



Brief Summary

Calls this week (15-21 August 2024) to Radio Ergo's nationwide audience feedback platform included a range of topics and concerns, including the continuing uneven spread of rain in some areas with drought in others. Strong destructive winds in central areas were of concern to some callers, whilst farmers in Hirshabelle remained fearful of flooding seeing the rising water levels in the river Shabelle. As usual callers were keen to receive more weather forecast information. Livestock herders particularly in Galmudug were concerned about diseases killing their sheep and goats and wanted the authorities to intervene. The following summarises the calls by theme:

Drought and water shortage – among several callers from Somaliland, a female caller near Badhan appealed for help because of the drought and water shortage she said they were facing. A caller from Degehabur in Ethiopia's Somali Region, located to the southwest of Hargeisa, said pastoralists there had been losing their livestock to drought in recent years and they needed humanitarian aid. In Galmudug, callers in Goldogob, Guriel, and Adado said they were facing drought and water shortage and their livestock were affected. A caller in Torotorow, Lower Shabelle, said that this year they had been affected by drought that was impacting their farms and livestock.

Floods – several callers in Hirshabelle said they were worried about the risk of flooding from the river, especially as they had suffered from devastating floods before. A female caller in Beletweyne said their only concern was about flooding that could ruin their crops; another said they needed help in preventing repetitive flooding. A female caller in Buleburte said they were worried because the river was almost reaching the level of the bridge. A female caller in Jowhar said the aid operations should help them to deal with the constant threat of floods. A caller in Daifo, Middle Shabelle, said they were receiving good rainfall but were concerned to see the river level rising.

Rainfall – a large number of callers in the north particularly Togdher region said they had been receiving good rainfall. One of them said heavy rain had started around 19 August especially in northern and Hawd plateau areas and they now had access to water. Across Galgadud region, calls announcing rainfall came from people in Adado, Abudwak, Guriel, El-laheley, and Hero-lo'ad. In Middle Shabelle, callers in Balad, Jowhar, and Raga-elle said their farms and livestock were now doing well following rainfall.

Climate – several callers in Galgadud were being affected by strong stormy winds. A female caller in Adado said winds were causing sand drifts to destroy their houses and they needed help. A caller in El-dher said roofs had been blown off people's houses and they needed support.

Environment – Radio Ergo listeners continued to engage in discussion around environmental issues and climate change, in particular deforestation and its impact. A caller in Hiran recorded a strong message to the people cutting down trees, urging them to leave the community's trees alone as they were important for the environment and producing rain.

Livestock – a number of livestock owners particularly in central regions reported that cowpox diseases was affecting their herds. Several people called from Jarriiban in Mudug, asking for the livestock ministry to respond to their messages of concern about disease killing their sheep and goats.

Locusts – two callers in Togdher wanted help to control locusts. One of them in Nasiye said methods of smoking the locusts out or scaring them away had failed.

Agriculture – most callers to the radio’s farming programme this week came from farmers in Hirshabelle districts worried by crop pests and wanting advice or access to effective pesticides. A female farmer in Guriel wanted advice on how to stop squirrels from eating their seeds as they laid them on the farm.

Nutrition/Aid – a caller in Hiran said they had seen nutrition supplements being sold on the streets. He wanted his message shared with relevant aid organisations who could address the problem and ensure the aid reached the right people.

Date	Location	Gender	Theme	Remarks
15/08/2024	Guriel Galgadud	female	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is K.A.D in Guriel. We are farmers and every time we laid our seeds for planting, there are squirrels that take the seeds. We would like to know how we can stop them.
15/08/2024	Guriel Galgadud	female	Agriculture	Hello my name is K. in Guriel, Galgadud. There are pests eating our tomatoes, watermelons and sorghum plantations. We would like to know how we can deal with pests and squirrels.
17/08/2024	Beledweyne Hiran	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Beledweyne. We are farmers and we would like to know how to deal with 'Caseeye' disease affecting the crops. Thank you.
20/08/2024	Beledweyne Hiran	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.H.M. in Beledweyne. Our farm has been attacked by aphids causing our crops to become white. We have sprayed them but the pesticides are only active for three days after which the pests return.
21/08/2024	Daifo M.Shabelle	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.A in Daifo. Our crops have been invaded by white pests, we would like the agriculture expert to tell us how we can deal with these pests.
20/08/2024	Daifo M.Shabelle	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.A in Daifo, Middle Shabelle. We are farmers and we are concerned about pests that have attacked our crops. We need help in getting pesticides to spray the pests.
17/08/2024	Jowhar M.Shabelle	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.Y in Jowhar, Middle Shabelle. We are concerned about pests that are attacking our crops. I have sprayed them three times and they are still on the farm. I would like to get advice from the agriculture expert. Thank you.
15/08/2024	Jowhar M.Shabelle	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is D.M.A in Jowhar. We are famers and our sesame plantations have been attacked by caterpillars. We would like the expert to tell us how we can deal with caterpillars.
16/08/2024	Middle Shabelle	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.M in Middle Shabelle. Our farm crops have been attacked by larvae and we would like to get pesticides. Thank you.
15/08/2024	Gashaan	male	Agriculture	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.J.A in Gashaan. We are concerned about pests eating our crops. We need help in dealing with the pests.

