely called on the governmental authorities to assist them. In Galmudug, callers in Abudwak said locusts were reported to be coming south towards their area from Somaliland and they wanted help to prevent them. Farmers in Beletweyne, Hiran, and Bardera, Gedo, also reported locusts destroying crops.

**Water crisis** – callers from various parts of the country complained about lack of water. A female caller in Togdher said they needed help but had not seen any aid organisations. Another female caller asked the Somaliland government to help as drought meant they could not sell their thin livestock. A female caller said they had been storing water in plastic bags but monkeys had ripped them. Her children were also sick with diarrhoea. In Galgadud, a caller said they had missed the rains for the past three years and needed help. In Middle Shabelle, there were calls from Mandere, Adale, and Raga-ele about water scarcity. These callers also said they had no livestock fodder, no water wells, and also no health centres. A caller in Torotorow, L. Shabelle, said they had no wells and the price of a water tank had risen to 50,000 shillings. A caller in Bardera, Gedo, said their livestock were dying and although there was no water many pastoralists had migrated there searching for pasture. A female caller in Daynunay, Bay, said their farms had failed due to drought but none of the aid promised had reached them.

**Livestock** – livestock herders from northern and central regions and M. Shabelle had questions for the Radio Vet about disease and other conditions affecting their animals. Some reported unidentified disease killing their camels. Callers in Togdher said water shortage and lack of pasture made their animals unsaleable. A caller in Adale, M. Shabelle, wanted advice on how to fatten up his thin animals in the dry season. In Galgadud, a caller said his goats were being attacked by hyenas and foxes.

**Food security** – several callers in riverine areas in M. Shabelle and M. Juba described their displacement, suffering, losses and food insecurity resulting from flooding of their farms. A caller in M. Shabelle said the prices of all commodities there had risen. A caller in Dollow, Gedo, said they lacked food and water and needed aid. Another caller in Sanag said families devastated by the drought had been left destitute and without any aid.

**COVID19** – callers from various places asked about symptoms and transmission of the virus. A female caller in Buhodle said her sister had died of COVID19 and the risks were still high. Also in Togdher, a caller in Oodweyne said they wanted access to the vaccine in their area.

Date	Location	Gender	Theme	Remarks
5-Jul-21	Hargeisa Marodi Jeh	male	COVID-19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is Y.A in Hargeisa. We are headed to the Eid festive season and the people have been over crowding in the markets.
7-Jul-21	Buhodle Togdher	female	COVID-19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.A in Buhodle. The dangers of the Coronavirus are still imminent. I recently lost my sister to this disease and we would like to get help.
1-Jul-21	Oodweyne Togdher	male	COVID-19	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Oodweyne. We have been hearing about COVID-19 vaccination, however we have not seen it in our area. We would like to get this vaccine close to us and our children. Thank you.
4-Jul-21	Adado Galgadud	male	COVID-19	Hello. My name is O. I am calling from Adado. I would like to ask the doctor how to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Thank you
5-Jul-21	Adado Galgadud	female	COVID-19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.H in Adado. I would like the doctor to tell us how we can stay safe from the Coronavirus. Thank you.
3-Jul-21	Jalalaqsi Hiran	male	COVID-19	Hello Radio Ergo my name M. I am calling from Jalalaqsi, i would like to ask the doctor how we can know if someone in my family has got COVID-19. Thank you
6-Jul-21	South Central	male	COVID-19	Hello my name is B. I have got the Coronavirus and I would like to know how this disease can be treated. Thank you.
3-Jul-21	South Central	male	COVID-19	Hello Radio Ergo I would like to ask the doctor can someone with underlying medical conditions take the COVID-19 vaccine? Thank you
2-Jul-21	Puntland	male	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to ask the expert how we can deal with flash floods caused by rainfall that flows down to the lower ground. Thank you.
2-Jul-21	Afgoye M.Shabelle	male	Floods	Hello my name is A.M.H in Afgoye. We are concerned about the river that floods during one part of the year causing displacement and suffering while it is dry in the other seasons.
4-Jul-21	Jowhar M. Shabelle	female	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, My name is F.A. I am calling from Jowhar, we are concerned about recurring floods that have washed away our farms and destroyed our crops.
3-Jul-21	Bu'aale M.Juba	male	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.E I calling from Bu'aale, our farms have been destroyed by river floods. We are now counting losses, we need help thank you
3-Jul-21	Jowhar M.Shabelle	male	Floods/Food Security	Hello Radio Ergo my name is I.M.J. I am calling from Jowhar. The river floods have swamped our farms and we are now facing food insecurity, we would like to get help.
3-Jul-21	Garadag Sanag	male	Food Security	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.I in Garadag. We are drought hit families and we have been neglected by aid organizations. We are destitute and unemployed.Thank you.

