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Note from Elizabeth (EJ) Ashbourne, PQMD Executive Director

After our incredible Global Health Policy Forum, PQMD continues to move forward very exciting initiatives. We are pleased to announce that we have released our Covid-19 Rapid Assessment Tool! This tool allows PQMD members to reflect internally on their responses to the pandemic and its rippling effects. More information and a link to this exciting tool is included below.



We are also proud to have an article recently published in PharmExec calling attention to PQMD's role in advancing global health initiatives. I was honored to be interviewed and share information about PQMD to pharmaceutical companies and other organizations that may be interested.

Meanwhile, our members continue to do life-saving work addressing COVID-19 in India and Brazil, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, and other disasters, such as the volcano eruption in the Congo. We held a call and sent out a survey regarding the COVID-19 crisis in India and Brazil, and the summary of PQMD's collective efforts addressing these crisis is included in the newsletter below.

I hope everyone is continuing to stay safe and looking forward to a great summer!



Introducing Our New COVID-19 Rapid Response Assessment Tool

How will you assess your pandemic response?

- Categorize your response efforts
- Describe your results
- Share your unique impact story
- Assess your M&E approach and opportunities
- Understand capacity for future response
- Appreciate your efforts in a larger field of actors

PQMD's newest Measuring for Success tool guides customized reflection on your unique set of responses - making it easier to frame your impact in global health.



Measuring for Success

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[Access the Tool Now](#)



PQMD's Elizabeth (EJ) Ashbourne Interviewed for PharmExec Article

In an article titled *Promoting Sustainable Access to Quality Health Care*, EJ Ashbourne spoke to PharmExec about the role of PQMD in advancing global health and highlighted the benefits offered to members of the pharma industry.

She also discussed the topics PQMD addressed during the Global Health Policy Forum (GHPF), including ESG, sustainability practices, and the responsibilities of global healthcare stakeholders. EJ highlighted PQMD members' work during COVID-19 and our collective role addressing this crisis and all other disasters and humanitarian crisis around the world.

To read the article, click [here](#).

PQMD Welcomes Two New Members: Edwards Lifesciences and USA for UNHCR!

PQMD is excited to announce two new members: [Edwards Lifesciences](#) and [USA for United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees \(UNHCR\)](#). We look forward to their contributions to PQMD!



Edwards Lifesciences



USA for
UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency



PQMD is hiring Office Manager/Administrative Position

PQMD is hiring for a new Office Manager/Administrative position. This position will oversee general administration and office management, financial management and event work. If you are interested and would like to learn more, click [here](#).

Register Today for PQMD's Global Health & Development Essentials Course!



Next session begins tomorrow!

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.

[Learn more on our website](#) and [watch our new Course Highlight Video!](#)

Register Now



Save the Date for the next Pillar Talk: The Effect of Vaccine Nationalism on Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, and Migrants

June 10th- 11am-12pm ET

More information and a registration link will be available soon!

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

CoP Calendar of Events

With the pace of development, especially around COVID-19, moving at warp-speed it can seem like there is a daily flood of webinars, workshops, and conferences to choose from. To help you stay on top of and sort through this wealth of educational and interactive opportunities, PQMD's Community of Practice keeps a curated calendar of key events in global health and development. Simply click [here](#) to see today's events or what is around the corner. You can also add your own organization's upcoming events by clicking on the "Add Event" button. PQMD members can also access a calendar of upcoming PQMD meetings and events in the [Members Only](#) section of the CoP.



Opportunity to TEST the new PQMD hygiene kit monitoring tools. We would love to have your insight!

Since 2019, the Partnership for Quality Medical Donations (PQMD) has been working with NGOs, agencies and corporate partners to develop a unique set of nimble monitoring and evaluation tools to help improve kitting programs and determine overall effectiveness.

Following an extensive collaborative process, we have produced a suite of monitoring tools that are nearly ready to be tested in real-world settings. We'd like to invite your input into the content and process of data collection. We are reaching out because our collation believes that the PQMD member organizations who are engaged in kitting have relevant coordination, data management, and assessment analysis insight in line with our ultimate goal of the SoHK project -- to develop a set of meaningful and accepted tools that will contribute to the development of a shared knowledge base that will strengthen kitting activities.

How to participate: You must register with PQMD to ensure you receive tester information and communications. REGISTER [HERE](#). Secondly you will need to have an active mWater account (see below) - and we'll need to know your username.

Platform: We will be using mWater. Please sign up [here](#) and provide us with your username so we can connect you to the tool for testing. Before the testing, we will provide a brief video tutorial on how to use mWater and manage the tool.

Please register by June 4th! To learn more, visit the CoP [here](#).

