

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

### Madagascar soon to benefit from the Agricultural Risk Management for Inclusive Growth and Resilience Project



An important milestone has been achieved in Madagascar as the Malagasy government approved the aide-memoire for the development of the Agricultural Risk Management for Inclusive Growth and Resilience Project. The latter aims to combat poverty, enhance food security in rural areas, and catalyse the growth potential of strategic crop value chains in the country. The project will be co-formulated by [PARM](#), [CIRAD](#) and [ICRISAT](#) in close collaboration with the [Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock \(MINAE\)](#). The aide-memoire outlining the project's components was signed on 19 October 2023 by the **Secretary General of MINAE**, and **PARM Technical Expert**. [Read more...](#) [News in French]



### **Burundi: Key actors informed on the potential of agricultural risk management**

On **24 October**, PARM co-organized with the **Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock** the first capacity development workshop in Bujumbura which gathered about 80 participants from training centres, universities, producer organizations, private sector, government entities and other technical and financial partners. [News in French]



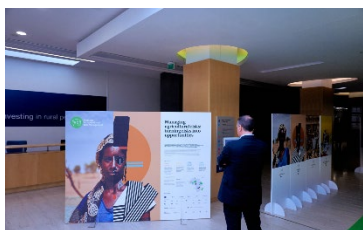
### **Antsirabe: PARM's first rural capacity development workshop**

From **28 November to 1 December 2023**, PARM organized its first ever capacity development workshop for trainers affiliated to rural organizations in agricultural risk management in Antsirabe, Vakinankaratra region in **Madagascar**. The latter aimed to encourage behavioral change directly in rural areas for better agricultural risk management following PARM's holistic and value chain approach. [News in French]

## **World Food Forum 2023: Youth-led initiatives for biodiversity protection and climate risk management promoted by PARM and IFAD Youth Network**



On the occasion of the [World Food Forum](#) 2023, PARM and the IFAD Youth Network raised the voice of young people as agents of change who promote biodiversity as an approach to combat climate risks in food systems. Almost a hundred young people joined the hybrid side event “**Harnessing Biodiversity's Potential for Managing Climate Risks in Food Systems**” on 17 October 2023 to learn more about the critical role of biodiversity conservation and sustainable use to manage agricultural and climate risks while building resilience. [Read more...](#)



## Food Heroes Exhibition at IFAD Headquarters

As part of the celebration of [World Food Day](#) and [International Rural Women's Day](#) 2023, PARM organised, from **16 to 20 October 2023**, the [PARM Art Exhibition #FOODHEROES](#) in IFAD headquarters.

IFAD staff and external visitors had a chance to admire the wonderful artworks that adorned IFAD's atrium for a week. The exhibition took everyone through the original pictures and their respective transformation into artworks displayed side by side for the promotion of the smallholder farmers that feed us.

[Relive the exhibition](#)

## PARM Stories Challenges unveil the winners



On 11 December 2023, the jury members of the [PARM STORIES CHALLENGE](#) have officially revealed the winners and finalists of the first edition of the challenge. Run from 26 September to 26 November 2023, the international campaign received a high participation of **over 40 journalists, filmmakers, and media professionals from Africa and the diaspora** who unleashed their creativity by crafting compelling videos that highlight innovative initiatives and self-resilience efforts of Farming Champions. After deliberations, 10 top videos have been selected, three of which were classified as winners and seven as finalists.

Discover the videos of our top winners and finalists by clicking [here](#).

The challenge was organized in partnership with [Africa 21](#).

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## LATEST PUBLICATIONS



## **PARM New Methodology: Risk Assessment Study in Madagascar**

The **risk assessment study in the maize and groundnut value chains** based on PARM's new methodology has been developed in close collaboration with the [Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock](#) of Madagascar. It provides cross-cutting and specific recommendations for the two selected value chains to better manage the agricultural risks identified at each chain. [Full report in French]

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## **INSURED: Insurance for rural resilience and economic development**

The INSURED's policy brief is now available in **French** and in **Spanish**. The document takes you through the key features and objectives of the technical assistance programme increasing the resilience of poor rural households to climate risks that is INSURED.