4-Jul-21	Middle Shabelle	male	Food Security	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H in Middle Shabelle. There is inflation of commodity prices in the area - fuel, food and other daily items have become expensive and we are appealing for intervention. Thank you.
3-Jul-21	Dollow Gedo	male	Food Security	Hello Radio Ergo my name is B.T. I am calling from Dollow Somalia. There is food and water shortage in this area and we are calling out to aid organizations for help.
3-Jul-21	Somaliland	male	Health	Hello Radio Ergo, the polio vaccination that has begun in the area has not reached us. The vaccination process seems to be confined in certain areas.
4-Jul-21	War-ibran Togdher	female	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is Z.F.A in Togdher. I would like to speak about drought and water shortage that have affected our livestock. The livestock are thin and we are not getting market for our livestock. The government of Somaliland should try help us so that we can export our livestock.
1-Jul-21	Buhodle Togdher	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M in Ayn. The fodder is quickly getting depleted in the area, we are calling out to the government to help us.
3-Jul-21	Sanag	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is F.A in Sanag region. I would like to know what causes the goats to have bloated and swelling stomachs leading to diarrhoea.
1-Jul-21	Erigabo Sanag	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Erigabo. There are unknown diseases affecting our livestock and it is killing them. We would like to get help so that we can save our livestock.
5-Jul-21	Somaliland	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.H.E. I would like to speak about unknown disease affecting our camels. They are just dying and we would like to get advice from the experts.
4-Jul-21	Puntland	male	Livestock	Hello my name is M.A, I am from calling Dirder. I would like to ask the doctor about a disease that resembles smallpox which causes the camels to have sores around the mouth and the stomach

1-Jul-21	Jariban Mudug	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Jariban, Mudug. We are worried about CCPD disease that is killing our goats. We would like to get treatment for our livestock. Thank you.
6-Jul-21	Galkayo Mudug	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A. in Galkayo. Our livestock are sick, they have got diarrhoea and fever. We have not seen this disease before and we would like to get help. Thank you,
3-Jul-21	Mudug	male	Livestock	Hello radio ergo my name is M.A I am calling from Mudug region, there are unknown diseases that are killing our livestock, we need treatment for our livestock.
5-Jul-21	Bali-ad Galgadud	male	Livestock/ Wildlife	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Bali-ad. I have around a hundred goats, and they have been attacked by foxes and hyenas. We would like to get help in getting poisons to kill these wild animals.
6-Jul-21	Dhusamareb Galgadud	female	Livestock	Hello my name is H.A in Dhusamareb. Our camels have got diseases. We have lost some of the camels and we would like to get help so that we can save the remaining camels.
6-Jul-21	El-dher Galgadud	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in El-dher, Galgadud. There are diseases that have affected our camels and we would like aid organizations to help us treat our livestock.
5-Jul-21	Abduwak Galgadud	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.W in Abudwak. There are diseases affecting our livestock. The disease is unknown and it is killing them, we would like to get advice and help from the experts.
1-Jul-21	Adale M.Shabelle	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.O.M I am calling from Adale. Our livestock have been hit by drought and they are now thin. We would like to know how we can fatten our livestock so that they can fetch more income.
4-Jul-21	Adale M.Shabelle	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.Y in Adale, Middle Shabelle. I closely follow the livestock programme and I would like the expert to tell us how we can fatten our thin livestock especially in the drought season.
3-Jul-21	South Central	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is B.A.S. I would like the doctor to tell us what causes livestock to have swollen necks and how can we treat that.
2-Jul-21	Somali Region Ethiopia	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A. There are deadly diseases including measles that are affecting our livestock. We don't have treatment and we are living in a border village near Ethiopia.
3-Jul-21	Awdal	female	Locust/ WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S.F.I in Awdal we are facing water shortage and locust invasion in the area. We would like the somaliland government to get us help to deal with these locusts. Thank you

