## Platform for Agricultural Risk Management

**Managing risks to improve farmers’ livelihoods**

January 2017

### 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.

### 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

### WHERE ARE WE?  
**PARM PROCESS PHASES**

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### IN BRIEF

**Creating Knowledge**
- 23 risk analysis: including risk assessments, feasibility studies and policy briefs

**Engaging Stakeholders**
- 27 workshops, policy dialogues, capacity development seminars

**Mainstreaming into Policy**
- 25% partner countries having integrated ARM into their national investment plans

### COMING UP

- **Flagship event on “ARM Best Practices”**  
  Oct-Nov 2017

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

**Donor Partners**
- African Development Bank
- African Risk Capacity
- African Union
- CTA
- IFPRI
- .....

**Advisory Partners**
- NEPAD
- WB Group
- WFP

**Strategic Partner**
- KfW

**Partnerships**
- PARM also closely cooperates with:
  - African Development Bank
  - African Risk Capacity
  - African Union
  - CTA
  - IFFRI
  - .....
  - and other partners
PRIORITYING 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.

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.

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
October 2016
Worsening droughts (and floods) due to climate change & El Niño events
Pests & diseases (Plant & animal health)

Senegal
Final Report
August 2016
Erratic Rainfall (World Bank Report)
Animal Diseases
Illicit fisheries

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

Uganda
• Monitoring of Plant diseases
• Public Private Partnerships on Information systems
• ARM capacity development with Makerere University and Extension Services

Ethiopia
• Improving policy design for ARM: social protection (NSPP) and insurance
• Integrating a holistic approach to ARM in extension services

Senegal
• Access to information
• Remittances as ARM tool
• ARM capacity development with the University of Gaston Berger

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.

National stakeholders training
Uganda, July 2015
Niger, December 2015
Senegal, March 2016
Cameroon, June 2016
Cabo Verde, July 2016

Training of farmers’ organizations
Uganda, December 2015

Global
Consultative Workshop on e-learning course on Agriculture Risk Assessment and Management with IFAD-/FAO/NEPAD
June 2015

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

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

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

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