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Note from Elizabeth (EJ) Ashbourne, PQMD Executive Director

Happy 2024! I am thrilled to preview for you some of the exciting programming, products and partnerships we have coming in this new year!

We have started out our year with a highly successful Pillar Talk looking at lessons learned from the many disasters and crisis our members responded to. 5 PQMD members highlighted for the more than 100 participants, the work they have done to maintain access to life saving healthcare in the worst of times, and the work that still needs to continue and be supported in the months and perhaps years to come. Discussion included not only their first responder efforts in the immediate aftermath of a crisis but detailed how they have remained in affected communities to assist with recovery efforts long after the world moved onto the next disaster. If you missed this inspiring Pillar Talk, you can view the presentations on the [CoP](#).

Next week, we kick off our first 2024 session of our Global Health and Development Essentials course! We are excited to announce the debut of a new module: Climate and Environmental Impacts on Public Health Outcomes. The 2-hour module was developed in the wake of COP 28 and in light of the fact that climate change and its impact on health is a central and growing global development priority. Time is running short, but you can still [register](#) for the full course! As a reminder, the course is open to members of PQMD as well as the larger global development community.

Just a little farther into 2024, we are looking forward to our Global Health Policy Forum in New York City, April 30-May 2. The theme of our meeting is GLOBAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP IN TURBULENT TIMES. We are pulling together an incredible agenda with esteemed speakers who will provide insight into how global health leaders are addressing the increasing amount of catastrophic natural disasters, global pandemics, deadly regional conflicts and humanitarian crises, amplified by the burden of climate change. Registration and more information will be coming soon!

2024 will be exciting and busy and we look forward to seeing you at the many other events and activities planned throughout the year. Be sure to stay connected through our [COP](#) and keep a look out for announcements about the progress on projects and programs that are underway. And most importantly, we will constantly be working to keep you up to date on the fantastic work and initiatives of our member organizations.

Please feel free to contact me or PQMD staff if you have any questions. I look forward to a successful and productive year! Stay safe and healthy.

Elizabeth (EJ) Ashbourne



PQMD Executive Director Elizabeth Ashbourne appointed to G4 Alliance Board of Directors

PQMD is proud to announce that our Executive Director Elizabeth (EJ) Ashbourne was recently appointed to the G4 Alliance [Board of Directors](#). The G4 Alliance is a coalition of associations and organizations around the world working to increase awareness, foster political will, shape policy, and mobilize resources to make access to quality, safe, timely, and affordable emergency and essential surgical, obstetric, trauma and anaesthesia (SOTA) care a global health priority and a reality for all. Learn [more](#).



8 MODULES

- Introduction to Global Health & Health Disparities Around the World
- Global Health Actors & Frameworks for Global Health Engagement
- Health Systems & Health System Constraints in Low/Middle-Income Countries
- Climate and Environmental Impacts on Public Health Outcomes **NEW**
- Approaches & Trends in Global Health & Sustained Development Assistance
- Infectious Disease Outbreaks & Pandemics
- Other Emergency Response & Disaster Relief Efforts
- Medical Product Donations in Global Health

Global Health and Development Education Course: Spots still Open!

Climate and Environmental Impacts on Public Health Outcomes Module Just Added!

PQMD has condensed key elements of a Master's in Public Health curriculum to create a comprehensive Executive Survey Course on global health, for professionals or students working in the space but lacking relevant formal education. We just added a module on Climate and Environmental Impacts on Public Health Outcomes. Classes start February 7. There is still time to sign-up!

Learn more and register!

PQMD Holds Member Call to Discuss Humanitarian Situation in Gaza

PQMD held another call on January 18th to discuss the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The dire needs were discussed, along with some of the challenges member organizations are continuing to face in order to get humanitarian and medical aid to Palestinians in Gaza. Members who may have missed this call can view the recording and presentations on PQMD's [Community of Practice](#). You can stay up to date with PQMD member Anera's efforts in Gaza on their [website](#).



SAVE THE DATE!

PQMD 2024 Global Health Policy Forum

Save the date for PQMD's 2024 Global Health Policy Forum being held in New York City, NY from April 30-May 2, 2024.

More information coming soon!

Stay Informed!

Be sure to follow us on [LinkedIn](#) or one of our other social channels to get the latest, most up-to-date information on our Pillar Talks, courses, events, and resources.



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Join Us for PQMD's Open House on our Spotlight on Hygiene Kits (SoHK) Initiative

February 27th; 10am EST

Around the globe, hygiene kits are a traditional, tangible, rapid, and emotive component of humanitarian response for people affected by emergencies and disasters. PQMD is excited to showcase a novel, interactive website to address important questions around the effectiveness of hygiene kit distribution for short-term emergencies and disasters in low- and middle-income countries.

At the open-house, you can expect to hear about the tools, use-cases, as well as the history, context, value of our work, and expert reflections from the team that developed these resources. We hope you can join us. Learn more on the [CoP](#) and register [here](#). Please contact [Juliemarie Vander Burg](#) for more information.

Register Now!



The graphic features the PQMD logo on the left, which consists of a stylized cross shape with colored dots. To the right of the logo, the text reads: "2023 Humanitarian and Natural Disasters: Reflections on Responses & Calls for Continued Recovery". Below this, the date and time are listed: "January 30, 2024 • 11:00 am EST". At the bottom, there are six small portrait photos of the speakers and moderators, each with their name and title below it.

