

Member of a women's co-operative, The Gambia

"After so much rain last year we heard on the radio that huge swarms of pink locusts could cross over from Senegal. Locusts like the rain - they can breed and hatch quickly in the desert. It's scary. In minutes, one swarm could clean out our vegetable gardens for the year. The women in our co-operative have given money to the government's campaign to attack the locusts by spraying them with chemicals. The village committee has advised us to harvest now what crops we can and store them before they start spraying".