WHERE ARE WE?

Our Results
Managing risks to improve farmers’ livelihoods
May 2016

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

IN BRIEF

CREATING KNOWLEDGE
19 risk analysis: including risk assessments, feasibility studies and policy briefs

ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS
22 workshops, policy dialogues, capacity development seminars

MAINSTREAMING INTO POLICY
25% partner countries having integrated ARM into their national investment plans

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

DONOR PARTNERS

STRATEGIC PARTNER

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

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WEBINARS

"Learning about ARM Tools" Webinar hosted by FARM-D
1st June 2016

GOVERNANCE

8th Steering Committee
30th June 2016
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.

Uganda
Final Report
October 2015
- Crop pests & diseases
- Post-harvest losses & price fluctuations

Niger
Final Report
Dryness
Worsening droughts (& floods) due to climate change & El Niño events
Pests & diseases (Plant & animal health)

Ethiopia
Final Report
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.

Uganda
- Extension models for better management of plant pests and diseases
- Public Private Partnership on information systems

Ethiopia
- Improving knowledge on insurance to design appropriate product
- Integrating a holistic approach to ARM in extension services

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

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
Training material on ARM tools April 2016

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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RISK ASSESSMENT STUDIES
Kick-off in Senegal and Cabo Verde April 2016

RISK ASSESSMENT VALIDATION WORKSHOPS
Senegal and Cabo Verde June 2016

INFORMATION SYSTEMS SEMINARS
Ethiopia, Uganda, Cameroon
May, June 2016

POLICY BRIEFS
on Warehouse Receipts Systems
September 2016

NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS TRAINING
Cameroon June 2016
Cabo Verde June 2016

CD STRATEGY FOR ARM
Senegal June 2016
Cameroon July 2016

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