2023 Humanitarian and Natural Disasters: Reflections on Responses & Calls for Continued Recovery

January 30, 2024 • 11:00 am EST

Jim Alvey
VP of Disaster Recovery and Preparedness
Good360

Dave Eastman
Senior Director, International Programs
International Medical Corps UK

Morgane Mallard
Deputy Director for Field Programmes
IRC Afghanistan

Jeffrey Samuel
Africa Regional Coordinator and Senior Pharmacy Specialist
Direct Relief

Giorgio Trombatore
Regional Director for Eastern Europe and Country Director for UKRAINE, Project HOPE

Moderators:
Tom Cotter
Executive Director
Healthcare Ready

PQMD Pillar Talk: 2023 Humanitarian and Natural Disasters: Reflections on Responses & Calls for Continued Recovery

On January 30th, PQMD heard from leading organizations that were not only first responders but have remained in communities to assist with recovery efforts long after the world has moved onto the next disaster. Over 100 people attended this important Pillar Talk to hear from our esteemed speakers and learn more about the importance of organizations remaining in communities to assist with recovery efforts.

Tom Cotter, from **Healthcare Ready**, moderated this informative Pillar Talk with PQMD members discussing their respective response and recovery efforts including **Good360** on the devastating fires in Lahaina, Maui; **IRC Afghanistan** on the October earthquake in Herat, Afghanistan; **Direct Relief** on the Morocco earthquake, **International Medical Corps, UK** on the Sudan crisis, and **Project HOPE** on the disaster scale in Ukraine due to the ongoing war. Learn more about these responses in the speakers' presentations on the [CoP](#).



PQMD Holds January Coffee Chat: Year in Review & Year Ahead: Reflections from PQMD's Executive Officers

PQMD's Executive Board recounted their biggest take-aways from 2023, and what they have their eye on for 2024. Members can learn more about upcoming coffee chats on the [CoP](#).

MEMBER NEWS



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Americares Joins the CMA CGM Foundation's Containers of Hope Program

Americares has joined CMA CGM Foundation's Containers of Hope program, which will transport humanitarian aid for the health-focused relief and development organization for one year.

Under this new partnership, the Foundation will leverage the CMA CGM Group's assets in maritime, air and logistics solutions to transport up to 100 Americares containers of essential medicine and medical supplies in 2024.

Read more [here](#).



The Year in Review at Medical Teams

In 2023, Medical Teams International (MTI) served more than 5 million people in 27 countries. Read their Year in Review on the MTI [website](#).



IsraAid supporting evacuated communities in next stages of recovery

IsraAID is entering a new stage of its emergency response in Israel, accompanying evacuated Gaza border region communities as they move from hotels and hostels in the Dead Sea and Eilat to new, longer-term housing solutions. With each community moving into a different framework, the organization is working closely with community leaders and local authorities to meet their varying needs in mental health and education, as part of its commitment to supporting affected communities on the long road to recovery. Learn more [here](#).



Project Hope: Health Issues We're Watching in 2024

Project Hope details six global health issues they're following this year including: A Global Shortage of Health Care Workers; A Renewed Commitment to Locally Led Development; A Protracted Conflict in Ethiopia; A Migrant Health Emergency in the U.S.; and The Tragic Impacts of Conflict on Mental Health. Learn more on Project Hope's [website](#).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEB

[How the World's Deadliest Crisis Go Unseen](#)

Undark

['The Response Defies Belief': Year of Inaction Leaves Children at Risk from Bad Cancer Drugs](#)

The Bureau of Investigative Journalism

[More countries pause funds for UN Palestinian agency](#)

Reuters

[A giant fund for climate disasters will soon open. Who should be paid first?](#)

Nature

[The magic of Mali's digital pharmaceutical registry](#)

UNCTAD

[Millions of Survivors of 2023 Turkey-Syria Quakes Remain Destitute, Traumatized](#)

VOA

[Exclusive: Maui wildfire survivors face soaring rates of depression and lung problems- study](#)

The Guardian

[Devex CheckUp: Donating or dumping? The truth about gifted medical devices](#)

Devex

[Foreign aid drops sharply as Taliban abuses jeopardize the Afghan health system, group says](#)

AP News

[Sudan's collapse is a test for the international community. We are failing it.](#)

The New Humanitarian

Upcoming Events

[**African Union Summit: 44th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council**](#)

February 14-15, 2024

[**Humanitarian XChange**](#)

February 20, 2024;
Online/London, UK

Open House on PQMD's Spotlight on Hygiene Kits

February 27, 2024; 10am
EST

[**CUGH 2024**](#)

March 7-10, 2024; Los
Angeles, CA

[2024 World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Spring Meetings](#)

April 19-21, 2024;
Washington D.C.

***SAVE THE DATE!* [**PQMD Global Health Policy Forum**](#)**

April 30-May 2, 2023;
New York City, NY

[World Health Assembly](#)

May 27-June 1, 2024

[**2024 Concordia Europe Summit**](#)

May 28-29, 2024; Porto,
Portugal

[**Global Impact Forum**](#)

June 3, 2024

[UN Summit of the Future](#)

September 22-23, 2024

[2024 Concordia Annual Summit](#)

September 23-25, 2024;
New York City

[Devex World](#)

October 24, 2024;
Washington D.C

[2024 UN Climate Change Conference](#)

November 11-22, 2024;

Azerbaijan

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