

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Assignment title:	Internship
Supervisor:	Jesús Antón, PARM Senior Programme Manager
Duty station:	Rome, Italy
Period of assignment	Six months beginning in September 2016

A. Organizational context

The Platform for Agricultural Risk Management (PARM), a G8-G20 initiative hosted by IFAD, works in partnership with local governments and stakeholders, and other international organizations to strengthen Agricultural Risk Management (ARM) and make it an integral part of policy planning and implementation in selected developing countries. The platform was created in December 2013 and is currently working in nine African countries (www.ifad.org/parm), following a holistic approach and implementing activities on agricultural risk assessment, capacity building, stakeholders consultation and policy design. The PARM Secretariat is in charge of supporting policy processes conducive to incorporate agricultural risk management tools into the agricultural policy investment plans of the selected countries. For this purpose the PARM works in strategic partnership with the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) agency that supports the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) implementation.

The Platform is a unique initiative that combines evidence based analysis and stakeholders consultation processes to promote good practices in agricultural risk management and the implementation of ARM policies in the investment plans of developing countries. It is a multi-donor platform (European Commission EC, Agence française de développement AFD, the Italian Government and IFAD). It works in close cooperation with other International Organizations active in the ARM area such as the World Bank, the FAO, the WFP and NEPAD.

B. Purpose of the Assignment

Under the close supervision of the PARM Senior Programme Manager, the specific aims of the assignment are to:

- Support the PARM team in searching and organizing risk management information on developing countries;
- Support the PARM team in analysing agricultural risk information including through statistical tools;
- Support PARM in developing country profiles, briefs and other documents;
- Support in the organization of seminars or workshops;
- Learn on applied agricultural risk management analysis in developing countries and create human capital on this area;

C. Eligibility

Candidates must be 30 years of age or younger, and be enrolled in a university or graduate school, have attended courses in the last 12 months, and have completed at least two years' undergraduate studies when joining IFAD through the programme; or have recently completed their university studies at the undergraduate or postgraduate level. For more information on the IFAD internship programme visit the [IFAD website](#).

We are looking for a very motivated and dynamic person with knowledge and/or experience on agricultural risk management and on developing countries.

Terms of Reference – PARM Internship

Education:

Bachelor's Degree or recognized professional Qualification in agricultural economics or related topic

Language:

Fluency in English. Knowledge in French or other of the IFAD official languages (Arabic or Spanish) would be an advantage.

Skills:

- Knowledge or experience on agricultural risk management issues and analytical methods
- Statistical skills for risk analysis of time series and use of statistical software
- Skills in presenting complex information into simple graphs and tables
- Interest and motivation in learning and working in an International development environment
- Results-oriented team contributor

D. Duties and Responsibilities and output expectations

Under the close supervision of the PARM Senior Programme Manager and in close collaboration with other PARM staff, the Intern will perform the following tasks:

1. Searching, gathering, organizing and analyzing information on Agricultural Risk Management and risk management tools in African countries;
2. Contributing to the analysis of agricultural risks based on statistical analysis of time series and several sources of information, including reports from consultants and other statistical sources;
3. Contributing to the development of risk related indicators, tables and graphs that are comparable across different countries;
4. Contributing to the content and updating of PARM supporting documents such as risk assessment reports, country profiles, risk management mapping, policy briefs and other risk analysis for the PARM activities;
5. Support in the organization of seminars or workshops;
6. Undertaking other tasks for PARM, depending on the needs;
7. Having exposure to meetings, processes and discussions in the IFAD/PARM working environment

E. How to apply:

Applications from women and men and from nationals of under-represented member states are particularly encouraged. Applications for this assignment must be sent by sending [the IFAD Personal History Form](#) and a letter of motivation to parm@ifad.org.

Only candidates under consideration will be contacted.