



Brief Summary

The effects of continuing drought and water shortage were the main focus of concern among Radio Ergo callers this week (25 November to 1 December 2021), with quite a number of listeners also calling to announce rainfall in their areas. For some the rain provided welcome relief, whilst for others it was hopelessly little. Locust invasions were a cause of concern in some northern regions. COVID19 featured among the health concerns raised. The following summarises the calls by theme.

Drought and water crisis – calls on these topics came from around the country. In the north, Togdher produced many calls. Most said they had had no rain, or not enough to make a difference. A caller in Doqoshay said the livestock were in bad shape and the water catchments were dry. A female caller in Buhodle asked government and aid agencies to help them. Sanag also produced many calls, among them a caller in Badhan who said a water tank now cost \$150 and was hard to get. A herder displaced from Mudug to Sanag said they found a little fodder but no water. A caller in El-Afweyn said their children did not have enough food. There were similar calls from Sool, Sahil, and Sarar. A caller in Puntland said they had migrated from far and not found fodder or water and had no cash to return to their area that had now received rainfall. Among the many calls from Mudug, one caller in San-gadud said the nearest well was 100 kilometres away from them. A pastoralist in Gelinsor said he had only 10 left from his herd of 500 animals. In Abudwak, Galgadud, there were calls from locals as well as those who had migrated there about scarce resources and hardship. Callers in Adado said the little rainfall had been inadequate, and people were also still cutting trees despite the drought. In Hiran, callers said their livestock had no fodder or water. One added that they needed solutions to enable people to benefit from the Shabelle river that either flooded or ran dry. Several callers in L. Juba and Gedo said their livestock were sick, dying, or dead. A female caller in Dollow said only 10 of her goats had survived the drought and disease.

Rainfall – callers in various northern regions celebrated some rainfall in their areas. In Togdher, a caller said they had downpours whilst people in other parts were still experiencing drought. A caller in Sanag said the livestock were recovering. In Bosaso, a caller said the rainfall was short and not enough to recover. In Qardo, a caller urged people to move there to benefit from the rain. A few callers in Galmudug said their animals were now finding water and fodder. Several callers in M. Shabelle especially Jowhar welcomed rainfall, although one farmer said his land was being inundated and preventing him from planting. In Gedo, a caller on El-garar said they still had some livestock and the rain would keep them alive. On the other hand in L. Juba, a pastoralist said the rain came just after they had lost all their goats. He wanted help to restock his animals for his livelihood.

Locusts – callers in Togdher, Sanag, Sool, and Galgadud complained of locust invasions. A caller in Sanag said the locusts were brought by very strong winds. Another said they needed help from government to control the locusts. In Sool, a farmer in Qaloato said he was growing maize, beans and sorghum and needed advice on protecting his crops from the locusts.

COVID19 – in Galgadud, a female caller said they had water now and their main concern was the spread of Coronavirus. A caller in Guriel said everyone seemed to be coughing. A caller in Abudwak wanted to know how to stay safe from the virus as he was in daily contact with people selling tomatoes. On the vaccine, a caller in Tukaraq, Sool, asked for more information as he claimed some people had become sick or died after being vaccinated. A caller in Sahil also claimed that people had fallen sick or been infected by the vaccine. (Note that Radio Ergo continues to broadcast regular information about COVID19 involving health experts).

