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

Happy Spring!

While it is rapidly approaching, you still have time to register for [PQMD's 2024 Global Health Policy Forum](#) in New York City. I promise you that you won't want to miss our incredible line up of esteemed speakers and provocative sessions around the theme of *Global Health Leadership in Turbulent Times*. This event is a must for any organization involved in global health and working within the context of the current environmental, political, social and financial uncertainties in the world.

As a prelude and an overture to the Forum, we are also offering a special online [GHPF Primer](#) on April 16th. The event program will explore the evolution of the ESG landscape from four key perspectives: Investor, NGO, Corporate, and Regulatory.

And, Corporates still have time to register for our live, in-person [ESG Workshop: New Mandatory ESG Due Diligence & Reporting](#), produced in collaboration with global ESG experts from DLA Piper and leaders within the corporate and investor ESG landscape. This workshop will be incredibly valuable for corporates navigating the new ESG landscape and will enhance their understanding and implementation of ESG diligence and reporting standards.

As PQMD prepares for all these exciting events in April, I also want to recognize the important humanitarian work that our members continue to do addressing critical protracted crises throughout the world. In March, we held another call on the tragic situation in Gaza and Israel and a Disaster and Humanitarian Committee Quarterly call on risk management and communicating risk in disaster environments. If you are a member and missed these calls, you can [view the recordings on the CoP](#). I am sad to report that we have learned of several heartbreaking losses among our members in Gaza and Haiti, and our hearts go out to our colleagues and their families.

Lastly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest PQMD member, Save the Children US. Save the Children operates in over 100 countries around the world. As highly effective champions for children's rights around the world and in the US, each year Save the Children helps millions of children become healthier, safer, and better educated. Their great work will be a valuable addition to the PQMD family!

I can't wait to meet up with all our members and partners at the Global Health Policy Forum in New York City! Safe travels and see you soon.

Elizabeth (EJ) Ashbourne

*P.S. On behalf of International Women's Day, I want to recognize and express gratitude for all the amazing, stellar women on our Board, our staff and within our membership!*

**2024 PQMD GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY FORUM EVENTS**

## The Evolving ESG Landscape: *What's new, what's changed, what's coming for the PQMD community?*



April 16, 2024 | 11:00am ET



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**Join Us for a Special Virtual Primer on the Evolving ESG Landscape**

***April 16, 2024 | 11:00 am ET***

Register now to join us for this special primer event as an overture to PQMD's 2024 Global Health Policy Forum! The primer will explore the evolution of the ESG landscape from four key perspectives: Investor, NGO, Corporate, and Regulatory.

**Learn More & Register Now!**

A banner featuring a silhouette of a city skyline on the left. On the right is the PQMD logo and the text "2024 Global Health Policy Forum" and "Global Health Leadership in Turbulent Times". Below the skyline is an orange bar with the text "APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2024 | NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK".

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**Register NOW for PQMD's 2024 Global Health Policy Forum**

***April 30 - May 2, 2024 | New York City, NY***

PQMD is excited to invite you to join us for PQMD's annual Global Health Policy Forum in New York City from April 30th-May 2nd!

PQMD's Global Health Policy Forum will unite more than 100 global health leaders including speakers and panelists from around the world to lead in-depth discussions. The program will consist of an Executive Forum followed by two days of compelling sessions that focus on key aspects of this year's theme: ***Global Health Leadership in Turbulent Times.***

**Learn More & Register Now!**



## **PQMD WORKSHOP**

### **PREPARING FOR IMPACT: NEW MANDATORY ESG DUE DILIGENCE & REPORTING**

April 30, 2024 | 9:30am-12:00pm | New York City, NY

### **Corporates-Only, In-Person Workshop! Preparing for Impact: New Mandatory ESG Due Diligence & Reporting**

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ESG due diligence and reporting disclosures are transitioning from voluntary to mandatory around the globe. While 95% of S&P 500 companies already publish a sustainability report\*, understanding it is a business imperative for commercial success, the new mandatory ESG reporting requirements necessitate a new approach and discipline.

To address these emerging regulations, PQMD in collaboration with global ESG experts from DLA Piper and leaders within the corporate and investor ESG landscape have created a workshop, delivered by DLA Piper, to empower corporations to navigate the new ESG landscape with confidence and clarity and enhance their understanding and implementation of ESG diligence and reporting standards.