3-Jul-21	Bo'ley Marod Jeh	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is H.H. I am calling from Bo'ley. Locusts have eaten away our vegetation and livestock fodder. We need help so that we can deal with the locusts.
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3-Jul-21	Buhodle Togdher	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.H.M I am calling from Buhodle. Locusts have taken a heavy toll on our vegetation, we would like to know how we can control the locusts.
3-Jul-21	Badhan Sanag	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is B.S.M. I am calling from Badhan, we are suffering from water shortage and locust invasion. We are calling out to the Puntland administration and federal
5-Jul-21	Badhan Sanag	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.A in Badhan, Sanag region. We have been invaded by locusts that are eating our vegetation. We would like the government to help us deal with this plague. Thank you.
1-Jul-21	Erigabo, Sanag	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.F.M. I am calling from Xeedh, locusts have descended on this area and they are destroying everything. We would like to get help so that we can deal with these insects.
5-Jul-21	Sool	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Sool region. We have been under the grip of locusts and we would like to get help so that we can deal with the invasive locusts.
3-Jul-21	Somaliland	female	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Somaliland, the desert locusts have reached this area and they are destroying all the vegetation. We would like the government to help us control the locusts.
7-Jul-21	Somaliland	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.A.A. The locusts are laying their eggs and we are likely to see more and more locusts invading us.
2-Jul-21	Qardo Bari	female	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.A.F in Qardo. I am a farmer and the locust plague has descended on my produce. They are destroying everything and we would like to get help. Thank you.
3-Jul-21	Qardo Bari	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.M.A. I am calling from Qardo, we have been hit by a locust plague and it is destroying our farms. Thank you
6-Jul-21	Qardo Bari	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Qardo, my name is M.A.M. There are swarms of locusts that have taken a toll on our vegetation and they have laid their larvae on the fields. We would like to get help. Thank you.
7-Jul-21	Bosaso Bari	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is Y. in Bosaso. We are worried about locusts that have been with us for a long time and we would like aid organizations and the Puntland administration to help us deal with the locusts.
5-Jul-21	Garowe Nugal	male	Locust/ COVID-19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.F in Garowe. We are doing well, there are no cases of Coronavirus in the area, but there is the issue of the locust plague.
7-Jul-21	Puntland	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.A. The locusts have hit our farms. They are eating away everything and we would like to get help in controlling the locusts. Thank you
6-Jul-21	Puntland	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is D.F.H in Habeeb village. We are worried about the locust plague that are eating the vegetation. We would like to get swift intervention to deal with the locusts.