Date	Location	Gender	Theme	Remarks
30-Nov-21	Biyo-Ma'an Sahil	male	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.A.M in Biyo-Ma'an, Sahil. The COVID19 vaccine has caused people to be sick and some have got the virus from the vaccine.
28-Nov-21	Tukaraq Sool	male	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.G in Tukaraq. We have taken the Coronavirus vaccine and some people have gotten sick while others have died. We need Radio Ergo to give us more information about the vaccines. Thank you.
30-Nov-21	Rako-Raho Bari	male	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M in Raka-Raho. I would like to know the symptoms of the COVID19. Thank you.
29-Nov-21	Puntland	female	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, the Coronavirus pandemic has spread across the world and we need the doctor to tell us the symptoms of this disease. Thank you.
27-Nov-21	Abudwak Galgadud	male	COVID19	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.S.A in Abudwak. I would like to ask the doctor how I can stay safe (from the COVID19). I sell tomatoes and I meet many people every day.
28-Nov-21	Guriel Galgadud	male	COVID19/ Health	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.K. in Guriel. There is a contagious flu where everyone seems to be coughing. I would like the doctor to tell us about this disease and how we can deal with it. Thank you.
27-Nov-21	Galgadud	female	COVID19	Hello my name is S. in Galgadud. We have got rainfall and we are doing well. Our water catchment areas are getting replenished and the livestock are recovering. However our main concern is the Coronavirus which is prevalent in the area.
29-Nov-21	Herale Galgadud	male	Health	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.H in Herale. There are influxes of mosquitoes and the people are sick. We suspect that they have got malaria. We don't have medicines, we need help. Thank you.
1-Dec-21	Jalalaqsi Hiran	male	Health	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Hamir-Gaab. I would like to know the medicines we can use to treat our children who have got measles. Thank you.

1-Dec-21	Galoley Togdher	male	Aid	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M.F in Galoley, Sheikh. We are concerned that WFP has handed out food cards to 250 people and they have not given us the food aid for four months
27-Nov-21	Sarar	male	Aid	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is is A.A.in Sarar. We are concerned that WFP has stopped giving us food aid. We believe that the aid was stopped because of corruption. Please share
1-Dec-21	Badhan Sanag	male	Food Security/Aid	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. in Badhan. We are facing food insecurity. Please share our message so that we can get aid. Thank you.
1-Dec-21	Mudug	male	Aid	Hello my name M.A.M in Mudug region. There is corruption in aid delivery. We never get the food cards, instead other people are getting the aid. We need accountability in the aid distribution. Thank you.
27-Nov-21	Bay	female	PLWD/Aid	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Bay and we have got rainfall. I am a woman living with disability and I cannot work. I would like to get help to get a wheelchair so that I can go out to the market. Thank you.
26-Nov-21	Bay	male	Aid/ IDPs	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Mubarak 2 camp in Bay. We were displaced from Lower Shabelle. The aid organizations came to this area and they interviewed us and took our photos but we have not got aid since we joined the camp a year and a few months ago.
1-Dec-21	Landher	female	IDPs/WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H. in Lan-dher. We are IDPs and we have been affected by drought. We would like to get help in these camps.
26-Nov-21	Hargeisa Marodi-Jeh	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Hargeisa. We are concerned about drought that has affected us. We are calling out for help. Thank you.
28-Nov-21	Oodweyne Togdher	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Oodweyne, we are facing drought and water shortage. We need Radio Ergo to share our message so that we can get help.
30-Nov-21	Burao Togdher	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.N.O in Burao. We are facing drought and we pray that we get rainfall. Thank you.
30-Nov-21	Buhodle Togdher	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is Y.A.S in Buhodle. We have been hit by drought and water shortage. We need aid organizations to help us. Thank you.
28-Nov-21	Buhodle Togdher	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.E.H in Buhodle. We have not got rainfall in this area and there is prolonged drought in this area. That is my message.
30-Nov-21	Ayn Togdher	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.A.S in Ayn. We are facing drought and water shortage. Thank you.
30-Nov-21	Togdher	female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.A in Togdher. We are facing drought that has affected the people and livestock. We hope that we get the rainfall. Thank you.

