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NEWSLETTER

September 2025

Disaster Response, Preparedness & Resilience Month



A Note from Elizabeth Ashbourne, Our Executive Director

As summer draws to a close, our network has been anything but quiet. September saw PQMD members and partners leaning into urgent conversations and collective action on some of the most pressing issues in global health and development.

We began September with a **member disaster all-call on the Afghanistan earthquake**, once again demonstrating the power of our network to share insights, coordinate response, and support one another in real time. Soon after, our [Pillar Talk on Digital Mental Health](#) brought together an extraordinary panel and an engaged audience to explore how innovation, AI, evidence, and equity can converge to expand mental health support worldwide.

At the same time, our 25th Anniversary campaign has launched and continues to gain momentum, capturing the remarkable legacy and future vision of our members as we celebrate 25 years of impact.

And just last week, PQMD leadership spent an energizing stretch in New York City for UNGA80, hosting and participating in a series of events - including our NYC PQMD Member Meet-Up, our co-hosted roundtable with International Medical Corps at Concordia (The Future of Global Health and Humanitarian Response), and engagements across Devex Impact House, Climate Week, and more. These gatherings underscored what makes our community unique: trusted relationships, cross-sector collaboration, and a willingness to grapple with complex challenges together. You can read more about my week in NYC and some of my takeaways in my [latest LinkedIn post](#).

We're bringing that inspiration and those insights straight into our **Members-Only Collaboration & Learning Forum (CLF)** in just a few weeks. Hosted by **Amgen in Thousand Oaks, CA**, this CLF will bring our network together to build on 25 years of collective impact and to consider how we will work together, with passion and purpose, to contribute to this new era of global health. This will be our chance to carry forward the energy of 2025 thus far - to deepen connections, exchange solutions, and prepare collectively for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

P.S. We still have a few spots left in our Fall session of our Global Health & Development Essentials course. There's one week left to register! [Learn more and enroll today!](#)



PQMD Partnership for Quality Medical Donations
2025 Collaboration & Learning Forum

OCTOBER 21 - 23, 2025 | THOUSAND OAKS, CA

PQMD at 25 Years: From Foundation to Frontier 

2025 CLF REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 8

Members, we're thrilled to welcome you soon to PQMD's **2025 Collaboration & Learning Forum (CLF)** for three days of engaging discussion and meaningful collaboration! With the **registration deadline of October 8th** approaching, our members-only CoP event page now has even more to explore, including updated **logistics details** and a link to the **full event website and schedule**, all from one convenient spot. Stay informed and make sure your plans are set by *clicking the button below*.

[Learn more & register now!](#)

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Recording Now Available!

On September 9, PQMD hosted a thought-provoking Pillar Talk on digital mental health solutions and their potential to expand access in low-resource and hard-to-reach settings. Leaders discussed opportunities, challenges, and what it takes to move from pilots to scalable, evidence-based impact. The session also highlighted emerging efforts to strengthen the global mental health architecture ahead of the 2025 UN High-Level Meeting. Missed it? [Watch the recording.](#)



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!



Last week, PQMD leadership and members gathered in **New York City** for **UNGA and surrounding events**, including **Concordia's Annual Summit, Devex Impact House, Climate Week**, and our own **NYC Member Meet-Up**. Also, PQMD was incredibly honored to **co-host a highly successful roundtable with International Medical Corps at Concordia**, sparking rich dialogue on the future of global health and humanitarian response. Although a whirlwind week, it was inspiring to reconnect, network, and share ideas with partners from across the global health and development sectors.



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April 28-30, 2026 | New York City

The New World Order of Global Health



PQMD DC Member Meet-Up – [RSVP Today!](#)

Members, you're invited to join us for our upcoming casual, cocktail-style gathering in **Washington DC** to connect, catch up, and enjoy time together: **Wednesday, November 19 at 1:00 PM**. [RSVP to save the date.](#)



***Complimentary
for official PQMD
member representatives!***

The Fall session of PQMD's **Global Health & Development Essentials course kicks off next week**. The 8-week executive survey course for professionals and students in the global health space offers 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!](#)



Earlier this month, PQMD convened a **members-only Disaster All-Call** to discuss the devastating August **earthquake in eastern Afghanistan**. Member representatives shared real-time updates on the scale of the crisis, urgent health and humanitarian needs, and the challenges of reaching affected communities. This closed forum underscored the power of PQMD's network - connecting peers quickly, exchanging intelligence, and identifying ways to coordinate aid more effectively in fast-moving emergencies.



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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