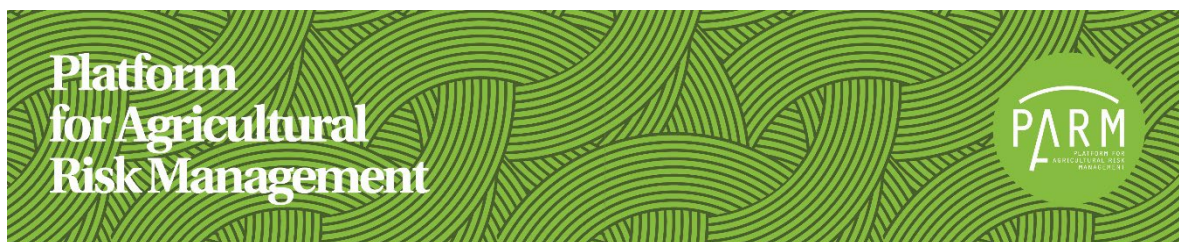


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We are pleased to share with you our latest news and results achieved in the last 3 months to promote Agricultural Risk Management (ARM) for sustainable agricultural growth, food security and improved livelihoods of smallholder farmers.

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OUR RESULTS

In Burundi, PARM supports the design of the "Agricultural Risk Management for Inclusive Development & Resilience" project for rice, maize & rabbit value chains



On 6 September, PARM and the Burundi's Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock completed the **signing of an Aide-mémoire** that outlines the project key components. The **Agricultural Risk Management for Inclusive Development and**

Resilience (GRADIR in French) project under development with the support of PARM, will contribute to the resilience of the rice, maize and rabbit value chains over 15 years. The project will be structured around 4 components: (i) Capacity building in the management of climatic, health and economic risks; (ii) Development of priority commodity chains; (iii) Improvement of infrastructure; and (iv) Strengthening of the project coordination, facilitation and anticipation. This is the result of the fruitful discussions that PARM has held with government bodies, donors and other partners active in the agricultural and rural development sector in Burundi. GRADIR is aligned with the country's vision "Burundi emerging country in 2040 and developed country in 2060" and is being developed jointly by PARM, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA-CGIAR), the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), CAB International (CABI) and AUXFIN, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock (MINEAGRIE).

Ghana: A new investment project in the making for poultry, soybean and tomato value chains



From 12 to 23 August, PARM conducted a design mission to support the Government of Ghana in developing an **investment project focusing on the poultry, soybean and tomato value chains** under the Planting for Food and Jobs Phase 2 (PFJ 2.0) programme. The overall objective of the project is "Improved, inclusive and risk-managed poultry, soybean and tomato value chains for resilient and sustainable food and nutrition security". This objective reflects PARM's holistic and integrated approach to ARM which simultaneously addresses all key ARM challenges including production and productivity, capacity development of farmer-based organizations and other complementary interventions. The key components of the project include: (i)

Strengthening the risk management capacity of key actors through improved services and inputs to increase productivity; (ii) Strengthening farmer based organisations through improved inclusive governance and partnership processes geared towards risk sharing and reduction; and (iii) ARM coordination, policy engagement and advocacy. The project, to be developed under the leadership of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA), will involve partnerships with IITA-CGIAR, the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the Crops Research Institute and the Animal Research Institute.

Tunisia: Elaboration of an operational tool for implementing national strategies in the agricultural sector



In July, PARM, in collaboration with the Directorate-General for Investment Financing and Professional Organisations (DGFIOP), has held technical consultations with several public and private stakeholders, including technical and financial partners. From these consultations, a consensus was reached to develop the “**Resilient, Sustainable and Inclusive Agriculture for Investment in Tunisia**” (ARDII-Tounes in French) project focused on **olive and wheat value chains**. ARDII-Tounes will be formulated in close collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Maritime Fisheries (MARHP), and in consortium with the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and the Center for International Cooperation in Agricultural Research for Development (CIRAD in French). Once developed, the project will be implemented over a 15-year period to support the Tunisian government's efforts to implement national strategies aimed at strengthening the resilience of the agricultural sector, in particular the Water 2050 strategy. [Read more...](#) [in French]

FROM THE FIELD

Progress in the pilot project to institutionalize Agricultural Risk Management in Burkina Faso and Madagascar



Workshop held by the women-led farmers organisation "Tin Buaba" (Burkina Faso)



Workshop held by the University of Nazi Boni (Burkina Faso)



Workshops held by the Rural Training Center CAFPA of Antsirabe (Madagascar)



With the aim of guaranteeing a sustainable impact of capacity development and an effective transfer of capacities in Agricultural Risk Management, PARM is progressing with its **institutionalisation** pilot project in Burkina Faso and Madagascar. Some of the participating organisations have already completed the creation of ARM curricula last summer and integrated them in their training.

The **women-led farmers organisation "Tin Buaba"** in Burkina Faso has developed training materials on ARM dedicated to rural women. The training module has been discussed on 25-26 June during a workshop held in Fada N'Gourma, Gourma province in the Eastern region. Bringing together around 30 participants, including the regional directorate of agriculture, animal and fisheries resources, the Rural Promotion Center PK60, and numerous representatives of NGOs, projects and programmes working for rural development in the country's eastern region, the workshop allowed to draw up a diagnosis of the agricultural risks affecting the agro-pastoral sector, in particular those impacting rural women in the region.

The **Burkinabe University of Nazi Boni** has developed a training syllabus on ARM for Master students; a concrete example of the integration of ARM into the curricula of the country's universities. Nazi Boni University involved 15 experts for the elaboration of this training syllabus among which the Vice-President of the university, the Director of the Rural Development Institute (IDR) and his deputy, and representatives from the Ministry of agriculture, animal resources and fisheries, as well as representatives from executive training schools in the key areas of agriculture, livestock, and water and forestry.

In Madagascar, the **Rural Training Center CAFPA of Antsirabe**, Vakinankaratra region, has integrated ARM into its training by developing new training modules, taking a

big step towards de-risking investments in agriculture. The new training materials received contributions from representatives of relevant districts and municipalities, the regional department of agriculture and livestock, the Vakinankaratra region, vocational training centers, farmers organizations, the Chamber of agriculture and microfinance institutions that took part in the workshop held by CAFPA from 17 to 20 September.

WEBINAR REPLAY



10 JULY 2024 | 14:30 CET



Strong from their longtime strategical partnership supporting African member states towards adopting a holistic approach to agricultural risk management, PARM (hosted by IFAD) and the **African Union Development Agency of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD)**, co-organized a webinar **exploring ways to accelerate investments for sustainable food systems through inclusive and holistic Agricultural Risk Management in Africa.**

Leading experts shared some of their practical experiences and lessons learned in building resilience in the agricultural sector and de-risking investments in food systems. They also explored joint opportunities to coordinate actions between relevant stakeholders and scale up existing initiatives across the African continent.

[Watch the webinar replay](#)

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