30-Nov-21	Burao Togdher	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.Y in Labo-gur, near Burao. We are facing drought and water scarcity. We have got some little rainfall and the water collected in the reservoirs have been depleted. Thank you.
28-Nov-21	Dhoqoshay Togdher	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.K.A in Dhoqoshey. We are facing drought and our livestock have been hit hard. The water catchment areas don't have enough water. Thank you.
27-Nov-21	Buhodle Togdher	female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.I.F in Buhodle. There is widespread drought and water scarcity. We are asking the government and aid organizations to help us. Thank you.
30-Nov-21	Dhahar Sanag	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.J in Dhahar, Sanag region. Many people have migrated to this area although the water still remains scarce. We need humanitarian intervention to deal with the needs of the people here.
28-Nov-21	Dhahar Sanag	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.F.S in Dhahar, we have migrated from Gara-ad. We are still facing hardship and our livestock are thin. Please share our information so that we can get help. Thank
25-Nov-21	Badhan Sanag	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is G.H.W in Badhan, Sanag. We are facing water shortage, the water tank is now costing \$150 and it is becoming hard to get water.
27-Nov-21	Sanag	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.Y.J in Sanag region. We have been displaced from Goldogob [Mudug] with our livestock. We have migrated to this area which has some fodder although it didn't get rainfall. We need aid organizations to help us. Thank you.
30-Nov-21	El-Afweyn Sanag	male	WASH/Food security	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.A.A in El-Afweyn. We are facing drought and water shortage. Our children don't have enough food.
28-Nov-21	El-Afweyn Sanag	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.O in El-afweyn, Sanag. There is drought in this region and we pray to God that we get good rainfall and health. Thank you.
1-Dec-21	Sanag	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Sanag region. We are facing water shortage. The water wells don't have enough water. We pray that we get rainfall. Please share our message with the Somaliland government so that we can get the rainfall. Thank you.
26-Nov-21	Waridad Sool	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.D.J in Waridad. We are doing well although there is water shortage in this area. The water catchment areas have dried up. We need intervention and water aid.
29-Nov-21	Aro-Madow Sool	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.D.J in Aro-Madow, Sool. We are facing water shortage and drought. We need help in getting water.
27-Nov-21	Sarar	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Sarar. We are facing drought and water shortage. Please share our message so that we can get intervention. Thank you.

25-Nov-21	Sahil	female	WASH/ Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is R.A.O in Sahil. I would like to report that we are facing lack of fodder for our livestock. Thank you.
25-Nov-21	Somaliland	male	WASH	Hello my name is A.J.M in Anfal. We are concerned about the drought and water shortage in the area. We need aid organizations to reach us. Thank you.
28-Nov-21	Lasanod Sool	male	WASH	Hello my name is A.M.Y in Lasanod. We pray that we get rainfall so that this prolonged dry season can come to an end. Thank you.
30-Nov-21	Karkar Bari	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.M in Karkar. We are facing drought we need help in dealing with the prolonged drought.
26-Nov-21	Puntland	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I have migrated from a long distance in search of water and fodder. We didn't get as much water and fodder as we thought. We have now heard that the rain has begun in our region and we don't have the money to go back to our village. We need help.
25-Nov-21	Puntland	male	WASH/ Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.J in Puntland. There is drought and water shortage. There are also livestock diseases affecting the goats. We pray that we get the rainfall. Thank you.
25-Nov-21	San-gadud Mudug	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.S. in San-Gadud, Mudug. We are facing drought and water shortage. The nearest water well is about 100 kms away. We are appealing for water aid. Thank you.
1-Dec-21	Shabellow Mudug	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M. in Shabellow, Mudug. We are facing water and fodder shortage. We pray that we can get rainfall. The nearest area that has got rainfall is Harardher. Thank you.
28-Nov-21	Dagari Mudug	female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.I in Dagari, Mudug. We are facing drought and water shortage, and we are appealing for help. Thank you.
25-Nov-21	Wargalo Mudug	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.Y in Wargalo, Mudug. There is drought and water shortage that has affected the people. Many people have migrated to areas that have got rainfall.
27-Nov-21	Gelinsor Mudug	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M in Gelinsor. I am a pastoralist who previously owned 500 goats and only 10 have survived. We need the government to help us. Thank you.
29-Nov-21	Dagari Mudug	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Dagari, we have not got the Gu or Deyr rainfall this year and we are facing drought. We need the aid organizations to bring us water aid.