MEMBER NEWS



Amgen and Direct Relief Partnership: In Tanzania, New Tools to Help Fight Children's Cancers

Direct Relief is supporting a pediatric cancer group with specialized packing materials and cold-chain expertise needed to bring medicines to Tanzanian children.

The vial filled with a critical \$500 cancer treatment for a sick child in Tanzania was delivered in what amounted to a picnic cooler stuffed with ice.

It might as well have arrived empty. The humid, sub-tropical climate had already taken its toll.

Dr. Trish Scanlan said the medicine, which must be kept at a temperature between 2-8 degrees Celsius (35-39 degrees Fahrenheit), had arrived from Dar Es Salam in the loose, insecure package. Over the hours on its journey, the medicine had warmed. It was useless.

"An absolute disaster," Scanlan said. "It meant the cancer was getting a break in a child who needs that medicine now."

For Scanlan, director of the non-profit children's cancer charity Tumaini La Maisha, who has been treating children with cancer in Tanzania for about 15 years, seeing medicine be wasted was too much. Something needed to be done to fix the problem.

She found help through a California-based non-profit, Direct Relief, and Amgen.

To read the full article, click [here](#).



Kaiser Permanente, Providence and Medical Teams International Partner in Vaccine Equity Efforts

Stressing the importance and safety of the COVID-19 vaccines, the leader of Portland's first African American Baptist church, Mt. Olivet, has opened a temporary vaccination clinic for his community.

The clinic is part of a neighborhood and community vaccination effort being led and funded by the two largest health care organizations in Oregon, Providence Health & Services and Kaiser Permanente. The health care systems have partnered with Medical Teams International to operate the community-based clinics, bringing vaccine equity into neighborhoods throughout Portland and the Willamette Valley.

Providence has partnered with Medical Teams International to work with a half dozen local churches and organizations in Multnomah and Washington counties, with dozens of clinics scheduled throughout the summer at these sites. Providence expects to vaccinate approximately 500 people a week at the community clinics.

To read the full press release, please visit PQMD's website [here](#).

PFSCM Requests PQMD Members Respond to Survey on Sustainability

As prominent players in the global health space we are all working diligently to ensure health programs are supported with the product donations, funds, services and training needed to ensure successful health outcomes.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, we are all also heeding the call to work smarter, and more efficiently to reduce our carbon footprints, and improve our sustainability and corporate social responsibility programs to ensure a better future for all.

To help us envision the possibilities, and to learn from each other's experiences, we kindly invite you to take our 5 minute **Behind the Scenes: Sustainability Survey.**

The feedback of this survey will be available to PQMD members to help them gauge their own progress, and may provide direction for navigating the complex economic, environmental, and social sustainability landscapes.

Please use the link below which has recently been revised to be easier to use. **PFSCM is asking PQMD members to complete this survey.**

Survey Link



World Vision to Launch 1B Campaign to Fight Extreme Poverty

On May 14th, World Vision launched what it calls "the largest capital campaign in its 70-year history." The Every Last One campaign intends to raise \$1 billion by 2023 in a bid to lift 60 million people out of extreme poverty.

The eight-year campaign is designed to significantly move the needle on the first six SDGs — striving to end poverty and hunger while ensuring good health, quality education, gender equality, and clean water

Even before the launch, the organization is already well on its way to meeting the campaign's target, as World Vision has been "quietly" raising capital with donors for the past five years, according to Chris Glynn, senior vice president of transformational engagement.

Read the full article on [Devex](#).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEB

[Covid-19 far from under control in Americas, says PACO](#)

Reuters

[Inflation, exchange rates undermine value of aid in Lebanon](#)

Devex

[Assessing Feasibility and Readiness for Cargo Drones in Health Supply Chains](#)

USAid.gov

[The cold chain storage challenge](#)

Devex

[India Crisis puts COVAX 150 Million Doses Behind Schedule](#)

Devex

[Global Report on Internal Displacement 2021](#)

IDMC

[Record 55 million people internally displaced worldwide, NGOs report](#)

France24

Upcoming Events

[gLOCAL Evaluation Week 2021](#)

May 31- June 1

[Biopharma CEO Investor Forum](#)

June 7-8

[Social Innovation Summit 2021](#)

June 8-10

[Bridging Antimicrobial Resistance and WASH: Moving Toward a Collective Agenda](#)

June 9, 8:30-9:30AM ET

[COVID-19 Check-Up – Assessing Response and Planning Recovery](#)

June 10, 2pm ET

[U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's Global Impact Forum](#)

June 15, 1-3 pm ET

[Concordia Event: Sustainability Today](#)

June 23

[Disease Prevention and Control Summit America 2021](#)

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