The Platform for Agricultural Risk Management (PARM), an outcome of the 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, and Implementation support.

**WHERE ARE WE?**

**PARM PROCESS**

1. Setting-up
2. Risk Assessment
3. Tools Assessment
4. Capacity Development
5. 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

**OUR PARTNERS**

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

**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.

**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:

1. **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

2. **Regional and Global Activities**
   - Workshop on E-learning course on Agriculture Risk Assessment and Management, IFAD/FAO/NEPAD, June 2015

3. **Specific ARM Tool Training**

**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

**COMING UP**

- **High-Level Policy Dissemination Workshop**
  - Cabo Verde Mar 2018; Niger Mar 2018

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**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
  - September 2014

- Post-harvest losses

- Crop pests & diseases

- Erratic Rainfall

**Ethiopia**

- Final Report
  - September 2014

- Modernised information system connected to the warrantage network

**Cabo Verde**

- Final Report
  - End 2017

- Drought

- Crop pests

- Torrential rainfall

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- Dryness

- Uncertain access to market

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- 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.

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