



# NEWSLETTER

June 2025

Refugees & IDPs Month



## A Note from Elizabeth Ashbourne, Our Executive Director

As we close out June, I'm struck by both the challenges and the momentum we're experiencing across the global health landscape. From extraordinary conflict and disruption to shrinking resources, the pressures on the humanitarian and health systems continue to intensify - but so does the resolve and creativity of our community. In moments like these, PQMD's work - and the collective power of our network - proves not only relevant, but essential.

This month, we hosted a powerful **Pillar Talk**, *Displaced Futures: Health at the Crossroads of Conflict, Climate, and Cuts*, where we explored the weight the humanitarian system is carrying when it comes to refugees and displaced populations - and the ways PQMD members and partners are rising to meet that burden through trust, collaboration, prioritization, and action. With 5 eminent speakers, we talked about the impacts of climate change on mobile populations, the challenges of navigating budget cuts while dealing with a surge in need, the importance of working locally, and ensuring that mental health needs are accommodated and addressed. *Missed it? [The recording is available here.](#)*

We also launched our summer 2025 **Global Health & Development Essentials course**, welcoming a new cohort of learners committed to driving change, and we're already building the [interest list for our fall/winter session](#).

Looking ahead to July, there is a lot going on. We're excited to convene our full network for our biannual **General Membership Meeting** to reflect on progress from the first half of 2025 and align for what's coming next. We will also be opening registration for our in-person, **2025 Collaboration & Learning Forum**, hosted by Amgen this October in Thousand Oaks, California, and launching a new **#MemberMonday campaign** on [LinkedIn](#) to help spotlight the incredible impact of PQMD members across the globe.

In this increasingly uncertain environment, the strength of the PQMD network - your partnership, your insights, and most importantly, your collective action - has never been more critical. Thank you for being part of it.

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At PQMD's **June Pillar Talk**, *Displaced Futures: Health at the Crossroads of Conflict, Climate, and Cuts*, our members and partners came together to ask hard questions and share practical solutions. From Gaza to Sudan, communities are not only navigating acute emergencies but doing so amid deep, systemic fragility. And yet, even as resources tighten and priorities shift, the energy in the room was not one of despair — it was one of determination. Missed it? [Watch the recording](#) and [read the summary](#)!

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**Small Groups Collaboration Spotlight:** In the coming weeks, the leaders of the AI Member Interest Group and NGO Sector groups will send out a membership-wide survey on AI uses, applications, and areas of concern within PQMD member organizations. Please take the time to complete this short survey when you receive it, and we look forward to sharing the results with all of you at the first AI Member Interest Group meeting in August! *Want to get involved with the AI Member Interest Group? Fill out [this form](#).*

Check out all the groups on our [Small Groups at PQMD](#) page.

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Have you checked out **PQMD Connect** lately? Now is a great time to [log in and explore](#) our recent member updates! If you'd like a refresher on using PQMD Connect or updating your information, please reach out to [Allison Bradshaw](#) or [Juliemarie Vander Burg](#) to set up a time to chat!

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We are excited to announce the launch of a new **PQMD Member Monday LinkedIn feature campaign**. Starting in July, each Monday, on LinkedIn, PQMD will highlight the incredible work of one of our member organizations in the donations space. Members, if you have a preference for when you'd like to be highlighted or what you'd like us to focus on related to global health observances or themes, we'd love to hear. Please reach out to [Sam MacDonald](#) for more details or to submit your case study. We look forward to celebrating your work!

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### **NEW RESOURCE: Good Distribution Practice (GDP) Guidelines for NGOs & Health Facilities**

[International Health Partners \(IHP\)](#) is pleased to share a new resource developed specifically for their NGO partners, their sub-recipients, and the healthcare facilities they support. The booklet is a practical resource that summarises the key elements of GDP and is designed to be accessible and applicable across a wide range of operational contexts. [Learn more and download the full booklet.](#)



### **NOT A MEMBER YET?**

PQMD is a one-of-a-kind alliance where leading experts in the field of medical donations work collectively to tackle healthcare access challenges and seize opportunities for impact. Established 25 years ago with the modest mandate to issue donation guidelines, PQMD has emerged as true a pioneer in public-private partnerships, championing and promoting sustainable access to quality health care in under-served communities and populations in crisis. [Visit our website to learn more and apply to join our powerful network today!](#)

### **Stay Informed!**

As of July 1, 2025, we will be closing our PQMD Facebook and X profiles. We encourage you to [follow us on LinkedIn](#) for the latest updates on PQMD programs, products and resources.



*Next Month's Theme: Measuring for Success*

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