The Platform for Agricultural Risk Management (PARM) is the global partnership on agricultural risk management (ARM) for development. Established in 2013 as an outcome of G20 discussions on agricultural growth and food security, it provides technical support to governments for the integration of gender responsive ARM into policies, institutional capacities and investments to move away from a culture of coping with disasters towards a smart management of risk.

PARM provides technical support to its partner countries by assessing and prioritizing agricultural risks in a systematic and holistic way. This approach is gender responsive and consists in quantifying and measuring the impact of various risks simultaneously. It can be applied to the agriculture sector as a whole or to specific value chains.

PARM works jointly with its partner countries to identify the most appropriate tools to manage the prioritized risks and provides technical support in the design of projects for investment, resource mobilization and implementation support.

PARM facilitates a process of joint learning cycles targeting the key country stakeholders to strengthen local expertise and to enhance institutional capacities to manage agricultural risks, in a gender responsive way.

PARM plays a unique role as a knowledge broker among the global and local communities of practice by facilitating the generation, access, exchange of knowledge and stimulating partnerships on ARM.

PARM Horizon 2 currently focuses on sub-Saharan Africa, however it may expand its geographical scope to other regions in response to the new global needs and donors’ priorities.

The first group of target countries of PARM Horizon 2 are: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Niger and Senegal.

A second group of countries will be selected during the course of the programme.

Selection criteria

The main criteria for selecting target countries are based on:

1. the presence of agricultural risks and the need/demand to integrate the holistic approach to ARM;
2. official commitment from the government and strategic partners;
3. the presence of (or interest to develop) policies, programs and strategies on ARM.

PARM is governed by a Steering Committee, an Advisory Committee and the Secretariat, hosted by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). PARM also closely collaborates with other partners such as development organizations, the private sector, universities and research institutes.
**Engagement and Setting-up**

01

- Setting-up activities and launch of the PARM process in the country
- Nomination of the National Focal Point by the host Government and recruitment of PARM’s Country Liaison Officer
- Early identification of country priorities and technical and financial partners
- Country Action Plan developed and agreed with the Government

**Risk assessment and prioritization**

02

- Development and validation of the terms of reference for the risk assessment study
- Launch and implementation of the risk assessment and sharing of preliminary findings

**Tools assessment and design**

03

- Identification of the relevant risk management tools and official engagement of country technical and financial partners
- Development and validation of the concept note for the assessment and the design of the identified tools
- Launch of the design process and sharing of the preliminary findings

**Capitalization and implementation support**

04

- Consolidation of capitalized knowledge and dissemination of results and lessons learned from the PARM process in the country
- Support the hand-over of the project design to the host Government and strategic partners for funding and implementation