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## **Burkina Faso - Country Final Report**

In Burkina Faso, the PARM Horizon 2 process supported the creation of new capacities in Agricultural Risk Management (ARM), the development of ARM tools and resulted in the formulation of the **Agricultural Risk Management Project for Resilience to Climate and Market Hazards**. [Full report in French]

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## Ethiopia - Country Final Report

Ethiopia's Country Final Report details the milestones achieved thanks to the collaboration of PARM with the **Ministry of Agriculture** during PARM Horizon 2 which led to the design of the capacity development program **Facility on Capacity Development for Agricultural Risk Management (CD4ARM)** with a high-level political ownership.

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## Niger - Country Final Report

Building on the successful implementation of the first phase of the PARM process in Niger, the government, represented by the [High Commissioner for the 3N Initiative \(HC3N\)](#), reaffirmed its commitment to participating in PARM Horizon 2. This report summarizes the main outputs of this second phase. [Full report in French]

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## Senegal - Country Final Report

Following the first phase of PARM's implementation in Senegal, PARM continued to support the government of Senegal, through the [Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment and Food Sovereignty](#), to improve the country's capacity to manage agricultural risks with a view to achieving sustainable agriculture, and developed the **Risk Management for Sustainable Agriculture Project**. [Full report in French]

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## Webinar replay

The poster features a central red YouTube play button icon. To the left of the icon, the title 'Revolutionizing Agri-Food Investments: Paving the Way for a Resilient, Sustainable Future' is displayed. Below the title, a list of speakers includes Mr Sean Kidney, Dr Jo Puri, Ms Rachel Hemingway, Dr Jean-Claude Bidogeza, and Ms Emily Kitongo. The event date and time are listed as 'FRI 24th NOVEMBER, 12:00 - 13:00 (CET)' with a note for 'Online Registration'. The SKD logo is at the bottom left, and the IFAD logo is at the bottom right. Social media hashtags are provided at the bottom center.

Food4Thought Series

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Revolutionizing Agri-Food Investments: Paving the Way for a Resilient, Sustainable Future

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Ms Rachel Hemingway, Head of Transition Programmes, Climate Bonds Initiative  
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### **Revolutionizing Agri-Food Investments: Paving the Way for a Resilient, Sustainable Future**

On 24 November 2023, PARM's Technical Specialist participated in the Food4Thought series' episode on "**Revolutionizing Agri-Food Investments: Paving the Way for a Resilient, Sustainable Future**" which was co-organized by IFAD Strategy & Knowledge Department (SKD), [Climate Bonds Initiative](#) and [PARM](#).

The webinar explored the channelling of financial resources to support sustainable and transformative practices within the agricultural and food sectors. The goal was to encourage investments that enable a transition towards more environmentally friendly, socially just, and sustainable agricultural and food systems.

[Watch the replay](#)



In 2023, thanks to the support of our donors, PARM has achieved major milestones and continued to advance the Agricultural Risk Management (ARM) agenda at country, regional and global levels.

PARM maintained its support to the governments of Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Niger and Senegal in managing agricultural risk at country level and successfully launched its process in two new countries: Burundi and Tunisia. To ensure a long-lasting impact of capacity development in ARM, PARM is pioneering the Institutionalization of ARM into the curricula of universities and practices of the private sector by launching the pilot phase in Burkina Faso and Madagascar. In 2023, PARM has also made it a point of honour to promote rural farmers who have developed innovative initiatives to manage agricultural risks through the successful global campaign “**PARM Stories Challenge**”.

For this new year, we look forward to even more ambitious results, to better manage risks, turning them into opportunities and to improve small-scale farmers' livelihoods!

## Empower change with us!

Partnerships are crucial to building the ARM agenda. Are you an active player in the agriculture sector and risk management? Join us to turn risks into opportunities and move towards new horizons. Contact the [PARM Secretariat](#) to explore partnerships for impact.



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