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Platform
for Agricultural
Risk Management



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Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to share with you, updates on PARM country processes and knowledge generation activities for the last quarter. We appreciate your genuine efforts in staying in touch with us and learning about agricultural risk management (ARM). We look forward to your continued cooperation as we move ahead in generating more evidenced-based knowledge and improving capacities for integrating ARM into livelihoods and food security policies.

Many thanks for checking on our knowledge updates. Stay in touch as always.

Happy holidays!

Best,
The PARM Team

PARM Progress Highlights

Platform for Agricultural Risk Management
Managing risks to improve farmers' livelihoods

Where are We?
Our Results
January 2018



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 9 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

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

Major risks identified:

- Crop pests and diseases
- Climate and weather related risks
- Post-harvest losses
- Uncertain access to market
- Feedback mechanisms

Major tools identified:

- Regulation
- Information systems
- Cooperatives and management
- Weather-based crop insurance
- Contract farming
- Strengthening cooperatives
- Cooperatives fair

Create knowledge on ARM

- 15 risk and tools assessment studies
- 27 policy briefs and factbooks

Increase awareness and develop capacity on ARM

- 700 national stakeholders engaged in field 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 meet towards the 2018 agenda
- ARM recognized as global leading research in ARM and priority in the G7 Agenda

WHERE ARE WE? PARM PROCESS

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

OUR PARTNERS



PARM Results Factsheet - June 2018

PARM is expected to satisfy the demand for ARM in partner countries, increase knowledge and capacities to manage risks and ensure the integration of ARM into national policies and development programmes. Since its establishment, the Platform has officially validated 85% of RAS, identified priority risks and management tools in all the partner countries. This two-page fact sheet presents a summary of PARM achievements and key results for the second quarter of 2018. [Read more.....](#)

What you missed...

Niger: Regional Capacity Development Training (CD2)



The PARM regional training activity on Agricultural Risk Management (ARM) in the Sahel brought together over 25 participants from seven different countries[Read more](#)

Cabo Verde: High-Level Dissemination ARM Workshop & CD3 Training



The main objective was to discuss and present the results of the feasibility study on the strengthening of the cooperative system to better connect them to the private and public markets with the ... [Read more](#)

Ethiopia: Capacity Development Training (CD2)



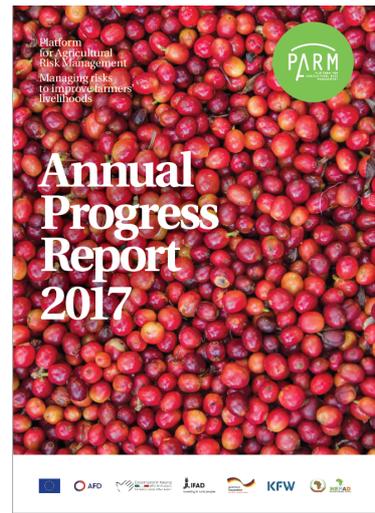
The Agricultural Risk Management Training Course (CD2), held from May 28th to June 2nd in Ethiopia, was organized by PARM in partnership with Hawassa University. The CD2 is a training of trainers (ToT), which reunited about 30 participants ...[Read more](#)

Zambia: Capacity Development Seminar (CD1)



In Partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture of Zambia and E-SAPP/IFAD project, PARM organized a CD1 on ARM held on 27th-28th June 2018 in Chilanga to raise awareness on ARM. ...[Read more](#)

Latest Publications



This paper explores the links between PARM and the SDGs. It reveals that PARM contributes to several SDGs, in particular, the SDGs 1, 2, and 13, relating to poverty, hunger and climate change.

Moreover, the structure and operating model of PARM are in line with the coordinated actions for sustainable development. [Read more](#)

Cameroon has been actively engaged in the PARM process since 2015. This report brings together the main results from each of the phase in the joint process. The report also contains a convincing proposal for investment into modernized information system connected to the warrantage network in Cameroon. [Read more](#)

PARM continues to serve as the main global reference point on methodology, policy process and delivery of solutions for ARM. The year 2017 has been fulfilling as PARM received recognition in several strategic documents of the G20, G7 and the United Nations SDGs Partnership Exchange. [Read more](#)

PARM & Partners in News

World Bank releases Agricultural Sector Risk Assessment for Zambia



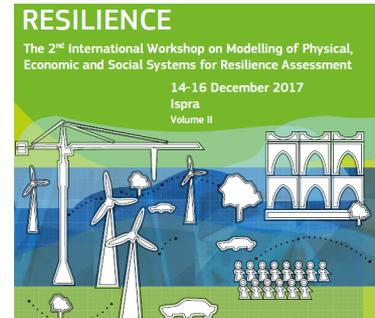
According to the World Bank, Zambia's agricultural sector contribution to GDP dropped from 8.2% between the years of 2011 and 2015 to 5.3% in 2015. This decline is attributable to the diverse risks affecting crops and livestock production and marketing activities at various levels....[Read more](#)

IFAD, PARM and FAO sign agreement to develop an e-learning curriculum on ARM



The course is part of the broader joint effort and consultations led by PARM/IFAD, FAO, and NEPAD on occasion of the workshop hosted in IFAD HQ in Rome in July 2015, where international agencies, experts and practitioners met to develop a curriculum outline...[Read more](#)

Building and sharing the resilience case for ARM: PARM at EC/JRC Resilience Workshop



The workshop, which took place in Ispra, Italy, aimed at building on the experiences gained from previous events on the high-level strategic needs and on the current scientific advances on modelling physical, economic and social systems....[Read more](#)

Coming up.....

High-level Policy Dissemination Workshop & Capacity Development Training (CD3) in Niger

A High-Level Dissemination workshop jointly organized by PARM, the HC3N and NEPAD is planned in Niamey in October 2018 (TBC). The main objective of the workshop is to share the results of the Feasibility Studies on access to information and warehouse & contract farming. The workshop will be an opportunity to discuss the potential interests of the development ...[Read more](#)

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