7-Jul-21	Mudug	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo my name is J.H in Mudug region. We had farms and they have been invaded by huge numbers of locusts. We need the government to help us spray the locusts.
7-Jul-21	Higlale Galgadud	female	Locust	Hello my name is S. in Higlale. We are farmers and our farms have been hit by locusts, our goats are also dying because of lack of fodder.
4-Jul-21	Abudwak Galgadud	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.O.I in Abudwak, Galgadud. There are locusts that have been reported to be coming south from Sool and Sanag regions, we would like the experts to tell us how we can prevent the locusts from reaching us.
5-Jul-21	Abudwak Galgadud	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.O.I in Abudwak. There are locusts that are expected to come from Somaliland. We would like to get control measures so that we can deal with the locusts before they invade us.
7-Jul-21	Beledweyne Hiran	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.B. in Beledweyne. We are farmers and locusts pose a great danger to our crops. We would like to get advice on how we can control these locusts.
4-Jul-21	Bardera Gedo	male	Locust	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Bardera, my name is A.A. Our farm produce including tomatoes and maize have been invaded by locusts and we need pesticides to help us deal with the locusts. Thank you.
1-Jul-21	South Central	male	Floods/ Locusts	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Garash-Bora'garan we are farmers and our farms were destroyed by floods and locusts, we need help thank you
4-Jul-21	Saha-wanag Galgadud	male	Climate	Hello Radio Ergo my name is S. I am calling from Saha-wanag. I would like to report strong dry winds that have wreaked havoc. Thank you
3-Jul-21	Mataban Hiran	male	Climate	Hello Radio Ergo my name is D.H.J I am calling from Mataban, we in the dry season and there are strong winds that blowing in all directions, these winds are a threat to the vegetation which is sometimes being destroyed.
4-Jul-21	Karin Sool	male	Environment	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.O in Karin, Sool. We are worried about deforestation of trees in the area. There are some people that are clearing the vegetation and we would like to get help so that we can deal with this issue.
6-Jul-21	Almadow Bari	male	Environment	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H in Almadow, Bari. There are some people walking around with metal detectors and cutting down trees in search of gold. We are worried for our environment.
6-Jul-21	Puntland	male	Wildlife	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Haded-Gadan. There is an aeroplane that is taking away the wildlife. They come here everyday and they are lifting away the animals.
2-Jul-21	Somaliland	male	Wildlife	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M. I would like to speak about marauding monkeys that attack us every morning and eat away our vegetation. They are worse than the locusts and we would like to get help in dealing with the monkeys.

2-Jul-21	El-wak Gedo	male	Other	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.A, in El-wak. I would like to speak about poor network connection which has resulted from the destruction of network poles by the Kenyan troops. Thank you.
6-Jul-21	Hargeisa Marodi Jeh	female	Health	Hello Radio Ergo my name is F. I am calling from Hargeisa. There are lots of mosquitoes and house flies. We are in the dry season and all sorts of insects are coming out.
5-Jul-21	Bosaso Bari	female	Governance	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.S in Bosaso. There is crime and robbery in the area. We are getting robbed of our phones in broad daylight.
1-Jul-21	Galkayo Mudug	female	Governance	Hello I am calling from Galkayo. There is insecurity in the area, armed robbers are attacking us. They are taking away our phones and valuables, we are even afraid of going out to do shopping.
4-Jul-21	El-Gal Hiran	male	GBV	Hello my name is A.K. I am calling from El-Gal. I would like to inform you that we should all get united in fighting against gender-based violence such as rape. We need to practise the Islamic lifestyle.
5-Jul-21	Hiran	male	Conflict	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Hiran. Conflicts have been ravaging the area. We were worried yesterday night as there were exchanges of heavy gunfire.
6-Jul-21	Somali Region Ethiopia	male	IDPs/Conflict	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.H.O in Ethiopia. We have been hit by conflict that has displaced us. We are now living in rural areas and we are appealing for aid.
4-Jul-21	Burao Togdher	female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is A.A. I am calling from Burao. I would like to report drought and water shortage. Thank you
4-Jul-21	Togdher	female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is N.M.M in Togdher. We are facing water shortage. We have not seen aid organizations in the area and we would like to get intervention. Thank you.
3-Jul-21	Burao Togdher	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Burao, Togdher. There is drought and water shortage in the area and we are appealing for intervention.
4-Jul-21	Somaliland	female	WASH	Hello . My name is Z.F.A. I am calling from Somaliland. I would like to report about drought, we have not been able to sell our livestock. The drought has affected our livelihood. We need the Somaliland government to help us. Thank you.
4-Jul-21	Somaliland	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.K. I would like to report drought and water scarcity in the area, we would like to get help. Thank you
6-Jul-21	Somaliland	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.H in Ja'-Qabar village, we are doing well although there is drought and water shortage in the area.