30-Nov-21	Galkayo Mudug	female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H. in Galkayo. We have been hit by drought. Our livestock are perishing due to water and fodder scarcity. We are appealing for help. Thank you.
29-Nov-21	Ado-Kibir Mudug	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.I.M. in Ado-Kibir, Galgadud. There is drought as the rainfall has failed in the past two rainy seasons. We need food and water aid. Thank you.
27-Nov-21	Ado-Kibir Mudug	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo I am calling from Ado-Kibir, Mudug. We are facing water scarcity in this area. Thank you.
26-Nov-21	Mudug	female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.H we have been affected by drought in Mudug region. There is widespread water shortage and we need aid intervention.
1-Dec-21	Abudwak Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is O.M. in Abudwak. The fodder is getting depleted and many people have migrated to this area. The resources are scarce and we need help. Thank you.
27-Nov-21	Abudwak Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J. in Aliyaal, in the rural outskirts of Abudwak. We previously migrated here in search of rain water and fodder. However, we are now facing drought that we fled from.
27-Nov-21	Abudwak Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.I. in west of Abudwak, this is the area where many people migrated to while searching for water and fodder. We are facing drought and hardships here and we are appealing for help. Thank you.
27-Nov-21	Bandiradley Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M. in Bandiiradley. We are facing drought and water shortage. Our livestock don't have water or water aid. We need government intervention. Many people have lost their livestock to the drought. Thank you.
28-Nov-21	Adado Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Adado. We pray that we get rainfall, we have been facing the drought for a long time. There are still people cutting down trees and we need the government to stop this practice. Thank you.
25-Nov-21	Adado Galgadud	female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H. in Adado. We are facing drought, we got some small downpours and it was not enough to replenish our water catchment area. The goats are still in weak and dire situation. Thank you.
25-Nov-21	Adado Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is L.K in Adado. We have been affected by drought that has displaced many families in this region. We need the government to bring us aid intervention.
25-Nov-21	Dhusamareb Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. in Dhusamareb. There is water shortage in this area and drought. The people are now trying to migrate in search of rainfall. We pray that we get the coveted rain.
28-Nov-21	Sahawanag Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.J in Sahawanag, Galgadud. There is drought and water shortage, we don't have water for our goats. We need water aid. Thank you.

30-Nov-21	Biyo-Gadud Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I am calling from Biyo-Gadud, Galgadud. We are doing well and we have got some little rainfall but the people are still facing drought and water shortage. Thank you.
29-Nov-21	Beledweyne Hiran	male	WASH ☑	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.M.A in Beledweyne. We are living near the river and ever year it is either floods or drought. We need the government to help us put in structures so that we can benefit from this river.
1-Dec-21	Hiran	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Hiran. We are facing drought and our livestock don't have water or fodder. We have migrated and we still have not got good fodder for our livestock. We need intervention. Thank you.
1-Dec-21	Qodqod Hiran	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is O.S.A in Qodqod, Hiran. We had got some rainfall and many people migrated to this area. The fodder and water has finished and we pray to God that we get rainfall. Thank you.
1-Dec-21	Wanlaweyn L.Shabelle	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I. in Wanlaweyn. There is drought and harsh climate and I am urging the people to help each other.
28-Nov-21	Garbaharey Gedo	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Garbaharey. There is drought in this region and across the country. We need the aid organizations to help the affected families. Thank you.
29-Nov-21	Dollow Gedo	female	WASH/ Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. in Dollow. We are facing drought and water shortage, there are also diseases affecting our livestock. They have got diarrhoea and they are dying. Only 10 goats have survived the disease and drought. We need help.
26-Nov-21	Dollow Gedo	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.H in Dollow. We have been affected by drought that is killing our livestock. We pray that we get rainfall. Thank you.
25-Nov-21	Kismayo L.Juba	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Kismayo. We have been hit by drought that has displaced people and killed the livestock. We need aid intervention so that we can survive this drought.
26-Nov-21	Yaqbule L.Juba	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.H in Yaqbule near Kismayo. We are facing water shortage which has taken a heavy toll on our livestock. We need help in saving our livestock.
29-Nov-21	Jubaland	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.A.J in Jubaland. There is water shortage and people are in dire situation. We need help in surviving the drought. Thank you.
27-Nov-21	South Central	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, there is widespread drought in the whole country that has led to death and displacement. We need aid organizations to take up their roles and help the drought hit people.

