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Note from Elizabeth (EJ) Ashbourne, PQMD Executive Director

Greetings! Can you believe we are already closing out November? In the spirit of American Thanksgiving, I would like to express gratitude for our amazing network of colleagues and the extraordinary work that our members do to support access to quality healthcare across the globe.



Case in point, November has been a very busy month, with PQMD members continuing to respond to disasters and protracted crises around the world, including the war in Ukraine, hunger crisis in Ethiopia, mental health needs after the Maui fires, the aftermath of Hurricane Otis in Acapulco, Mexico, and more. PQMD members have also spent a significant amount of time, money and resources, responding to humanitarian needs in Palestine and Israel.

In early November, PQMD member IsraAID launched a large-scale program to address the challenging mental health needs in Israel. Anera, along with a coalition of other PQMD members including Project HOPE, Americares, and others, were finally able to deliver life-saving humanitarian aid into Gaza. As of November 29th, Anera was able to procure and deliver over 1,200,000 treatments in response to the dire healthcare situation resulting from the scarcity of food, water and medicines. To learn more about Anera's response to the crisis, visit their [website](#). While the recent ceasefires and pauses did allow some humanitarian aid across the border, the needs are still great and will require the continued commitment of humanitarian organizations to address the critical health needs in the region. PQMD members are answering that call!

Also this month, PQMD hosted a Pillar Talk reflecting the core expertise of our members and organization: Managing Long-term Donation Programs. Pfizer, Merck & Co., Inc., and The Max Foundation spoke about their long-term programs on Trachoma, Mectizan Donations to combat two tropical parasitic diseases, and cancer treatment respectively, all making significant impact on public health in the communities they serve. The group also highlighted PQMD's [Guidelines for Quality Medical Donations](#) and the critical role they play in quality assurance within their own donation programs. If you missed this dynamic discussion, please do watch the [recording](#).

And, as many of you know, November was "Guidelines Month" at PQMD. It is a great time to review your practices and procedures when it comes to ensuring that your own programs align with global best practices. In addition to checking out the various Guidelines on the PQMD website, including those for Medical Donations, Medical Missions, and Rare Diseases, you might also want to explore the PQMD self-driven, free, on-line course on adhering to quality donation standards. You can find this resource on [Disaster Ready](#).

Lastly, if you weren't aware, this week was Giving Tuesday. I encourage you to please consider donating to our amazing nonprofit organizations! You can read all about the incredible work our members are doing on our website [here](#).

Stay warm and enjoy the holiday season!

A banner for PQMD NEWS. It features a dark blue background with a decorative graphic on the left side consisting of three vertical bars in green, yellow, and orange. The text "PQMD NEWS" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on the right side of the banner.

PQMD NEWS

PQMD Holds Disaster All-Call to Discuss Continued Humanitarian Crisis in Palestine and Israel

In the month of November, PQMD held an all-call to discuss the humanitarian crisis in Palestine and Israel. Member situation updates included details of supplies they were able to procure and donate and logistical capabilities. According to our members operating in the region, there are still many challenges and back-up issues to providing humanitarian aid there, including lack of electricity and clean water, and non-functioning hospitals, all contributing to the rapid spread of diseases.

Aid being provided by PQMD members includes the provision of healthcare specialists to open a field hospital and provide support for mobile health clinics and damaged healthcare facilities; psychosocial support for displaced citizens, victims and their family members; and delivery of Interagency Emergency Health Kits (IEHKs), Disaster Health Kits (DHKs), dignity and hygiene kits, medicines, medical supplies and equipment.

Matz & Roeder Consulting Works with PQMD to Support Member Programs

At PQMD, we are often asked if there is any type of consulting support or extra assistance for developing quality medical donations programs. To address these requests, PQMD has partnered with Matz & Roeder Consulting, LLC as a recommended consultancy focused on the strategic development and management of charitable programs. Woman-owned and operated, founders [Ann Matz-Tirado](#) and [Marcia Roeder](#) bring unique perspectives and expertise around Philanthropy and Gift-In-Kind programs. Having worked with PQMD corporate and NGO partners, they bring decades of experience in donation program design, strategic planning, fundraising, volunteer program development, and more. To learn about Matz & Roeder Consulting, please visit their website [here](#).



GLOBAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT ESSENTIALS

Next Course Session Enrolling Now!
Session Dates: February 7 – March 20, 2024

The course will be presented in seven modules over seven weekly classes scheduled Wednesdays from 12:00-2:00pm (EST).

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.

The course compresses much of the MPH curriculum with an emphasis on global concerns; participants gain an improved understanding of health disparities around the world and how they're measured, health systems in low and lower-middle income countries, the global frameworks and key players providing sustained humanitarian assistance for global health development, and the dynamics and coordination of international disaster response.

The course is structured in 7 modules, and delivered through weekly 120-minute online sessions. Modules are delivered by topic-specific expert guest lecturers, including the course coordinator, a seasoned global health professional with substantial experience in the subject matter and adult education.

To learn more and register, visit PQMD's [website](#).

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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!

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COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE



Managing Long-term Donation Programs

November 21, 2023 • 11:00 am EST



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Recording Now Available!

PQMD Pillar Talk: Managing Long-term Donation Programs

On November 21st, PQMD held its monthly Pillar Talk: Managing Long-term Donation Programs. The recording is now available [here](#)!

