



A Note from Elizabeth Ashbourne, Our Executive Director

As July comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly active and energizing month across the PQMD network.

Throughout the month, our members came together in a powerful series of conversations and convenings. From our **all-call on the Texas floods** to a follow-up session on navigating disaster response amid **FEMA funding cuts**, the dialogues reinforced how critical it is to have this trusted network to share challenges, resources, and lessons in real time. Our **July Coffee Chat** took a closer look at **aligned metrics for donations**, sparking meaningful discussion around how we measure and share impact data cross the sector. We also gathered our full membership for the **annual General Membership Meeting**, reflecting on the first half of 2025 and looking ahead to what's next. And, as a follow-up to that meeting, we shared a new blog post, **"Built for This Moment,"** offering reflections on PQMD's unique role in today's global health landscape and how our community continues to rise to the occasion.

We're also celebrating the close of another successful **Global Health & Development Essentials session**, and gearing up for our **August Pillar Talk, Beyond the Hype: The Digital Mental Health Debate** - a timely conversation on innovation, equity, and evidence in a fast-moving space. [Registration is now open](#), and we hope to see many of you there. And, [registration](#) has just launched for our **2025 Collaboration & Learning Forum** at Amgen's campus in Thousand Oaks, CA this October!

Finally, I want to say **hail and farewell to Dr. David Nabarro**, a visionary leader whose lifelong commitment to equity, health systems, and multilateral collaboration shaped so much of the progress we've made as a global health community. I had the honor of working with David more than 25 years ago and again this year at our Global Health Policy Forum. His clarity of vision, fierce dedication to equity, and deep humanity never changed. He inspired and challenged us - always with heart, patience and wisdom. His passing is too soon, but his legacy will live on for all of us as we continue doing the work we do.



PQMD 2025 Collaboration & Learning Forum

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PQMD at 25 Years: From Foundation to Frontier 

Registration Now Open for PQMD's 2025 Collaboration & Learning Forum!

Members, join us this October at Amgen's campus in Thousand Oaks, CA as we celebrate PQMD's 25-year legacy and confront the complex realities shaping the future of global health. This year's CLF will bring members together to explore rising needs, shifting funding, supply chain friction, climate shocks, and more - all through the lens of shared partnership and innovation. Be part of the conversation that will help what's next for PQMD and our collective impact.

[Learn more & register now!](#)

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Built for This Moment: A Leadership Conversation

Following PQMD's recent General Membership Meeting, Executive Director, Elizabeth Ashbourne, sat down with Board Chair, Kavita Sood-Isaacs, to reflect on the shifting global health landscape and PQMD's unique role in meeting this moment. Read their conversation and explore how our community is responding with resilience, partnership, and purpose. [Read the blog.](#)



August Pillar Talk - Beyond the Hype: The Digital Mental Health Debate

Join us for a timely discussion on the promise and pitfalls of digital mental health tools in global settings. As innovation accelerates, questions around evidence, equity, and impact grow louder. This session will explore how to move from prototypes to real, scalable solutions - and highlight emerging global efforts to build a stronger mental health architecture ahead of the 2025 UN High-Level Meeting on Mental Health. [Learn more and register now.](#)



We are delighted to welcome [Karen Wilson](#), Founder & CEO of GV Partners, to the [PQMD Advisory Board](#). A global leader in sustainable finance and impact investing, Karen brings deep cross-sector expertise and has contributed her insights to both our 2023 and 2025 Global Health Policy Forums. Her perspective will be invaluable as we continue to explore new models for financing equitable access to health.



Coordinating in Crisis: July Disaster Response Calls

In July, PQMD convened two emergency all-calls to coordinate member response to severe flooding in Texas and the broader impact of FEMA funding cuts. Members shared real-time updates on mobilizing supplies, supporting local clinics and shelters, and navigating gaps in access and coverage. The discussions also prompted the formation of a focused member interest group to explore long-term implications and strategies. These calls continue to showcase PQMD's unique role in connecting cross-sector partners during critical moments. [Members, you can catch up on any calls you missed on the members only CoP.](#)



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PQMD's Global Health & Development Essentials

course is an 8-week executive survey course for professionals and students in the global health space offering a comprehensive introduction and orientation to international development policies and practices. Participants will gain an understanding of the global health policy environment; the global frameworks and key players providing sustained humanitarian assistance and response for global health and health systems; the dynamics and coordination of international disaster and pandemic response; and the complexities of medical product donation programs within these contexts and existing frameworks. [Learn more & enroll today!](#)



Members, you're invited to a casual, cocktail-style meet-up on Sunday, September 21st at 4PM, in the heart of Times Square. Whether you're local or in town for one of the global health events, we'd love for you to join us for an afternoon of refreshments, connections, and conversations. Please RSVP no later than Friday, September 5th to jpall@pqmd.org. We can't wait to see you in NYC!



Do you know an outstanding **company or NGO** making a real impact in global health or humanitarian response? We're always looking to grow our network with mission-aligned partners who bring fresh perspectives and shared commitment to access, equity, and collaboration. If someone comes to mind, **let's chat** - we'd love to connect! [Contact Jill Pall, PQMD Senior Director, Membership, today!](#)



Want to help celebrate PQMD's 25-year legacy? We're inviting friends, partners, and supporters to help mark this milestone by contributing a **short video message for our 25th anniversary celebration!** Share your best wishes, favorite memory, proudest PQMD moment, or hopes for the future.

[Upload your video here.](#) It's quick and easy!
Submission Deadline: August 8, 2025



PQMD's leadership is taking part in a series of **cross-sector roundtables on the future of foreign aid**, convening global leaders from government, civil society, philanthropy, academia, and the private sector and sponsored by GWU's Institute for Public Diplomacy and Communication, the GW School of Public Health, the NY Center for Public Affairs, and the World Hunger Education Service. The insights gathered will inform a forthcoming white paper to be shared with the U.S. Department of State as part of the 2025 Foreign Assistance

Review (FAR), and with Congress. We look forward to sharing that with you as soon as it's available. Stay tuned!



Interested in AI in Global Health? We Want to Hear from You!

PQMD members have proposed forming an **AI Member Interest Group**, and your input is key. [Take their short survey here](#). All members are encouraged to participate! For those of you interested in [joining the member interest group](#), get ready to work together to share use cases, understand AI policy in PQMD member organizations, and identify some potential areas for AI benchmarking.



This month, we launched the **PQMD Member Monday LinkedIn feature campaign**, where we have begun to spotlight the incredible work of one of our member organizations each week. [Check out our LinkedIn page to catch up on posted highlights!](#) 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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Next Month's Theme: Mental Health