26-Nov-21	South Central	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in a village between Bay and Bakool region. We need intervention to get humanitarian aid. The drought has affected us and we are appealing for help.
28-Nov-21	Nasiye Togdher	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is K.M.M in Nasiye. We have got some rainfall and we pray other regions will also get the rain. Thank you.
28-Nov-21	Buhodle Togdher	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.J in Buhodle, we have got rainfall and we are doing better. There are some people reporting drought although we have got the downpours. Thank you.
26-Nov-21	Ainabo Sarar	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is D.M.R in Ainabo. We have got rainfall although we feared that the drought would push us to hardship. We thank God.
28-Nov-21	Marodi-Jeh	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.A in Marodi-Jeh. We have got the rainfall and we are doing better. We thank God for the downpours. Thank you.
1-Dec-21	Fadhigab Sanag	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F. in Fadhigab, Sanag. We have got rainfall and we are happy that our livestock are recovering from the drought. Thank you.
26-Nov-21	Sanag	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Sanag region. We have been getting rainfall since yesterday, we hope that other regions facing drought will also get the rainfall. Thank you.
28-Nov-21	Somaliland	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, we have got the rainfall and our livestock are recovering from the prolonged drought. We thank God.
25-Nov-21	Bosaso Bari	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M in Bosaso. Yesterday we got some rainfall however today we haven't got more rain. There is only some cloud cover and we pray that we get enough rainfall to recover from the drought.
28-Nov-21	Bosaso Bari	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Bosaso, the rainfall we got today did not come with strong winds as anticipated and we thank God.
27-Nov-21	Bari	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, we have got rainfall in Bari region. We thank God for the rain and we are informing nomadic families in dry areas to migrate to this area.
30-Nov-21	Qardo Bari	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Qardo. We have got the rainfall and we are thanking God. We are advising the people in drought-stricken areas to come to this area. Thank you.
26-Nov-21	Galkayo Mudug	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.F in Galkayo. Today we have got some rainfall that has laid water on the ground. We thank God for the rainfall.
30-Nov-21	Galkayo Mudug	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Galkayo. We have got rainfall and we are doing better. We hope the areas that have not got rainfall will get aid intervention.

1-Dec-21	Hobyo Mudug	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is R.A.M in Hobyo. We have got rainfall and we are doing better. We thank God.
30-Nov-21	Mudug	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.M.A in Mudug region. We have got the rainfall and our livestock are now getting water and fodder. Thank you Radio Ergo.
29-Nov-21	Dhusamareb Galgadud	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.A in Dhusamareb. We have got the rainfall and our livestock are now able to find water and fodder. Thank you
26-Nov-21	Abudwak Galgadud	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.M in Abudwak, Galgadud. Today we have got some heavy rainfall and we are doing better.
27-Nov-21	Jowhar M.Shabelle	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.A in Jowhar, we have been facing drought for a long time and today we are happy to have got rainfall. Today the temperatures have cooled down and we have got rainfall. We pray that other regions will also get the rainfall.
29-Nov-21	Jowhar M.Shabelle	female	Rain	Hello my name is R. in Jowhar, the rainfall has begun and we are starting to get rainfall after a long dry season. The livestock are now doing better.
28-Nov-21	Jowhar M.Shabelle	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo my name is H.A in Jowhar. It has been a bit dry for the past few days however we are happy to have got some rainfall. We thank God for the rain.
27-Nov-21	Jowhar M.Shabelle	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.A.Y. in Jowhar. We have got rainfall and we have recovered from the drought. We thank God for the rain. We also thank Radio Ergo for the broadcasts.
30-Nov-21	Jowhar M.Shabelle	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.G. in Jowhar. We have got the rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.
30-Nov-21	Jowhar M.Shabelle	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.H.B in Jowhar. Our farms are getting inundated by rainwater and we need help so that we can start to plant our crops.
29-Nov-21	Raage-Elle M.Shabelle	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.N.H in Raage-Elle, Middle Shabelle. We have got rainfall that has cooled the temperatures and replenished our water catchment areas. Our livestock have recovered from rainfall and they have found water. We thank God and we hope that other regions will get rainfall.
30-Nov-21	Baidoa Bay	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.S.M in Baidoa. We have got rainfall today and we are happy to have got the downpours after a long wait. Thank you.

30-Nov-21	Baidoa Bay	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Baidoa. We have got the much awaited rainfall and we thank God.
25-Nov-21	El-Garar Gedo	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M in El-Garar, Gedo. We have got rainfall today and we have not lost all our livestock. People need to pray to God for rainfall.
30-Nov-21	Gedo	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo my name is M.M in Gedo. We have got the rainfall and we thank God Almighty. I urge the people to pray to God and repent, the rain will follow soon afterwards.