

Platform for Agricultural Risk Management

Capacity Development Strategy

Summary Factsheet

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What is capacity development on agricultural risk management?

Agriculture is a risky business. Extreme weather conditions and climate change are likely to affect negatively the performance of crop production and livestock activities. High food prices and global markets uncertainties pose a major threat to food security, especially for the poor.

Global, regional and national interests call for opportunities to develop new tools to manage risk in agriculture, including enhancing skills and knowledge sharing among different stakeholders. Bottlenecks in the area of agricultural risk management in fact still exist in terms of lacking capacity, insufficient knowledge, and low take-up of existing innovation.

As part of the overall initiative, PARM supports capacity development (CD) activities oriented towards the understanding of the structure of agricultural risk management (ARM) cycle, considering the diversity of risk sources and risk management options, from agricultural practices to improved seeds, irrigation or financial tools.

CD activities on ARM aim to drive a sustainable institutional and behavioural change beyond conventional training approach. CD on ARM works towards empowering and strengthening endogenous capabilities of all the stakeholders involved in different way, from transfer of knowledge and expertise to strengthen national and local system to manage similar tasks for the future, to develop capacity to plan strategies and mainstream solutions in the national policy agenda.

Each country will have an ARM CD strategy to ensure the self-sustainability of the PARM process in the future.



Three levels of PARM CD strategy

Following the PARM Capacity Development Strategy, the CD activities are articulated in three levels

| CD1 | CD2 | CD3 |
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| General ARM training Vision The general ARM training is a 2-day seminar aiming at raising awareness and providing basic knowledge on ARM | Institutionalization of high level ARM knowledge Vision The institutionalization of high level ARM knowledge aims at creating a pool of local ARM experts through an advanced training to timely advice and train farmers across the country on managing agricultural risks. The advanced ARM training is a one-week course that is planned to be incorporated into existing academic curricula | Specific ARM tool training Vision The specific ARM tools training is a flexible way to transfer knowledge on specific tools and/or related investment plans on specific risks targeted by each country. Two are the CD3 strategies: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>to inform and facilitate investors</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>to train on how to use the tools</p> </div> </div> |
| Target group Farmers, Government Officers | Target group Extension workers, university students, public officers with higher educational background, private sector | Target group Technical people of the Government, policy makers, donors, extension workers, private sector, service providers, financial institutions |
| Approach Interactive training sessions to exchange and share knowledge and practices | Approach Lecture-based, creation of ARM training material to be disseminated | Approach Adapted to the need of the ARM tool |
| Trainers ARM specialists, extension workers, trained public officers | Trainers University professors, researchers | Trainers Experts in the field of the selected ARM tool |
| Dimension Global ++ Local ++ | Dimension Global ++ Local ++ | Dimension Global + Local +++ |
| Partnerships NEPAD, AGRHYMET, Makerere University | Partnerships FAO (ARM e-learning course with input from WB and other int'l institutions), Makerere University, AGRHYMET | Partnerships CABI, FIRM |

| CD Plan 2017 AT A GLANCE | CD1 | CD2 | CD3 |
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| ● completed ● finalization phase ● in progress ● to be planned ○ possible involvement | | | |
| UGANDA | ● ● | ● | |
| ETHIOPIA | ● | ● | ● |
| SENEGAL | ● | ● | ● Remittances; Access to information |
| CAMEROON | ● | | ● |
| NIGER | ● | ○ | ● Access to information, Contract Farming |
| CABO VERDE | ● | | ● |
| LIBERIA | ● | | ● |
| ZAMBIA | ● | | ● |