

**Brief Summary**

Many callers across the country this week (28 September to 4 October 2023) reported rainfall in their areas including some heavy downpours. At the same time a significant number of callers in various locations complained of continued drought and water shortage and the ongoing stress on lives and livelihoods. Some callers expressed concerns over the El Nino weather warnings they had heard with several requesting further information. The following summarises the calls by theme.

**El Nino forecasts** – a farmer in Jowhar, Middle Shabelle, expressed fears over potential floods that would ruin their crops. A caller in Yaqbariweyne, Lower Shabelle, wanted more information, saying they had not had rainfall in their area and wanted to know if they anticipated floods only near the river or flash floods as well. In Beletweyne, Hiran, a caller said they noticed the river water level rising and were worried about possible flooding. A caller in Kismayo, Lower Juba, said it was raining in the area and people feared hurricanes and flooding. [Radio Ergo continues to air regular weather alerts and disaster risk preparedness information].

**Aid** – a female caller in Bardera, Gedo, complained that despite being registered, fingerprinted, and photographed for the Bahnano safety net scheme they had never received any support. A caller in Bur-eyl, Bay, said he was disabled and had lived for 20 years in the same place, and wanted help from aid organisations.

**Mental Health** – the first callers recorded their questions for experts on Radio Ergo's new mental health series, 'Maankaab' (Mind-support), launched on Wednesday 4 October. Programmes will run weekly introducing psychological health and mental wellbeing to listeners, including how mental and physical health are connected, how mental disorders manifest, and the impact on daily lives and even social cohesion. The series will go on to cover specific mental disorders, how to identify situations, mental health in emergencies, what help to seek, and more topics. [Listen on Facebook <https://fb.watch/nuB5CI4XJX/?mibextid=cr9u03>]

**Agriculture** – farmers in various regions had questions for the weekly agriculture programme mainly about pest control. A female caller in Berbera complained that their crops were being destroyed by Locusts and they needed intervention. A caller in Somaliland complained of the invasive ali-garoba tree taking over their land and blocking roads. He called for help to control these trees.

**Rainfall** – among callers in the north, one in Togdher said they had heavy rainfall that was helping livestock and farms, whilst another said they also needed peace in the region to thrive. Another in Burao said they lacked storage facilities to harvest the rainwater. A caller in Dharkengenyoo, Sool, expressed concern for the IDP families in camps in the rain. In Puntland, a caller in El-Wa'aysle said they had rainfall and hoped it would not become destructive. A female caller in Adado, Galgadud, said the rain arrived and at last they had water and the livestock were also getting fodder. Several called from Baidoa announcing rainfall. In Kismayo, a caller said they had rainfall but needed conflicts to be stopped.

**Drought and water shortage** – a female caller in Togdher said they had lost their livestock in the drought and continued to suffer from conflict and hardship in the area. A female caller in Badhan said water shortage was affecting people and their livestock. A caller in Abudwak said they were concerned about the impact of the long drought on their farm productivity. A caller in Herale said they faced drought and water shortage and needed help to repair water pumps. A female caller in Hiran said the pastoralists were suffering from severe drought and needed aid. Another female caller in Adan Yabal, M. Shabelle, said they faced drought and lack of food and needed aid.