**Register Now!**

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**Save the Children.**

### **PQMD Welcomes New Member: Save the Children US!**

PQMD would like to extend a warm welcome to Save the Children US as a new member of PQMD!

Save the Children operates in over 100 countries around the world. They target the major causes of maternal, newborn and child deaths and provide the best health and nutrition programs to save children's lives and ensure they grow up healthy. Learn more about Save the Children [here](#).

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## PQMD Welcomes New Executive Committee Members!

As the governing body for PQMD, our [Executive Committee](#) holds the paramount responsibility of charting PQMD's strategic direction and ensuring the alignment of the organization's work toward the realization of its mission and vision. Made up of the Officers and Chairs of standing PQMD Committees, the Executive Committee represents the backbone of PQMD, steering the organization towards its goals with professionalism, compassion, and unwavering dedication.

PQMD would like to formally welcome the newest members of our Executive Committee leadership team: Alicia Annamalay, incoming Chair of our Knowledge & Innovation Committee; and Stephanie Steege, incoming NGO Sector Lead (*learn more about these exceptional leaders below*). And, to our outgoing Executive Committee members: Mitch Eiting and Janet Thomason, we extend our deep gratitude for years of dedicated service and fruitful leadership. We look forward to continuing to work with you!

### ***Incoming Knowledge & Innovation Committee Chair***

**Alicia Annamalay, Director of Program Strategy and Partnerships, The Max Foundation**

As Director of Program Strategy and Partnerships at The Max Foundation, Alicia's work supports global access to medication, technology, and services for patients living with cancer and other critical illnesses in over 75 low- and middle-income countries. She oversees The Max Foundation's Monitoring and Evaluation efforts and is an active member of PQMD's Knowledge and Innovation Committee.

Prior to joining The Max Foundation in 2021, Alicia worked in global health research. She holds a Bachelor of Medical Science (Honors) and PhD in pediatric infectious disease epidemiology from The University of Western Australia. Her PhD investigated the roles of viruses and bacteria in acute lower respiratory infections in children in Africa.





***Incoming NGO Sector Lead***

**Stephanie Steege, Director of Humanitarian Programs, Airlink**

Stephanie Steege is Director of Humanitarian Programs at Airlink. In this role, she is responsible for leading Airlink's operations team, which focuses on facilitating the rapid deployment of relief supplies and skilled responders to emergencies worldwide in collaboration with the commercial aviation industry.

Stephanie joined the Airlink team in 2013 and, in her decade with the organization, she has supported a wide variety of responses to humanitarian emergencies that have saved NGOs more than \$33M in airfreight and logistics costs. Today, she leads a team of humanitarian experts that helps NGOs build their own logistics knowledge and capacity, respond to emergencies, and ultimately overcome a wide variety of logistical challenges beyond air transport that ensure the right aid reaches the right place at the right time.

She is passionate about developing partnerships between NGOs to enable more collaborative response to humanitarian crises, and believes strongly in the power of private sector partnerships to positively impact aid and relief efforts globally.

## **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**

## **PQMD Holds Call to Discuss the Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza**

On March 15th, PQMD held a member all-call to discuss the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and Israel due to the ongoing conflict in the area. The situation is dire on the ground with many people still needing critical health care, medical products, food and other humanitarian support. PQMD members discussed the current barriers to aid delivery and how they are working with each other and partners in the region to address the challenges. *Members who may have missed the call can access the recording on the [CoP](#).*

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## **Quarterly Member Humanitarian Assistance All-Call Addresses Risk Management & Communicating Risk in Disaster Settings**

On March 8th, PQMD's Disaster & Humanitarian Response Committee hosted their quarterly member all-call focused on risk management and communicating risk in disaster settings. Speakers included a Chief Compliance Officer for a member NGO and a Corporate Affairs Manager, who discussed the unique challenges and risks that organizations are faced with in disaster and humanitarian response and how their organizations are managing those risks. *Members who missed the call can watch the recording on the [CoP](#).*

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### **PQMD Holds March Coffee Chat: Diagnostics & Treatment- Which Comes First?**

Should companies invest diagnostic equipment/supplies, etc. in a country in an effort to detect disease, cancer, or rare disease if there are no treatment options available either due to lack of medication or other barriers such as distance to treatment centers, trained professionals, etc.? Members discussed their varying perspectives, experiences, and approaches during our March Coffee Chat.

