



WHAT IS PARM?

The Platform for Agricultural Risk Management (PARM), an outcome of the G8 and G20 discussions on food security and agricultural growth, is a four year multi-donor partnership between developing countries and development partners to make agricultural risk management (ARM) an integral part of policy planning.

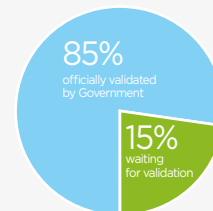
PARM partners with 8 sub-Saharan African countries in a process involving four phases: Setting-up, Risk Assessment, Tools Assessment, Follow-up, and Implementation support.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Demand for ARM support from partner countries satisfied
- Knowledge and capacities to manage risks increased
- Agricultural risks priorities and risk management tools identified
- ARM priorities and tools integrated into national policies and development programmes

QUICK FACTS (2013-2018)

Bring evidence to improve risk perception*



* Based on 7 countries

Identify major priority risks & tools in 8 countries in sub-Saharan Africa

Major risks identified*:

- Crop pests & diseases
- Climate & weather related risks
- Post-harvest losses
- Uncertain access to market
- Livestock diseases

Major tools identified*:

- finance & information
- information systems
- crop pests and disease management
- warehouse receipt systems
- contract farming
- remittances
- strengthening farmers' cooperatives for access to market

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Create knowledge on ARM

- 15 Risk and tools assessment studies
- 27 Policy briefs and factsheets

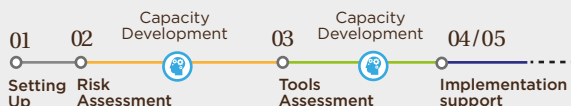
Increase awareness and develop capacity on ARM

- 700 National stakeholders engaged in PARM process
- 425 National stakeholders trained
- 270 International practitioners reached through webinars

Promote partnerships for ARM

- 270 International partners engaged through knowledge events
- 16 Consultations with strategic partners to move forward the ARM agenda
- ARM recognized as global leading initiative on ARM and priority in the G7 Agenda

WHERE ARE WE? PARM PROCESS



Implementation support
Uganda



Implementation support
Senegal



Implementation support
Cameroon



Tools Assessment
Niger



Tools Assessment
Cabo Verde



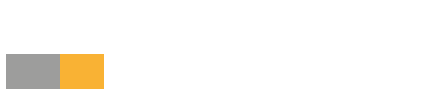
Tools Assessment
Ethiopia



Risk Assessment
Liberia



Risk Assessment
Zambia



OUR PARTNERS

PARM is governed by a Steering Committee, an Advisory Committee and its Secretariat hosted in IFAD.

STEERING COMMITTEE



ADVISORY COMMITTEE





PRIORITIZING RISKS

Smallholder farmers face many risks every day. Governments and all stakeholders need to have an evidence based profile of the agricultural risks and their importance in terms of severity and frequency. A good assessment of risks empowers farmers, governments and their partners in making the best decisions to minimize the negative impacts of risks and take advantage of investment opportunities.

Uganda
Final Report
October 2015



Crop pests & diseases



Post-harvest losses & price fluctuations

Niger
Final Report
October 2016



Dryness



Uncertain access to market

Ethiopia
Final Report
December 2016



Worsening droughts (& floods)



Pests & diseases (Plant & animal health)

PARM produces rigorous risk assessments in its partner countries, taking into account a wide variety of risks and relying on various sources, to obtain a clear picture of the risks affecting either the country as a whole, or specific regions. The prioritized risks can then be addressed using appropriate tools and strategies.

Senegal
Final Report
August 2016



Erratic Rainfall (World Bank Report)



Animal Diseases



Illicit fisheries

Cameroon
Final Report
June 2017



Crop pests & diseases



Post-harvest losses & price variability

Liberia
Final Report
End 2017



Post-harvest losses



Crop pests & diseases



Erratic Rainfall

Cabo Verde
Final Report
End 2017



Drought



Crop pests



Torrential rainfall



FINDING THE RIGHT TOOLS

Once the risks are identified, tools and management strategies must be aligned with these needs, and the ARM responsibilities for each stakeholder clearly defined.

To achieve this, PARM works in partnership with countries in identifying the right set of tools to address the most pressing risks.

Uganda
2016

- Monitoring of Plant diseases
- Finance and information for risk management (FIRM)
- ARM capacity development with Makerere University and Extension Services

Senegal
2017

- Improving access to information
- Remittances as ARM tool
- ARM capacity development integrated in the national extension service strategy

PARM also analyzes specific tools and their applicability, and has published two studies on Information Systems and Warehouse Receipts Systems.

Information Systems
Assessment in 7 Africa Countries
January 2017



Warehouse Receipt Systems
September 2014

Cameroon
2017

- Modernised information system connected to the warrantage network

Ethiopia
2017-2018

- Integrating a holistic approach to ARM in extension services

Niger
2017-2018

- Tackling market risks: contract farming and WRS
- Access to information systems

Cabo Verde
2017-2018

- Strengthening farmers' organizations and cooperatives for access to market



DEVELOPING CAPACITIES

Adequate capacity is crucial in integrating risk management into national and global policies.

PARM works in partnership with local universities and research centres, as well as with global actors, to strengthen awareness and understanding of the holistic approach to agricultural risk management at three levels:

CD1

General ARM training

CD2

Institutionalization of high level ARM knowledge

CD3

Specific ARM tool training

Country Activities

CD1 Seminars

Uganda, July 2015, December 2015
Niger, December 2015
Senegal, March 2016
Cameroon, June 2016
Cabo Verde, July 2016
Liberia, April 2017

CD2 Trainings

Uganda, Makerere University, Mar 2017
Senegal, UCAD, Oct 2017

CD3 Seminars

Senegal, Remittances, Oct 2017
Senegal, Access to information, Oct 2017

Regional and Global Activities

Workshop on E-learning course on Agriculture Risk Assessment and Management, IFAD/FAO/NEPAD, June 2015

COMING UP

- ARM Learning Material: CD1, CD2 Mar 2018
- Ethiopia CD Country Strategy, Q2 2018
- CD Seminar (CD1), Zambia, 2018
- CD2 Regional Event, Aghrymet, Niger 2018
- ARM Interactive training, 2018
- E-learning course on ARM, PARM/FAO, 2018

COMING UP

HIGH-LEVEL POLICY DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP
Cabo Verde Mar 2018; Niger Mar 2018



ENGAGING WITH POLICIES



The overall objective of PARM is to mainstream the holistic approach to Agricultural Risk Management at the national, regional and global levels.

Uganda

Agricultural Sector Development Plan (ASDP) 2016-2020
June 2015

Niger

Plan d'action pour la gestion des risques agricoles au Niger (PAGRA)
June 2014

Ethiopia

National Extension Services Strategy
May 2017

CAADP/NEPAD Partnership

- Work with the CAADP focal points in each country
- Participation in CAADP Partnership Platform
April 2015, April 2016, May 2017
- Channelling investments from bilateral agencies on ARM
BMZ/KfW supporting PARM through NEPAD, 2016