Date	Location	Gender	Theme	Remarks
4/10/2023	Beledweyne Hiran	male	El Nino Alerts	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is O. in Beledweyne, Hiran. We are doing well, the volume of water in the river is increasing and we are worried about floods. Thank you.
3/10/2023	Jowhar M.Shabelle	male	El Nino Alerts	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Jowhar. We are farmers and we are growing our crops, we are concerned about possible floods that could ruin our produce.
28/09/2023	Lower Shabelle	male	El Nino Alerts	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Yaq-bariweyne. We have not got rainfall and we don't know the areas that have got rainfall. I would like to know if the forecasted floods will be around the Shabelle river or will there be flash floods?
2/10/2023	Kismayo L.Juba	male	El Nino Alerts	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.S.A in Kismayo. There has been rainfall in this area but there is fear of hurricanes and floods.
30/09/2023	Guriel Galgadud	male	El Nino Alerts	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.O in Guriel. The warnings on the heavy rains expected are alarming and people should take them seriously and prepare.
3/10/2023	Bardera Gedo	female	Aid	Hello I am calling from Bardera. We have been registered by Bahnano, they have taken our finger prints and photos but we have not got any aid until now.
29/09/2023	Bur-Eyle Bay	male	PLWD	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.O in Buur-Eyle. I am a person living with disability. I would like the aid organizations to help me. I have been living in one place for 20 years.
3/10/2023	Jowhar M.Shabelle	male	Health	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.A in Jowhar. There is an itchy disease that has spread among my children. We would like to know what causes this and how we can treat it.
3/10/2023	Puntland	male	Health	Hello my name is M.A.S. We are concerned about swarms of mosquitoes in the area. We need help in spraying them.
30/09/2023	Baidoa Bay	male	IDPs	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.I.A in Baidoa. There are IDPs in the area and we need the aid organizations to help the displaced people.
4/10/2023	Haylan Sanag	male	Nutrition	Hello my name is N. in Haylan. I would like to contact you so that I can ask the expert questions on malnutrition among the children.
30/09/2023	Adado Galgadud	male	Nutrition	Hello my name is A. in Adado. How can we tell if someone is malnourished. Thank you.
4/10/2023	Puntland	male	Mental Health	Hello Radio Ergo, I would like to ask a question to the mental health programme. My mother gets headaches and sometimes she gets very sick. I would like to know if she has mental problems.
4/10/2023	Baidoa Bay	female	Mental Health	Hello my name is F.A.H in Baidoa. I get angry quickly and I get frequent headaches. I would like the doctor to advise me. Thank you.
3/10/2023	El-Gal Hiran	female	Other	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. in El-Gal, near Liiq-liiqato bridge. We need this bridge to be controlled so that no cars can pass through it.

2/10/2023	Sanag	male	Conflict	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Sanag region and we are concerned about endless conflict and we need peace and stability.
1/10/2023	Berbera	female	Locust	Hello I am calling from Berbera. We have been attacked by locusts that are eating away our crops. We need intervention.
3/10/2023	Dhusamareb Galgadud	female	Agriculture	Hello my name is F.M in Dhusamareb. I am growing crops and they have been attacked by pests. I would like to get advice on how I can deal with the pests. Thank you.
3/10/2023	Dhusamareb Galgadud	male	Agriculture	Hello my name is A.F in northern Dhusamareb. Our farms have been attacked by squirrels and we would like the experts to tell us how we can deal with them.
2/10/2023	Jowhar M.Shabelle	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Jowhar. We are now waiting for the rainfall so that we can start farming. Thank you.
3/10/2023	Middle Shabelle	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name A.A in Middle Shabelle. I am a farmer and am growing sorghum, the plants have been attacked by some pest called 'Jabshe' that lives in the soil.
29/09/2023	Qansahdhere Bay	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.N.M in Qansah-dhere. We have put our seeds in the ground but there is something eating our seeds. We would like the agriculture expert to advise us.
3/10/2023	South Central	female	Agriculture	Hello my name is A.M. I am a farmer and there are pests that are eating the leaves of our crops. I don't know these pests and I would like to get advice.
3/10/2023	South Central	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, I am a farmer and there have been pests eating the crops from the roots. We would like to know how we can deal with them.
29/09/2023	South Central	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, we have planted some watermelons but they have been attacked by pests. We would like to know the pesticides we can use to treat them.
29/09/2023	Somaliland	male	Environment	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A. We are concerned about the 'Garan-waa' tree (Ali-Garob). It is growing fast and even blocking our roads. We need help in dealing with this tree.
3/10/2023	Dharkeyngenyoo Sool	male	Livestock	Hello my name is Y.A in Dharkeyn-genyoo, Sool region. We have got rainfall but we are worried about ticks attacking our livestock.
3/10/2023	Dhahar Sool	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.M in Dhahar, Sool region. We would like to know how we can deal with ticks among the livestock. Thank you.
30/09/2023	South Central	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H. I would like to know how we can deal with ticks among the livestock. Thank you.
30/09/2023	Bardera Gedo	male	Livestock	Hello my name is A.W. in Bardera. I would like the vet doctor to tell us how we can treat the Rift Valley Fever among livestock in case it breaks out. Thank you.
4/10/2023	Burao Togdher	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Burao. We have got some good rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.