4-Jul-21	Somaliland	female	WASH/ Health	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is K.M.M. I would like to speak about water shortage in the area. We have been storing water in plastic bags, but monkeys have poked holes in the bags. Our children have also got diarrhoea and we would like to get help. Thank you.
1-Jul-21	Abudwak Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.A.Y. I am calling from Abudwak. There is water scarcity in the area, we are requesting the aid organizations to help us get water. Thank you
3-Jul-21	Abudwak Galgadud	male	WASH/ Locust	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Abudwak, this area has been affected by drought and the locust plague.
5-Jul-21	Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.A in Galgadud. I would like to speak about drought and water shortage. For the past three years the rainfall has not been consistent. We would like to get aid intervention. Thank you.
6-Jul-21	Mandere M.Shabelle	male	WASH/ Health	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.O. in Mandere. We are losing the vegetation and our livestock don't have fodder. There are also mosquitoes that are biting us and our children.
1-Jul-21	Raga-ele M.Shabelle	male	WASH/ Health	Hello Radio Ergo my name is H.A.A I am calling from Raga-ele, we are facing drought and water shortage that have affected people. We do not have any water wells or health centres and are
2-Jul-21	Adale M.Shabelle	male	WASH	Hello my name is M.O.M in Adale. The drought has led to water and fodder shortage, also the rainfall has delayed and we need help. We would like Radio Ergo to share our message. Thank you.
6-Jul-21	Torotorow L.Shabelle	male	WASH	Hello my name is M.A in Torotorow. We are facing water shortage, there are no water wells in the area. The price of water has escalated, a water tank is now costing 50,000 shillings.
2-Jul-21	Bardera Gedo	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Bardera. There is drought in the area. The livestock are dying and many families have migrated to this area although the rain has failed. The people are facing a dire situation.
1-Jul-21	South Central	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M. Our village has been neglected, we are facing drought and have not seen aid organizations, we would like to get intervention. Thank you.
6-Jul-21	Daynunay Bay	female	WASH	Hello my name is. H.A in Daynunay. There is drought in the area. We were told aid organizations will help us after the farms failed. However we have not seen any aid. Thank you.
6-Jul-21	Erigabo Sanag	female	Agriculture	Hello I am calling from Erigabo. I am a farmer and our farms have been destroyed by droughts. We would like get help in reviving our farms.

1-Jul-21	Bosaso Bari	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M in Bosaso. I would like to know what causes tomatoes to be squishy and the fluids inside start to come out.
1-Jul-21	Puntland	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to ask the agriculture expert to tell us how we can deal with white things that grow on the leaves of our crops. Thank you.
2-Jul-21	Bal'ad M.Shabelle	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.M.A in Bal'ad. I am a farmer growing tomatoes and pepper, they have been hit by diseases and we would like to know how we can deal with these diseases.
4-Jul-21	Dhusamareb Galgadud	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Dhusamareb, Galgadud. We are farmers and we have been infested by pests, there are white pests that are eating into our produce. We are calling for help.
4-Jul-21	Abudwak Galgadud	male	Agriculture	Hello my name is S.A in Abudwak. I am a farmer and my crops have been invaded by pests. I would like the expert to tell us how we can deal with these pests.
4-Jul-21	Abudwak Galgadud	female	Agriculture	Hello my name is L.A.A . I am calling from Abudwak. I have been trying to plant on my farm however the crops keep failing. I would like to get some advice on how we can save our farms.