Establishing a long-term donation program is a complex task involving internal cross-functional collaboration, a compatible partner organization and a shared vision. During this Pillar Talk, we learned how three organizations manage their programs, best practices and how they leverage the [PQMD Guidelines for Quality Medical Product Donations](#).

Julie Jenson, from Pfizer, discussed their Trachoma program advancing health by expanding antibiotic access. Marilyn Mainardi, from Merck & Co., Inc. shared information about their Mectizan Donation Program to combat two tropical parasitic diseases targeted for elimination by the World Health Organization. Last, Bryan Murphy-Eustis from The Max Foundation provided information about their flagship program Max Access Solutions, an integrative approach that delivers last mile access to cancer treatment.

Speakers discussed how their programs contributed to health system strengthening and sustainability and they touched upon the importance of utilizing PQMD's guidelines for long-term donation programs.

View Recording

MEMBER NEWS

GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday was November 28th! Please Consider Giving to PQMD Members.

Giving Tuesday is an opportunity for people around the world to come together through generosity in all its forms by sharing acts of kindness and giving their voice, time, money, goods, and advocacy to support communities and causes. This year in particular our members have been responding to many protracted crises all across the globe. Please consider giving to our members!

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Learn more about Giving Tuesday [here](#).

Baxter



The Baxter International Foundation and UNICEF Partner to Expand Access to Safe Water and Sanitation in Egypt

On November 28th, the Baxter International Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Baxter International Inc. (NYSE:BAX), and UNICEF, announced a partnership to improve access to safe drinking water and sanitation in five water-challenged regions in Egypt. Supported by a \$2.5 million grant from the Foundation, this three-year initiative aims to implement climate-smart water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programming for thousands of people in Upper Egypt's governorates of Aswan, Assiut, Quena, Minya and Luxor through community engagement, education and rehabilitation of primary health units.

Through the partnership with the Baxter International Foundation in Egypt, UNICEF aims to:

Provide technical support to national and local governments to increase access to WASH services, equipping more than 4,000 households with safe drinking water and sewage connections.

Improve access to quality WASH services in more than 100 primary care units, including gender-separated and disability-friendly sanitation services.

Help 150 schools and 40 nurseries develop and implement action plans and mitigation strategies focused on climate change and WASH.

Support medical teams at health facilities in delivering climate-adaptive health and nutrition services and education for mothers and children, as well as educating young children and high-risk pregnant and lactating women to equip them with skills to help protect against the impact of climate change on WASH.

Equip 50 health facilities with green sources of power and energy, such as solar panels.

To learn more about this partnership, visit Baxter's [website](#).



Heart to Heart International, Americares and Project Vision Hawai'i Partner to Provide Essential Healthcare Services in Maui

Long after a disaster is no longer in the news, nonprofit health organizations are often still helping communities' health systems recover – stronger and better prepared for the next disaster. In the aftermath of the devastating wildfires that swept across Maui in 2022, three organizations – Heart to Heart International, Americares and Project Vision Hawai'i – came together to provide much-needed relief.

Through this partnership, Heart to Heart International and Americares co-donated a fully functional medical clinic to Project Vision Hawai'i, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing healthcare to those experiencing homelessness in Hawai'i.

The 20' shipping container clinic, equipped with the necessary medical supplies and staffed by volunteer nurses and nurse practitioners from Project Vision Hawai'i, is now providing essential healthcare services to residents of a temporary shelter in Pu'uhoanua o Nēnē, accommodating approximately 150 unhoused individuals/families.

The clinic's services extend beyond the shelter, offering no-cost healthcare to anyone in the Kahului community who needs it. Operating around the clock, the clinic ensures that everyone in need has access to the care they deserve.

"We're thrilled to join forces with Americares to donate this medical clinic to Project Vision Hawai'i," said Kim Carroll, Heart to Heart International CEO. "This clinic will provide critical and essential health services to the people of Maui, including those impacted by the wildfires. This collaboration underscores the power of partnerships in addressing humanitarian needs."

The donation of the medical clinic is part of a broader effort by Heart to Heart International and Americares to support healthcare resources on Maui in the wake of the wildfires. Both organizations have also provided medications, medical supplies and other support to healthcare providers on the island.

This project is an example of organizations working together to amplify their impact, reach more people in need, and create a lasting positive impact on communities.



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Devex

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BBC

[Chronic drug shortages stress hospitals and patients](#)

NPR

[Lack of clean drinking water for 95% of people in Gaza threatens health crisis](#)

The Guardian

[Risk of disease spread soars in Gaza as health facilities, water, and sanitation systems disrupted](#)

WHO

[Global leaders reach deal on structure for fund compensating developing countries for climate damage](#)

The Hill

[From Extreme Heat to Wars, 2023 is Year of Many Health Challenges, Says WHO Chief](#)

The Astana Times

[Call for a New Cadre of Pharmaceutical Professionals to Strengthen LMIC Systems](#)

Global Health Now

[Rebuilding Libya's Health-Care System](#)

ThinkGlobalHealth

[A hidden pandemic: the danger of donated respiratory devices to children in LMICs](#)

The Lancet

[Horn of Africa: Over 100 Killed and 700,000 Displaced By El Nino Rains as Region Braces for More Wild Weather](#)

Upcoming Events

[COP28 UAE](#); November
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April 30-May 2, 2023;
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