LOCUST SITUATION: During the 2nd fortnight of July 2020, immature, maturing and mature/breeding adult groups/swarms were observed at various districts of Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Haryana. I-V instar hoppers were also reported in various districts of Rajasthan and Gujarat. Out of 1200 nos. of spots, control operation were undertaken at 561 spots covering 58467 hectare area.

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WEATHER AND ECOLOGY: Rainfall estimates (11-20 July) shows widespread light to heavy rainfall in the SDA. Soil moisture found wet and vegetation green almost at all survey/control areas.

FAO Update (29 July): SWAC: Summer breeding is underway along both sides of the Indo-Pakistan border. In India, numerous adult groups and swarms are laying eggs over a wide area of Rajasthan between Jodhpur and Churu while hatching and band formation from earlier laying have occurred further south from Phalodi to Gujarat. In Pakistan, hopper groups and bands are present in the Nagarparkar area in Tharparkar of southeast Sindh. In Iran, locust numbers have declined.

FORECAST (India): Breeding is seen in various places of Scheduled Desert Areas. Therefore, it is expected to form more hopper group/bands in coming days where copulating/laying pairs were seen.