17/08/2024	Bosaso Bari	male	Climate	Hello my name is F. in Bosaso. This year the temperatures has been very hot and many have moved out of the city. I follow your broadcast at 3:00 pm and we thank you.
19/08/2024	Adado Galgadud	female	Climate	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is U.A. in Adado. We are concerned about strong winds blowing the sand and destroying our houses. We are vulnerable people and we are appealing for help. Thank you.
18/08/2024	El-dher Galgadud	male	Climate	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.F.A in El-dher. We are concerned about strong winds that are taking off the roofs of the houses. We are appealing for intervention. Please share our message. Thank you.
21/08/2024	Galgadud	male	Climate/ Weather Forecasts	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is F.D. in Galgadud. There has been strong winds blowing in the area for the past three days. We pray that God protects us from the winds. We also need the weather forecast updates.
21/08/2024	Biyo-Ade M.Shabelle	male	Weather Forecasts	Hello my name is A.B in Biyo-Ade, Middle Shabelle. I follow the radio broadcasts but we have not got the weather forecast updates. We would like to know our situation.
19/08/2024	Guriel Galgadud	male	Environment	Hello my name is A. in Guriel. I would like to ask the enviroment expert to tell us how we can avert deforestation and why has the government not taken action against deforestation.
15/08/2024	Hiran	male	Environment	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. in Hiran region. I am recording a message to the people cutting down trees. I am urging them to stop cutting the trees as they are community property and it is important for the environment and rain. Leave the trees. Thank you.
21/08/2024	Garasbaley	male	Environment	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Garasbaley. There has been plastic waste discarded in the area. Our livestock are feeding on this waste and they are getting sick.
16/08/2024	Sanag	male	Floods	Hello my name is A.D in Sanag region. We have got the rainfall and we are doing well. The rain has hit our crops and caused floods but we are doing good. Thanks
16/08/2024	Beledweyne Hiran	female	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H. in Beledweyne. We are concerned about floods that destroy our vegetation. I would like to know what I can do to avert the flood water.
20/08/2024	Beledweyne Hiran	male	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is R. in Hiran region. We are doing well although there is fear of flooding in this area. Thank you.
21/08/2024	Beledweyne Hiran	female	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.R in Beledweyne. Our crops have been hit by floods. We don't have other issues apart from floods. Please pray for us.
17/08/2024	Beledweyne Hiran	male	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is D.H.H in Beledweyne, Hiran. We are doing well although there is fear that the Shabelle river might flood. Thank you.
21/08/2024	Buleburte Hiran	female	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is R.B in Buleburte. We are concerned about floods. The water level in the river is rising and it's almost surpassing the bridge.