29/09/2023	Togdher	male	Rain	Hello my name is A.K.O in Togdher. We have got rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.
30/09/2023	Togdher	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name M.A.G in Togdher. We have got rainfall and we are doing well. We also need peace in the region. Thank you.
30/09/2023	Togdher	male	Rain	Hello my name is M.A.M in Togdher. We have got some heavy rainfall and our livestock are producing good milk while the farmers are working on their farms.
30/09/2023	Taleh Sanag	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.D. Taleh, Sanag. We have got the Deyr rainfall and we are doing well. We hope that other regions also get rainfall.
30/09/2023	Dharkeyn-Genyo Sool	male	Rain/IDPs	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is Y.A in Dharkeyn-Genyo, Sool. We have got rainfall and we wish well the IDP families in the camps.
1/10/2023	Hudun Sool	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Hudun. We have got rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.
30/09/2023	Garowe Nugal	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Garowe. We have got some good rainfall and we are doing well. We thank God for the blessing.
29/09/2023	Puntland	male	Rain	Hello my name is A.AM in Kalqori. We have received the rainfall and we are in bliss. Thank you.
2/10/2023	Puntland	male	Rain	Hello my name is A.M.F. We have got rainfall and our livestock are getting fodder. Thank you.
3/10/2023	Puntland	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.F. We have got rainfall and we are in bliss. Thank you.
4/10/2023	Puntland	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.Y in El-Wa'aysle. We have got heavy rainfall and we hope that it will not be destructive. Thank you.
2/10/2023	Galkayo Mudug	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.H.I in Galkayo. We are doing well and we have got rainfall. Thank you Ergo.
2/10/2023	Odweyne Galgadud	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Oodweyne. We have got rainfall and we are in peace. Thank you.
30/09/2023	Adado Galgadud	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.F in Adado. We have got rainfall last night and we have just got water. Our livestock are also getting fodder and we thank God.
4/10/2023	Adado Galgadud	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Adado. We have got the rainfall and we thank God.
29/09/2023	Dhusamareb Galgadud	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Dhusamareb. My name is F. and we are doing well, we have got the rainfall. We hope for more rain.
2/10/2023	El-Garas Galgadud	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.I.O in El-Garas. We are doing well and the temperatures have cooled down after we got rainfall.

29/09/2023	Galgadud	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is D. in Galgadud. We have got rainfall this afternoon. We thank God.
3/10/2023	Galhamur Galgadud	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Galhamur. We have got heavy rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.
29/09/2023	Godinlabe Galgadud	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is B. in Godinlabe. We have got rainfall this afternoon. We thank God and we hope that other regions will also get rainfall.
4/10/2023	Guriel Galgadud	male	Rain	Hello my name is S.F.M in Guriel. We have got rainfall and we are doing well. We thank God.
28/09/2023	Guriel Galgadud	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A in Guriel, Galgadud. We have got rainfall and we are in bliss, we thank God.
4/10/2023	Herale Galgadud	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.G, I am calling from Herale, Galgadud. We have got rainfall and we are doing better now. Thank you.
4/10/2023	Higlale Galgadud	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H. in Higlale. We have got rainfall and we are doing well. We thank God.
4/10/2023	Beledweyne Hiran	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F. in Beledweyne, Hiran region. We have got rainfall and we are doing well, thank you.
30/09/2023	Buleburte Hiran	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I. in Buleburte. There has been rainfall this afternoon and we are doing well. We thank God.
28/09/2023	Sablale L.Shabelle	male	Rain	Hello my name is A.A in Sablale. We have got rainfall and our livestock are getting fodder. We are doing well, thank you.
4/10/2023	Baidoa Bay	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is B.A.A in Baidoa. We have got the Deyr rainfall and we thank God.
4/10/2023	Baidoa Bay	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.B in Baidoa. We have got rainfall. Thank you.
4/10/2023	Baidoa Bay	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Baidoa. We have got rainfall and we are doing very well. Thank you.
30/09/2023	Baidoa Bay	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.A.A in Baidoa. We have got heavy rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.
30/09/2023	Baidoa Bay	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.M.I in Baidoa. We are doing well and we have got the rainfall yesterday. Thank you for your services.
3/10/2023	Baidoa Bay	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M. in Baidoa. There has been rainfall and we are in bliss in this area. We thank God.

