

**February 2021**

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**Note from Elizabeth (EJ) Ashbourne, PQMD  
Executive Director**



As February comes to a close, PQMD members and partners are on the frontlines of manufacturing and distributing diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines to confront address and mitigate the impact of COVID. Participating in this global effort has also not slowed down any of the ongoing critical work with NTDs, NCDs, natural disasters and humanitarian crisis around the world. This is the work of heroes, by any measure, and PQMD as a coalition continues to rise up to meet the challenges of our vision for universal access to quality healthcare and wellbeing.

To support our wonderful members and partners, PQMD has been planning a number of exciting events for March and April! Please see below for more information.

I look forward to March and I hope you all continue to stay safe and healthy!





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**Translating medicines to patients: A novel methodology for quantifying the global medical supplies and donations program**

This study from 2018 aimed to evaluate the impact of the AmeriCares Foundation's (AmeriCares) medical donation program in terms of the number of patients served. To read the full study, click [here](#).

**Baxter**

**American Diabetes Association and the Baxter International Foundation Partner in Health Equity Initiative to Address Barriers to Diabetes Management**

On February 8th, the American Diabetes Association and the Baxter International Inc. announced a new partnership as part of the ADA's Health Equity Now platform to address health disparities for people with diabetes in Chicago's underserved Black communities. To view the press release, click [here](#).



**Amid a Global Pandemic, World Vision Reaches Goal of Bringing Clean Water to 20 Million People Worldwide**

Despite the challenging year operating in a global pandemic, World Vision is celebrating the achievement of a major milestone towards the goal of providing basic clean water access to everyone, everywhere they work by 2030. Today, the organization announced that it has achieved its goal of bringing clean water to 20 million people worldwide. To view the article, click [here](#).



**PQMD Welcomes USP to Membership**

The Partnership for Quality Medical Donations (PQMD), is proud to announce the addition of USP to their membership. The non-profit organization, which celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020, brings PQMD's membership to 42 member NGOs and Corporations.



"Access to quality-assured medicines and other health commodities is fundamental to achieving better health outcomes and making long-term progress against global health's most pressing challenges," says Gersande Chavez, USP's Vice President of Global Health Programs. "With our unwavering commitment to quality, we are thrilled to be joining PQMD and it's coalition of partners to help ensure people everywhere have access to quality health commodities."

USP is an independent, scientific nonprofit organization focused on building trust in the supply of safe, quality medicines. USP works to strengthen the global supply chain so that the medicines people rely on for health are available when needed and work as expected. Through its global public health programs, USP strengthens health systems, bolsters supply chain resiliency, and champions access to quality medical products in low- and middle-income countries.

Read the full press release on PQMD's website [here](#).



**2021 PQMD Global Health Policy Forum  
Save the Date for April 27-29, 2021**

PQMD staff are currently very busy getting ready for our first "virtual" Global Health Policy Forum (GHPF): The Planet, Pandemics and Possibilities. Our overarching topic this year will be ESG and aligning business purpose with NGO access and impact. Mark your calendars for April 27 – 29, 2021. We are organizing a dynamic and exciting forum on important global health and donation related topics with excellent thought leaders and policy makers with many opportunities for dialogue and engagement.

For more information and a sneak peak at speakers and discussion themes, visit PQMD's website [here](#).





## **PQMD Holds Measuring for Success Webinar**

On February 11th, PQMD held a Measuring for Success webinar highlighting the Measuring for Success [Toolkit](#), an online resource dedicated to building Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) capacity in the spirit of advancing the quality, effectiveness and availability of product donations for health development.

If you missed the webinar, you can view the recording on PQMD's website [here](#). For more information about the Measuring for Success Toolkit, view these videos:

[Andy Stergachis on the MFS Toolkit - YouTube](#)

[Tina Grear on the Measuring for Success Toolkit - YouTube](#)

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Virtual Workshop Series  
**Warming Up to Cold Chain**  
Two-Session Workshop Event on  
Cold Chain Capacity in Global Health

## **PQMD Special Workshop Series: Warming Up to Cold Chain**

On February 23rd, PQMD held its first session of a special workshop series on cold chain capacity in global health.

As a part of increasing access-to-medicines globally, PQMD members are deepening their investment and expertise in safely managing the temperature of medical products from point of origin through distribution to end beneficiaries.

Session 1 discussed the benefits and risks of establishing Cold Chain capacity. To view the recording from February 23rd, go the PQMD website [here](#).

Session 2 is being held Tuesday March 2nd from 11am-noon ET to discuss complexities of improving cold chain. Register [here](#).



Virtual Workshop Series!  
**Charitable Access Programming  
for Rare Diseases:**  
How to Design and Implement a  
Successful and Sustainable Program

## Three-part Workshop: Charitable Access Programming for Rare Diseases

March 23rd, April 6th and April 20th- 10am-12pm EST

PQMD is launching a three-part workshop in March and April on "Charitable Access Programming for Rare Diseases," which will allow participants to discuss how to design and implement a safe, successful and sustainable program to address the particular challenges for patients with a rare disease. Under the expert direction of the workshop innovator, Harpreet Ram, you will hear from companies and NGOs such as Takeda, Sanofi, Project Hope, Director Relief, and patient advocacy groups. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



## Curated Member Resources Now Available on the CoP *(Members Only)*

In February, PQMD launched the Curated Member Resources section on our Community of Practice. Aligned with our Measuring for Success theme, we shared a collection of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) design, planning, methods, and reporting tools and publications ([PQMD Member Curated Resources: Measuring for Success - Curated Member Resources - PQMD Community of Practice](#)). These member chosen articles are not intended to be an exhaustive list but rather a snapshot of what resources practitioners, technical experts, and "big-thinkers" in the medical donation space turn to themselves. Each month, we will continue to feature member chosen resources that align with our monthly theme. With March quickly approaching, we request that all committees submit two resources for Medical Mission's month to PQMD's Community of Practice Manager, [Victoria Hammond](#).



**[How High Profile COVID-19 Deaths in Africa could Change Health Systems](#)**

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**[WHO, UNICEF Say 130 Countries Yet to Administer Any COVID-19 Vaccine](#)**

VOA News

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**[How Covid could be the 'long overdue' shake-up needed by the aid sector](#)**

The Guardian

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**[Storing Insulin Without Refrigeration Saves Lives in Refugee Camps, Poor Countries](#)**

The Tennessee Tribune

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**[How High-Profile Deaths in Africa could Change Health Systems](#)**

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**[UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at the UN Security Council Open Debate on ensuring equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines in contexts affected by conflict and insecurity](#)**

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**[In Brief: Zipline Announces COVID-19 Vaccine Drone Delivery Plans](#)**

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## Upcoming Events

### **PQMD Warming Up to Cold Chain Workshop Series**

March 2nd; 11am-12:00pm EST  
Register [here](#)

[CSIS Event: A Conversation with Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Paul Kelly](#)

March 9; 3-3:30pm EST

[Consortium of Universities for Global Health \(CUGH\) 2021 Conference](#)

March 12-14

[Global Water 2020: Advocating for WASH in Healthcare Facilities: A Roundtable Series](#)

March 3rd, March 17th-7am EST

### **PQMD Book Club Meeting - Members Only**

March 19th

[World Water Day](#)

March 22nd

### **PQMD Virtual Workshops: Charitable Access Programming for Rare Diseases**

March 23, April 6, April 20; 10am-12pm EST  
Register [here](#)

[World TB Day](#)

March 24

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