**LOCUST SITUATION** : During the 2nd fortnight of January, 2020, Immature/maturing swarms/adult were observed in the Jaisalmer, Barmer, Bikaner, Jalore, Nagaur, Jodhpur, Sriganganagar of Rajasthan and Palanpur of Gujarat. Out of 264 nos. of survey spots, control operations were undertaken at 224 localities covering 28988 ha area.

Swarm movement : Small/medium immature/maturing swarms were observed
Breeding : No breeding was seen
Hoppers : No hoppers were seen during the period
Scattered / Isolated adult : Scattered immature adults were observed at some localities.
WEATHER AND ECOLOGY: Rainfall estimates II decade of January shows low to moderate rainfall near bordering areas of Jaisalmer, Bikaner and Suratgarh. Soil moisture observed wet in these areas. vegetation is drying in the SDA whereas green in the cropped areas of Suratgarh and near to the canal at Jaisalmer.

FAO Update (28 January): The current Desert Locust situation remains extremely alarming and represents an unprecedented threat to food security and livelihoods in the Horn of Africa. This will be further exacerbated by new breeding that has commenced, which will cause more locust infestations.

SWAC: Iran. Swarm breeding is thought to be underway along parts of the southern coast.

India/Pakistan. Control operations continue against residual summer-bred swarms along both sides of the border.

FORECAST (India): The control operation is underway against the invaded summer-bred residual population at Sriganganagar, Barmer, Jaisalmer and Jodhpur. Since the ecological conditions are not favourable, the infestation is expected to be reduced by coming days, if new incursion is not reported.