29/09/2023	Dinsor Bay	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Diinsor. Today and yesterday are very different. It was hot and dry yesterday and we have got heavy rainfall today. We hope that we get more rainfall.
30/09/2023	Bakool	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.A.A in Bakool region. We are doing well and we are now expecting the rainfall. We thank God.
29/09/2023	Bardera Gedo	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I.I in Bardera. We have got rainfall and our livestock are grazing. We thank God.
4/10/2023	Gedo	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.O in Gedo region. There has been rainfall in some parts of the region and the people are thankful to God for the rain.
29/09/2023	Jamame L.Juba	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Jamame. We have got rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.
29/09/2023	Kismayo L.Juba	male	Rain/ Conflict	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.S.A. in Kismayo. We have got some heavy rainfall and we are doing well, however there have been conflicts and we pray that we get peace.
30/09/2023	South Central	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.O.S in Omar-Jowle village. We have got rainfall and I want to also thank you.
30/09/2023	Somali Region Ethiopia	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Somali region. We have got rainfall and we are doing well, thank you.
28/09/2023	Togdher	female	WASH/ Conflict	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is K. in Togdher. We have been hit by drought and we have lost our livestock. There has been conflict and hardship generally in the area.
29/09/2023	Burao Togdher	male	WASH/Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is K.O.A in Burao. We have got the rainfall however we don't have storage facilities to store the water.
1/10/2023	Badhan Sanag	female	WASH	Hello my name is H.M.I in Badhan. There is water scarcity in this area and it has affected us and our livestock. We hope that we get rainfall.
28/09/2023	Erigabo Sanag	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Erigabo. There is drought in this area and we pray that we get rainfall. Thank you.
30/09/2023	Bo'ame Sool	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.O I am calling from Bo'ame. We have not got rainfall and we pray that we get the rainfall soon.
30/09/2023	Puntland	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.M. There is an extreme heat in the area and we hope that we get rainfall.
29/09/2023	Wisil Mudug	female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.M.H in Wisil, Mudug. We have not got the rainfall, we hope that we get the rain.

1/10/2023	Abudwak Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J. in Abudwak. We have been facing drought and water scarcity and we need the aid organizations to help us. Thank you.
2/10/2023	Abudwak Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Abudwak. We are farmers and we are concerned about prolonged drought that has affected our farm productivity.
29/09/2023	Adado Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Adado. There has been severe drought in this area, we have lost our goats and camels.
29/09/2023	Adado Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Adado, Galgadud. We are facing drought and we are appealing to the aid organizations to help us.
28/09/2023	Herafe Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.Y in Herafe. There has been drought and water shortage in this area. The water pumps have broken down and we need help.
30/09/2023	El-Gal Hiran	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.O.N in El-Gal. We have been facing drought and water shortage and we are appealing for help. Thank you.
28/09/2023	Hiran	female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N. in Hiran region. We are pastoralists and we are facing severe drought, we are appealing for aid intervention. Thank you.
30/09/2023	Adan-Yabal Middle Shabelle	female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is R.A in Adan-Yabal. We are facing food insecurity and drought. We are appealing for help. Thank you.
3/10/2023	Wanalweyn Lower Shabelle	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.M.M in Wanlaweyn. We are doing well and we pray that we get rainfall. Thank you.
29/09/2023	Baidoa Bay	male	WASH	Hello my name is H.A.O in Baidoa. There is heat and we pray that we get rainfall soon. Thank you for your broadcasts.
3/10/2023	Bardera Gedo	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.S.M in Bardera. We are facing drought and water shortage, we hope that we get the rainfall. Thank you.
2/10/2023	Bardera Gedo	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Bardera. There is delayed rainfall and heat in this area, but we are generally doing well. Thank you.
2/10/2023	South central	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name M.S. We have not got rainfall and we are facing high temperatures. We pray that we get the rainfall.