18/08/2024	Jowhar M.Shabelle	female	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.H.M in Jowhar, M.Shabelle. We are concerned about recurring floods in this area. We need the aid intervention to help us deal with the floods menace.
18/08/2024	Daifo M.Shabelle	male	Floods	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.A in Daifo, Middle Shabelle. We have got rainfall and we are doing well. We are however worried about river floods as the level of water in the river is rising.
19/08/2024	Hargeisa Marodi-Jeh	male	Jobs	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.I in Hargeisa. There is unemployment and poverty that has hit the youth. We need the government to create jobs for the youth.
17/08/2024	Elayo Sanag	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.S.A I am calling from Elayo. There has been an unknown disease that is causing our camels to become thin and weak causing them to eventually die. Thank you.
19/08/2024	Somaliland	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A. We are concerned about mites attacking our livestock. We would like to know how we can control them.
19/08/2024	Galkayo Mudug	female	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N. in Galkayo. We would like to know symptoms of cowpox disease and how we can treat it. Thank you.
20/08/2024	Jarriban Mudug	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A.H in Alemo-Ase, Jarriban. There is disease that has affected our sheep, we need the ministry of livestock to reach us and help us treat the disease. Thank you.
20/08/2024	Jarriban Mudug	female	Livestock	Hello my name is A.A.H in Jarriban, Mudug. We are concerned about diseases affecting our goats. They have unknown disease and we are appealing for help. Please share our message with the ministry of livestock. Thank you.
18/08/2024	Jarriban Mudug	male	Livestock	Hello my name is A.A.H in Jarriban, Mudug. There is a disease that is killing our sheep and goats. We would like to get help in treating our livestock. Thank you.
21/08/2024	Adado Galgadud	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Adado. Our livestock are sick and they are dying of unknown disease. We are appealing for help. Thank you.
21/08/2024	Adado Galgadud	female	Livestock/ WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is D. in Adado. We are facing drought and our livestock have been hit by diseases. Thank you.
17/08/2024	Dhumodle Galgadud	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H in Dhumodle, Galgadud. We are worried about cowpox disease that is affecting our livestock. We would like to know how we can treat this disease. Thank you.
21/08/2024	Middle Shabelle	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.M. in M.Shabelle. Our livestock have been hit by cowpox disease, they have sores on their body and we would like to know how we can treat them.

16/08/2024	Baidoa Bay	female	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.F.A. Our goats are sick and they are dying. We need the aid organizations to reach us and help us treat our livestock.
17/08/2024	South Central	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, we are concerned about cowpox disease that is spreading among the livestock. We would like to know how we can treat it. Thank you.
17/08/2024	Gashaan	female	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H. in Gashaan. Our livestock are sick, they have got the cowpox disease and we would like the vet doctor to tell us how we can treat them.
15/08/2024	South Central	male	Livestock	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is I. Our goats are dying of the Botulism disease. We would like to know how we can treat them. Thank you.
19/08/2024	Nasiye Togdher	male	Locust	Hello my name is M.A.M in Nasiye, Togdher. We are doing well although there has been a rise of locusts that are destroying all the crops. We would like to get advice on how we can deal with these locusts because we have tried to burn the bushes and scare them away but they are not moving away.
20/08/2024	Togdher	male	Locust/ Wildlife	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Togdher. We are concerned about locusts and foxes that have been a menace. The locusts have destroyed the vegetation while the foxes are killing our goats. We would like to get advice on how we can deal with them.
19/08/2024	Talabur Togdher	female	Wildlife	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S.O.S in Talabur, Togdher. We are doing well and we have got rainfall. We are however concerned about foxes and hyenas. Thank you.
19/08/2024	Karkar Bari	male	Wildlife	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Karkar. We are concerned about hyenas attacking the people and livestock. We need the government to help us deal with the hyenas.
16/08/2024	Dhusamareb Galgadud	male	Wildlife	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M. in Dhusamareb. Our livestock have been getting attacked and killed by foxes.
19/08/2024	Beledweyne Hiran	male	Protection	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M.H in Beledweyne. We are doing well although there has been a rise in insecurity at night. We need the government to help avert the insecurity.
21/08/2024	Baidoa Bay	male	Protection	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.N.I in Baidoa. We are concerned about insecurity in the area and we would like the government to take action.
15/08/2024	Hiran	male	Nutrition	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Hiran region. We have been seeing nutrition supplements being sold on the streets. Please share this message with the aid organizations that work on nutrition. This a problem because it does not reach the right people. We need this issue to be addressed.
18/08/2024	Karan Banadir	male	Nutrition	Hello my name is A.H.M in Karan, Banadir. I would like to know the nutritional requirements for new mothers and babies.
19/08/2024	Awdal	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is S. in Awdal. We have got the rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.

