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

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- 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 |

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**IN BRIEF**

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

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

- **Mainstreaming into Policy**
  - 30% partner countries having integrated ARM into their national plans

**COMING UP**

- **KM EVENTS**
  - KM Flagship Event on "ARM: practices and lessons learned for development" October 2017

- **GOVERNANCE**
  - 11th Steering Committee 20th June 2017
  - 4th Advisory Committee October 2017

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

**Prioritizing Risks**

- Crop pests & diseases
- Post-harvest losses & price fluctuations
- Dryness
- Uncertain access to market

**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.

**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.

**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
- National Agricultural Policy

**Niger**

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

**Ethiopia**

- National Agricultural Policy

**Senegal**

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

**Cameroon**

- National Agricultural Policy

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