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.

**WHAT IS PARM?**

**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**

**WHEN TO COME**

- **Uganda**: Tools Assessment - June 2015, Validation Workshop - June 2015
- **Ethiopia**: Tools Assessment - December 2015, Validation Workshop - December 2015
- **Niger**: Tools Assessment - December 2015, Validation Workshop - June 2016
- **Senegal**: Tools Assessment - July 2016, Validation Workshop - COMING UP
- **Cabo Verde**: Setting-up - July 2016, Validation Workshop - Validation Workshop - November 2016
- **Cameroon**: Risk Assessment - COMING UP
- **Liberia**: Setting-up - COMING UP
- **Zambia**: Setting-up - COMING UP
- **Mozambique**: Setting-up - COMING UP

**IN BRIEF**

**CREATING KNOWLEDGE**

- 21 risk analysis: including risk assessments, feasibility studies and policy briefs

**ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS**

- 25 workshops, policy dialogues, capacity development seminars

**MAINSTREAMING INTO POLICY**

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

**WHAT IS PARM?**

Managing risks to improve farmers’ livelihoods

**September 2016**
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.

**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 (PSNP) and insurance
- Integrating a holistic approach to ARM in extension services

**Senegal**
- Erratic rainfall (World Bank Report)
- Animal diseases
- Illicit fisheries

**RISK ASSESSMENT STUDIES**

Uganda, Niger, Ethiopia, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Liberia and Zambia

End 2016

**COMING UP**

Tools Validation Workshop
Uganda, November 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