



NEWSLETTER

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PQMD Resources Month



A Note from Elizabeth Ashbourne, Our Executive Director

As we close out October, I am reflecting on another energizing and inspiring month across the PQMD network.

Last week's **Collaboration & Learning Forum** was a defining moment for PQMD and our community. Hosted by **Amgen** in Thousand Oaks, CA, the gathering came at a pivotal time for global health - one of extraordinary challenge, change, and opportunity. Over three days, PQMD members came together with purpose and openness, confronting complex realities around sustaining health systems under pressure, strengthening partnerships in times of crisis, and ensuring quality, equity, and access remain at the center of what we do. As we celebrate PQMD's 25th anniversary, the CLF underscored what continues to make this network exceptional: trusted collaboration, shared learning, and a unified commitment to action. *Members, keep an eye out for the event summary report coming soon!*

Just this morning, our members once again demonstrated their unwavering commitment to being in the right place, with the right people, and ready with whatever medical products and services are urgently needed. It was so exciting to see that spirit of collaboration on full display at our **members-only disaster all-call** to coordinate a robust response to **Hurricane Maria**.

And, if you missed yesterday's **Pillar Talk, Capital for Health: Demystifying Investment Models & Mobilizing Resources for Impact** - I encourage you to [watch the recording](#). The session, led by **PQMD Advisory Board Member, Karen Wilson of GV Partners**, offered invaluable insights about innovative financing models and what it takes to engage the right investors to drive sustainable impact in global health.

Next up, we're excited to bring our community together again for our **PQMD Member Meet-Up in Washington, D.C. on November 19**. This casual, in-person lunch will offer space for conversation and connection among member representatives and partners. We hope you'll join us - please **RSVP to jpoll@pqmd.org** by November 7 if you plan to attend.

Finally, we were thrilled to mark the official launch of our **25th Anniversary campaign** at the CLF. I invite you to [watch and share our kickoff video](#) celebrating **25 years of partnership, progress and purpose**. We are looking boldly ahead to the next 25 years and will continue to keep our vision of a world in which there is universal access to health and well being as our North Star. Thank you to all our members, partners and supporters for being part of this journey - and the opportunity to continue working with all of you.



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PQMD at 25 Years: From Foundation to Frontier 

PQMD's **2025 Collaboration & Learning Forum (CLF)** brought together **more than 60 member attendees from 36 member organizations** at **Amgen's global headquarters in Thousand Oaks, California** for three days of dynamic learning, discussion, and connection.

Sessions explored the evolving intersections of **health equity, humanitarian response, metrics alignment, and access innovation**, highlighting how cross-sector partnerships are driving impact amid today's complex global health challenges. Members also connected through engaging **networking receptions and social events**, celebrating 25 years of PQMD collaboration and shared commitment to advancing ethical, effective donation and access practices.

PQMD extends sincere thanks to our 2025 CLF sponsors, **Amgen and Lilly**, and to all of our members whose insights and energy made this milestone gathering an extraordinary success.

The Event Summary Report is nearly complete and will be released soon.

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This month's Pillar Talk, led by **Karen Wilson of GV Partners and PQMD Advisory Board Member**, unpacked the complexities of the global health financing landscape and offered a practical guide to navigating it with confidence. The discussion explored how different investor types approach risk, return, and impact; broke down financing models from **blended finance** to **catalytic capital**; and addressed common misconceptions that can hinder partnership and trust. Drawing on real-world examples, Karen and participants shared candid insights on what drives successful investment in health and how to better align priorities between funders and implementers. Missed it? [Watch the recording.](#)



Following the devastating impact of **Hurricane Melissa** across the Caribbean, PQMD convened members from across sectors for a rapid coordination **Disaster All-Call** to align on response priorities and emerging needs. Members shared updates on their efforts to deploy assessment teams, restore healthcare services, and deliver critical medical, hygiene, and relief supplies across affected countries.

These real-time coordination calls are a cornerstone of PQMD's disaster response efforts - providing a **trusted platform** for members to **share information, identify opportunities for collaboration, and strengthen collective impact** when crises strike.

Members, [view the recording and shared resources on the Members-Only CoP.](#)



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 or record your video here.](#) It's quick and easy!



SAVE THE DATES!

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Join Us for the PQMD D.C. Member Meet-Up!

We're bringing the PQMD community together for an afternoon of connection and conversation in Washington, D.C.! Join us for a **casual lunch on Wednesday, November 19 at 1:00 PM** to catch up with colleagues, share updates, and strengthen ties across our network.

RSVP by November 7 to jpall@pqmd.org - we can't wait to see you there!



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!](#)



We have started spotlighting the incredible work of one of our member organizations during our new **PQMD Member Monday LinkedIn feature campaign**. [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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November's Theme:
Best Practices