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

Our Results
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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.

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PARM PROCESS PHASES

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COMING UP

- Flagship event on “ARM Best Practices”

- Stand-by

PARM also closely cooperates with:
- African Development Bank
- African Risk Capacity
- African Union
- CTA
- IFPRI
- and other partners

WEBINARS
“Agroclimatic Risks in Cameroonian Agriculture”, World Bank - 3rd Quarter 2017

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

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.

**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.

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**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