PARM
PLATFORM FOR AGRICULTURAL RISK MANAGEMENT

WHERE ARE WE?

Our Results

Managing risks to improve farmers' livelihoods

September 2017

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 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.

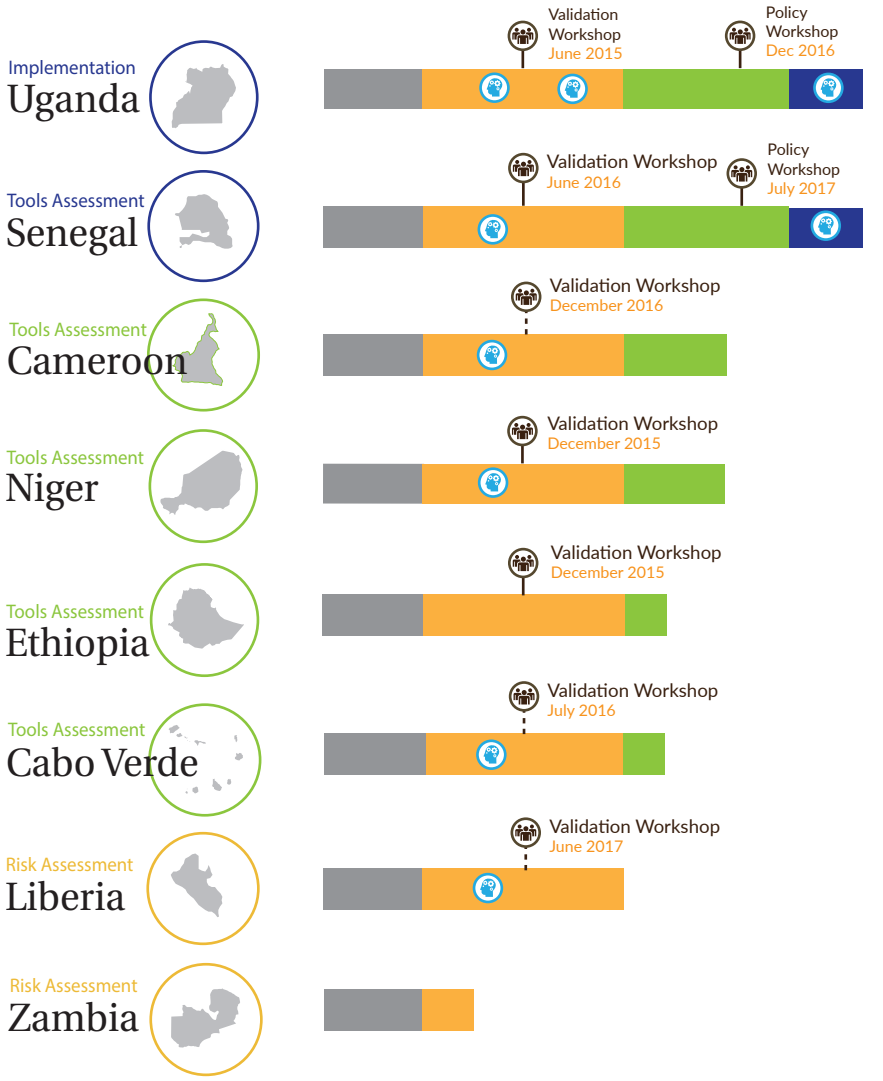
EXPECTED RESULTS

- 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

01 Setting Up — 02 Risk Assessment — Capacity Development — 03 Tools Assessment — Capacity Development — 04/05 Follow up Implementation



PARTNERSHIPS

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

DONOR PARTNERS

AFD

Cooperazione Italiana allo Sviluppo Ministero degli Affari Esteri

IFAD Investing in rural people

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PARM also closely cooperates with:

- African Development Bank
- African Union
- CTA
- IFPRI
- PAFO
- USAID

.....and other partners

COMING UP

KM EVENTS

KM Flagship Event on "ARM: practices and lessons learned for development"
25 October 2017

GOVERNANCE

4th Advisory Committee
26 October 2017

12th Steering Committee
16 November 2017

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

Uganda
Final Report
October 2015
- Crop pests & diseases
- Post-harvest losses & price fluctuations

Niger
Final Report
October 2016
- Dryness
- Uncertain access to market

Ethiopia
Final Report
December 2016
- Worsening droughts (& floods)
- Pests & diseases (Plant & animal health)

Senegal
Final Report
August 2016
- Erratic Rainfall *(World Bank Report)*
- Animal Diseases
- Illicit fisheries

Cameroon
Final Report
June 2017
- Crop pests & diseases
- Post-harvest losses & price variability

Liberia
Final Report
End 2017
- Post-harvest losses
- Crop pests & diseases
- Erratic Rainfall

Cabo Verde
Final Report
End 2017
- Drought
- Crop pests
- Torrential rainfall

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.

Information Systems
Assessment in 7 Africa Countries
January 2017

Warehouse Receipt Systems
September 2014

Uganda
- Monitoring of Plant diseases
- Finance and information for risk management (FIRM)
- 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
- Improving access to information
- Remittances as ARM tool
- ARM capacity development integrated in the national extension service strategy

Niger
- Tackling market risks: contract farming and WRS
- Access to information systems

Cameroon
- Modernised information system connected to the warrantage network

COMING UP

HIGH-LEVEL POLICY DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP
Cameroon 2017; Niger 2018

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.

National stakeholders training (CD1)

Uganda, July 2015
Niger, December 2015
Senegal, March 2016
Cameroon, June 2016
Cabo Verde, July 2016
Liberia, April 2017

Training of farmers' organizations (CD1)

Uganda, December 2015

CD Partnerships for ARM

Global and Regional
Consultative Workshop on e-learning course on Agriculture Risk Assessment and Management with IFAD/FAO/NEPAD, June 2015
Agrhymet MoU, West Africa 2017

National
Makerere University, Uganda March 2017
Senegal National Institutions, Sept 2017
Ethiopia National Institutions , Jan 2018

COMING UP

- **ARM Learning Material:** CD1 Nov 2017, CD2 Jan 2018
- **ARM CD Learning Game**, Nov 2017
- **CD Seminar (CD1),** Zambia, 2018
- **CD Country Strategies,** Senegal, Ethiopia, Niger 2017

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
Agricultural Sector Development Plan (ASDP) 2016-2020
June 2015

Niger
Plan d'action pour la gestion des risques agricoles au Niger (PAGRA)
June 2014

Ethiopia
National Extension Services Strategy
May 2017

CAADP/NEPAD Partnership

- Work with the CAADP focal points in each country
- Participation in CAADP Partnership Platform
  April 2015, April 2016, May 2017
- Channelling investments from bilateral agencies on ARM
  BMZ/KfW supporting PARM through NEPAD, 2016

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