**WHAT IS PARM?**

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.

**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**

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- **Uganda**: Validation Workshop Jul 2016, Policy Workshop Jan 2018
- **Senegal**: Validation Workshop Dec 2015, Policy Workshop Jan 2017
- **Cameroon**: Validation Workshop Dec 2016, Policy Workshop Jan 2017
- **Cabo Verde**: Validation Workshop Jul 2016, Policy Workshop Jan 2017
- **Niger**: Validation Workshop Oct 2016, Policy Workshop Jan 2017
- **Ethiopia**: Validation Workshop Dec 2016, Policy Workshop Jan 2017
- **Zambia**: Validation Workshop Dec 2015, Policy Workshop Jan 2017
- **Liberia**: Risk Assessment started from June 2016

**OUR PARTNERS**

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

**QUICK FACTS (2013-2018)**

- **Bring evidence to improve risk perception**: 100% risk assessments carried out by PARM and officially presented to Governments. 85% officially validated by Government. 15% waiting for official validation.
- **Identify major priority risks & tools in 8 countries in sub-Saharan Africa**
  - **Major risks identified**: Crop pests & diseases, Climate & weather related risks, Post-harvest losses & price volatility, Uncertain access to market, Livestock diseases
  - **Major tools identified**: finance & information, information/early warning systems, crop pests and disease management, warehouse receipt systems, contract farming, remittances, strengthening farmers’ cooperatives for access to market
- **Create knowledge on ARM**
  - 19 Risk and tools assessment studies
  - 33 Policy briefs and factsheets
- **Increase awareness and develop capacity on ARM**
  - 820 National stakeholders engaged in PARM process
  - 595 National stakeholders trained
  - 270 International practitioners reached through webinars
- **Promote partnerships for ARM**
  - 270 International partners engaged through knowledge events
  - 21 Consultations with strategic partners to move forward the ARM agenda
- **ARM recognized as global leading initiative on ARM and priority in the G7 and G20 Ag Ministries Declarations.**
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.

FINDING RISKS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Making the best decisions to minimize the negative impacts empowers farmers, governments and their partners.

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:

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 in partnership with CAADP/NEPAD.