17/08/2024	Adadley Marodi-Jeh	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is J.A.J in Adadley. We have got rainfall last night and we have started working on our farms. I am advising other people to also plant their crops.
17/08/2024	Awdanle Togdher	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is L.O.A in Awdanle, Togdher. We have got the rainfall and we are doing well. We thank God.
20/08/2024	Bali Togdher	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.S in Bali, Togdher. We have got rainfall that started last night and is continuing until now. We thank God.
20/08/2024	Balidhig Togdher	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.M.I in Bali-dhiig, Togdher. We are doing well and we have got the rainfall. We thank God. We hope that other people also get rainfall.
17/08/2024	Nasiye Togdher	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.B.A in Nasiye, Togdher. We have got rainfall and we are in bliss. We thank God.
17/08/2024	Talabur Togdher	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N.M.H in Talabur. We have got rainfall and we are doing well. We hope that all Somali regions also get rainfall.
15/08/2024	Togdher	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is R.O.A in Togdher. We have got the rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.
21/08/2024	Togdher	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Togdher. We are getting heavy rainfall especially in the northern and Hawd areas. The rainfall started two days ago and we have got water. We thank God.
18/08/2024	Bir-Hamar Sanag	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.A.H in Bir-hamar. We have got the rainfall and we are doing well. We hope that other regions also get the rain. Thank you.
19/08/2024	Somaliland	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.J in We have got some little rainfall and there are many people who have been migrating to this area following the rain. We thank God.
20/08/2024	Adado Galgadud	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Adado. We have got the rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.
16/08/2024	Adado Galgadud	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is N. in Adado. We have got the rainfall and we have got peace. Thank you.
17/08/2024	Abudwak Galgadud	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Abudwak. We have got the rainfall and our livestock are giving birth. We hope the people who have not got rainfall will also get it. Thank you.
19/08/2024	El-lahelay Galgadud	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from El-lahelay. We have got the rainfall and the fodder is growing. We thank God.
20/08/2024	Galgadud	female	Rain	Hello my name is A.I in Galgadud. We have got rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.
19/08/2024	Hero-lo'ad Galgadud	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.M in Hero-Lo'ad. We have got the rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.

18/08/2024	Guriel Galgadud	female	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name F. in Galgadud. We have got the rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.
15/08/2024	Guriel Galgadud	male	Rain	Hello my name is M. in Guriel. We have got the rainfall and we are doing well. Thank you.
15/08/2024	Guriel Galgadud	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.A. in Guriel. We have got rainfall although there is still heat in this area. Many districts around this area have got the rain.
17/08/2024	Balad M.Shabelle	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A. in Bal'ad. We have got rainfall and our livestock are doing well. We thank God.
20/08/2024	Balad M.Shabelle	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.I.A in Bal'ad. We are farmers and we are in bliss. We thank God for the rainfall. Thank you for your services.
20/08/2024	Jowhar M.Shabelle	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is H.M in Jowhar. We have got rainfall and we are doing well. We thank God.
17/08/2024	Raga-Elle M.Shabelle	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.G.A in Raga-Elle, Middle Shabelle. We have got rainfall and our farm is doing well. We thank God.
19/08/2024	Baidoa Bay	male	Rain	Hello I am calling from Baidoa, Bay. We have got rainfall and we are doing well. The livestock and farms are doing well and we thank God.
16/08/2024	Kismayo L.Juba	male	Rain/ Protection	Hello my name is A. in Kismayo. We have got rainfall and we are doing well. There are planes flying above us and we are concerned about our safety.
17/08/2024	South Central	male	Rain	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is Y. We have got the rainfall and our livestock are getting water and fodder. We thank God.
19/08/2024	Hayamuge Sanag	female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is U. in Hayamuge near Badhan. We are facing drought and water shortage. We are appealing for help. Please share our message. Thank you.
21/08/2024	Sanag	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.A in Sanag. There is drought in this area and we hope that we get rainfall. Thank you.
16/08/2024	Somaliland	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is Y. in Biyo-Hira. We are facing drought that has caused water shortage and livestock fodder shortage. We hope that we get rainfall. Thank you.
20/08/2024	Goldogob Mudug	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A.O in Goldogob. We are facing water shortage that has affected our livestock. We are appealing for help. Thank you.
18/08/2024	Adado Galgadud	female	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is U.A.M in Adado. We are facing drought and heat in this area while the winds continue to blow. We hope that we get rainfall. Thank you.
19/08/2024	Guriel Galgadud	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Guriel, my name is H.A.F We are facing drought that is affecting our livestock. We hope that we get rainfall.

21/08/2024	Middle Shabelle	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is M.A in Middle Shabelle. We are facing drought conditions and we hope that we get rainfall. Thankyou.
17/08/2024	Toratorow L.Shabelle	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, I am calling from Toratorow. This year we have been hit by drought that has affected our farms and livestock. Thank you.
18/08/2024	South Central	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is A.G. We are concerned about severe drought that has affected us. We are appealing for aid intervention.
15/08/2024	Dhagah-bur Somali Region	male	WASH	Hello Radio Ergo, my name is O.M.A in Dhagah-bur, Ethiopia. Pastoralists have been losing their livestock due to drought in recent years. We area appealing for humanitarian intervention.