*PQMD members can learn more about upcoming Coffee Chats on the [CoP](#).*

**MEMBER NEWS**



## Ukraine Crisis Response - Two Years On: An urgent call for peace to protect the future of Ukraine's children

World Vision has released its report on their response to the war in Ukraine, specifically addressing the critical needs of children.

Since the onset of the conflict, World Vision has supported Ukraine's most vulnerable to meet their immediate needs of lifesaving aid, shelter and child protection—bringing their global expertise in humanitarian response to the reach of children and their families who need it most. Now, two years in, with still no end in sight, World Vision has shifted their response to address the longer-term needs of children and their families as war drags on.

Read the report [here](#).



## Direct Relief's Fund for Health Equity Awards \$7 Million to 38 Organizations Across the U.S.

At the end of February, Direct Relief announced the latest round of grants awarded from its Fund for Health Equity. The grants were made possible by generous support, including PQMD members **Eli Lilly and Company** and **AbbVie**. The funding will go toward organizations deeply committed to eliminating health disparities and



## How Mobile Clinics Bridge the Gap to Care in Haiti

Project HOPE is operating mobile medical units to ensure access to primary health care and mental health support amid the worsening humanitarian crisis in southwest Haiti.

In response to the humanitarian crisis in Haiti, Project HOPE launched a multi-sectoral program funded by USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance to provide health and protection services; improve standards for water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); and improve coordination between humanitarian organizations. The operation of mobile medical units (MMUs, or mobile clinics) has proven critical in ensuring the provision of primary care and mental health services.

Learn more on Project HOPE's website [here](#).



## Anera CEO, Sean Carroll, Interviewed by the New Yorker to Discuss Aid in Gaza

President Biden recently announced a plan to build a temporary pier off the coast of the Gaza Strip, to allow for a "massive increase" in much-needed humanitarian aid to Palestinian civilians.

The New Yorker recently interviewed Sean Carroll, CEO of Anera, a PQMD member organization, where they discussed the pier idea, recent food airdrops, and how Anera's staff in Gaza is providing food for



improving healthcare quality in their communities. *Learn more on Direct Relief's [website](#).*

Ameri's staff in Gaza is providing food for starving families.

*Read the full article in the [New Yorker](#).*

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEB

**[Aid groups doubt pier will solve Gaza's problems](#)**

Devex

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**[Ukraine's health system is a symbol of resilience](#)**

Politico

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**['Life is meaningless': despair in Cox's Bazar as chronic illness blights camps](#)**

The Guardian

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**[Mexico City water crisis nearing 'day zero'](#)**

UPI

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**[In Myanmar, Health Care Has Become a Battleground](#)**

ThinkGlobalHealth

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**[The human cost of climate-related disasters is acutely undercounted, new study says](#)**

NPR

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**[Thousands of patients need to be evacuated from Gaza, WHO says](#)**

RFI

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**[Brazil's staggering dengue fever crisis is a warning to the world](#)**

The Washington Post

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**[Public health emergencies in war and armed conflicts in Africa: What is expected from the global health community?](#)**

AfricaCDC

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**['This is not a time to get sick,' says a doctor in Haiti on the health-care crisis](#)**

NPR

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**[UN maternity aid looted in Port-au-Prince as Haiti crisis deepens](#)**

CNN

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **[IRC Virtual Event - Transforming Tomorrow: Innovative Solutions for Children in Crisis](#)**

April 3, 2024; 10am EST

### **[GHPF Primer: The Evolving ESG Landscape: what's new, what's changed, what's coming for the PQMD community](#)**

April 16, 2024; 11am EST

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

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

### **[PQMD Workshop: Preparing for Impact: New Mandatory ESG Due Diligence and Reporting](#)** *(Corporates Only)*

April 30; New York City, NY

### **[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

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

July 9-13, 2024; Amazon Rainforest, Guyana

### **[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 World Bank  
Group/International  
Monetary Fund Spring  
Meetings

October 25-27, 2024;  
Washington D.C.

**2024 UN Climate  
Change Conference**

November 11-22, 2024;  
Azerbaijan

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