



NEWSLETTER

November 2025

Best Practices Month



A Note from Elizabeth Ashbourne, Our Executive Director

As we come out of the Thanksgiving holiday here in the United States and look ahead to the fast-approaching winter holiday season, I'm reflecting with gratitude on the strength of the PQMD community and all we accomplished together last month and through the year thus far.

In early November, we released the [2025 Collaboration & Learning Forum Summary Report](#), now available on the members-only Community of Practice. The insights captured there reflect months of thoughtful dialogue, shared learning, and the collective expertise of our network.

Later in the month, I had the privilege of moderating a powerful session at **International Medical Corps' First Responders Summit**, titled *There Is No Healthcare Without Medicine*. It was an honor to help guide a conversation with remarkable speakers - [Ronny Elfassy](#), [Ken Hardy](#), and [Dave Hartman](#) - on the urgent challenges and real-world complexities of delivering medical commodities in humanitarian settings. Their experience, candor, and passion underscored why this work matters so deeply and why strong partnerships remain essential.

I returned to join two back-to-back member gatherings: our **Monthly Coffee Chat on AI and digital tools in supply chain operations**, which sparked rich discussion on the future of operational innovation in humanitarian and health programs; and our **PQMD Member Meet-Up in Washington, D.C.**, graciously hosted by Project Hope. With more than 20 colleagues from a number of member organizations joining us, it was a wonderful reminder of the value of being in the same room - connecting, sharing, and strengthening relationships that make our network so unique.

And, just two days after this newsletter lands in your inbox, we'll all gather again for our next **Pillar Talk: Evolving Together – The Changing Center of Gravity in Global Health**. We'll be exploring how global health actors can more meaningfully align with national priorities, strengthen locally led systems, and design partnerships that truly advance country ownership and sustainability. Moderated by Julie Jenson (Pfizer), and including Mary Beth Powers (CMMB), Wondowossen Asefa (Project HOPE), and Dixon Chibanda (Friendship

Bench) it promises to be a thoughtful and timely conversation. [Learn more and register here.](#)

As we turn toward the final weeks of the year, thank you for your continued leadership, collaboration, and commitment to advancing access to quality healthcare for communities worldwide. I am grateful to work alongside you.



We are pleased to announce the release of the **2025 Collaboration & Learning Forum Summary Report!**

This year's CLF brought together 63 attendees - representing 74% of PQMD's global network - to collaborate, innovate, and advance solutions across our community. Over three days at Amgen's HQ, we engaged in panels and peer-led working sessions, exploring shared challenges, practical tools, frameworks, and strategies to strengthen equitable access and collective impact.

As EJ reflected: *"This year's Forum came at a defining moment for global health - a time of extraordinary challenge, change, and opportunity. PQMD's culture has always been built on connection and collaboration that come from real expertise. That spirit was evident in every conversation, session, and reflection throughout our time together in Thousand Oaks."*

The CLF summary report captures key themes, takeaways, and highlights from this milestone event - marking PQMD's 25th Anniversary year and spotlighting the extraordinary strength of our network in translating purpose into practice. [Members - read the report and view speaker presentations and event materials on the members-only CoP.](#)



WEDNESDAY! - December Pillar Talk: *Evolving Together – The Changing Center of Gravity in Global Health*

Join us **Wednesday, December 3 at 11:00 AM ET** for a dynamic conversation on how the global health landscape is shifting toward stronger local leadership and country ownership. As an extension of **Best Practices Month at PQMD**, this session will explore how programs can better align with national priorities, strengthen local partnerships, and design sustainable approaches that truly support health systems from within. [Register now!](#)



A huge thank-you to everyone who joined us on **November 19** for our **PQMD Member Meet-Up** hosted by **Project HOPE**. We were thrilled to welcome **more than 20 colleagues from 10 member organizations** for an afternoon of connection, conversation, and community. These gatherings continue to showcase the strength of the PQMD network, and the power of coming together in person to share insights, build relationships, and celebrate our collective work. We're grateful to Project HOPE for hosting and to all who made the time to join us!





SAVE THE DATES!

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This month's **members-only Coffee Chat** brought together colleagues across the PQMD network for a candid discussion on how **AI and digital tools are reshaping supply chain operations** in humanitarian and health programs. Members exchanged early lessons on using AI for real-time visibility, predictive planning, and workflow optimization, while also acknowledging the continued need for strong human oversight. Participants shared successes, challenges, and emerging opportunities for cross-organizational learning, leaving the session with new insights and connections to support the thoughtful integration of AI into complex operational environments.



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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December's Theme:
Climate & Health