How to keep the global promise? Agricultural Risk Management (ARM) can connect the dots

Context
Agricultural risks will continue to be the main bottleneck for rural investment, poverty and vulnerability. A holistic management of risks and empowering farmers and Governments to manage them represents an innovative opportunity to achieve the ambitious global promise and SDGs by 2030 and transforming the risks into opportunities.

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 global partnership between developing nations and development partners to make risk management an integral part of policy planning and implementation in the agricultural sector.

Objectives
PARM has the global mandate to contribute to sustainable agricultural growth, boost rural investment, reduce food insecurity, and improve resilience to climate and market shocks of poor rural households through a better management of risks.

PARM results (2014-2017)

Bring evidence to improve risk perception
75% of risk assessment studies officially validated by Government
25% waiting for validation

Identify major priority risks in 8 countries in sub-Saharan Africa
71% Dust and diseases
71% Climate and weather related risks
42% Food harvest losses
28% Uncertain access to market
14% Livestock diseases

Assessment and identification of agricultural risk management tools
Information systems
Crop pests and disease management
Warehouse receipt systems
Contract farming
Remittances
Strengthening of farmers organization and cooperatives for access to market

Create knowledge on ARM
18 risk and tools assessment studies
18 Policy briefs and factsheets

Increase awareness and develop capacity on ARM
790 National stakeholders engaged in PARM
470 National stakeholders trained
290 International practitioners reached through webinars

Promote partnerships for agricultural risk management
146 International partners engaged through knowledge events
17 Consultations with strategic partners to move forward the ARM agenda
ARM recognized as global leading initiative on ARM a nd priority in the G7 Agenda

Tools Assessment

Risk Assessment

Implementation support

A partnership for agricultural risk management

PARM has developed a methodology to assess, prioritize and manage agricultural risks through a holistic approach in order to ensure their integration into the national investment plan and strategies following a participatory process involving decision makers and multi-layer stakeholders.

ARM holistic approach
PARM plays the role of global knowledge broker and country policy engagement facilitator on ARM through global, regional and local partnership with governments, development agencies, universities, private stakeholders and farmers’ organization. The Platform is also governed by a Steering Committee (SC), an Advisory Committee (AC) and the Secretariat. These bodies ensure that PARM activities respond to its founding objectives.
The future of PARM

PARM 2.0 (2019-2023)

Global and regional level
- Improve generation, access and sharing of knowledge on holistic ARM
- Build capacities and future experts on ARM
- Raise awareness and advocate for ARM in the global fora (G7/G2, SDGs, Agenda 2030)
- Promote partnership and south-south cooperation on ARM
- Facilitating policy engagement and ARM mainstreaming in regional and global initiatives

National level
- Respond to demand for ARM support from partner countries
- Provide support in the assessment and identification of agricultural risks and tools
- Build local capacities and expertise
- Mainstream ARM in agricultural development investment plans

Local level
- Design holistic ARM investment projects/programmes
- Design risks specific interventions
- Design and apply new ARM tools
- Respond to ad-hoc demand for ARM risk specific support
- Raise awareness and advocate for ARM in the global fora (G7/G2, SDGs, Agenda 2030)
- Mainstream ARM in agricultural development investment plans
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Quick facts

Programme timeline
- Launch of PARM 2.0: 2019
- Completion of PARM activities in 9 countries: 2023

Programme budget
- 10 USD MILLIONS
- PARM 2.0 Budget Proposal 2019-2023 based on 9 countries

PARM Secretariat
- Hosted in IFAD, will be composed by:
  - Senior Programme Manager
  - Senior Technical Adviser
  - Knowledge Management Officer
  - Technical Specialist
  - Financial Management and Procurement Assistant
  - Senior national liaisons officers at country level

Geographical scope
- In response to the new global needs, the geographical scope will be expanded. PARM will also continue to have a focus on the African continent both strengthening the activities in some already supported countries or starting in new ones.

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