



A Note from Elizabeth Ashbourne, Our Executive Director

June has been a meaningful month of reflection, transition, and continued momentum across the PQMD community. We were pleased to share the recording of our [May Pillar Talk, *Emerging Issues in Global Health: Long Term Care*](#), which explored the growing global challenge of long-term care and the workforce, systems, and partnerships needed to support aging populations and chronic disease care worldwide. The discussion offered timely perspective on how demographic and social shifts are reshaping care delivery and what that means for the future of global health. If you missed it, I encourage you to [watch the recording](#).

This month, we were delighted to onboard UPS as PQMD's newest corporate member! More will be shared soon in an official announcement, but we are excited for the experience, reach, and logistics expertise they bring to the network and to our shared work advancing access to quality health care.

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge an important Board leadership transition. Kavita Sood-Isaacs has recently concluded her service as PQMD Board Chair, and I want to express my deep gratitude for her leadership, counsel, and partnership during a pivotal period for PQMD. It has been a personal honor to work alongside Kavita as she helped guide our Strategic Plan Refresh, expanded member engagement efforts, and the launch of our 25th Anniversary celebration. We are equally grateful that Erica Tavares, our current Vice Chair and a longtime PQMD leader, will step in as Acting Board Chair for the remainder of the term. Erica brings deep experience, steady leadership, and a strong commitment to PQMD's mission, and I look forward to working with her in this role.

Looking ahead, July will bring opportunities to learn, connect, and engage. The next session of our [Global Health & Development Essentials](#) course kicks off [July 8](#), and there is still time to register for what is shaping up to be a dynamic cohort of professionals from across the global health and development space. And, later in the month, for members in the Washington, D.C. area, I hope you'll join us on July 29 for our next Member Meet-Up - a casual opportunity to reconnect, share ideas, and strengthen relationships across the network. [RSVP by July 24!](#)

Finally, I want to acknowledge the extraordinary work PQMD members continue to do in response to urgent humanitarian needs around the world, including the Venezuela earthquakes, the Ebola outbreak, the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine, and so much more. Even amid complexity, uncertainty, and constrained access, members continue to coordinate, adapt, and deliver critical support to communities in need.

Thank you for the expertise, engagement, and humanity you bring to PQMD and to this work every day. I look forward to continuing our momentum together in the months ahead.



Recording Now Available! Pillar Talk - Emerging Issues in Global Health: Long Term Care

Watch our latest Pillar Talk exploring the growing global challenge of long-term care and the workforce, systems, and partnerships needed to support aging populations and chronic disease care worldwide. The discussion highlights how demographic and social shifts are reshaping care delivery across settings and what these changes mean for the future of global health. [Watch the recording.](#)



The next session of PQMD's **Global Health & Development Essentials** course kicks off July 8! This 8-week program offers a practical introduction to global health and development, covering policy; key actors and frameworks; disaster and pandemic response; the role of medical product donations within complex health systems; and much more. [Learn more & enroll today!](#)

Complimentary for official PQMD member representatives!



Board Leadership Transition

As Kavita Sood-Isaacs steps down from PQMD's Board of Directors and her role as Board Chair, we want to express our sincere gratitude for her leadership, vision, and commitment during a pivotal period in the organization's history.

Under Kavita's guidance, PQMD launched its Strategic Plan Refresh, celebrated our 25th anniversary, strengthened member engagement through new collaboration models, and continued to

grow as a trusted convener for the global health community. Her thoughtful leadership helped position PQMD for the future while preserving the collaborative spirit that has defined the organization for 25 years. We thank Kavita for her many contributions and wish her every success in her next chapter.

We are pleased to share that [Erica Tavares, Senior Director, International Medical Corps](#) and current PQMD Vice Chair, will serve as Acting Board Chair for the remainder of the 2025–2026 term. A longstanding PQMD leader and active contributor to the organization for many years, Erica brings deep experience in partnership development, resource mobilization, humanitarian response, and Board leadership. We are grateful for her willingness to step into this role and look forward to her guidance as PQMD continues to build on its momentum and advance its mission in the months and years ahead.



This month, PQMD convened two members-only **Disaster Response All-Calls** to coordinate around the evolving **Ebola outbreak** in the DRC and the devastating **earthquakes in Venezuela**. Members shared situational updates from the field, discussed priority health and humanitarian needs, and exchanged operational information on activities including emergency medical care, infection prevention and control, logistics, supply chains, water and sanitation, mental health support, and deployment of medical supplies and response teams.

These rapid coordination calls continue to demonstrate the strength of PQMD's trusted cross-sector network, enabling members to quickly share information, identify collaboration opportunities, and strengthen collective response efforts during rapidly evolving humanitarian emergencies.



Members, join fellow PQMD members for informal conversation, networking, and connection at one of our upcoming **regional Member Meet-Ups**. Whether you're reconnecting with colleagues or meeting new members, these gatherings are a great opportunity to strengthen relationships across the PQMD community.

- **Washington, DC – July 29** (RSVP by July 24)
- **New York City – September 20**

To RSVP or learn more about either event, please contact jpall@pqmd.org. We hope to see you there!

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Being part of PQMD is about real relationships, not just logos on a website, but people you can call when things get complicated. It gives us a space to roll up our sleeves together and work through complex challenges in global health in a way none of us could do alone. And over time, those partnerships turn into genuine friendships built on trust, shared purpose, and a lot of mutual respect.

Kyle Guerin
Director, Corporate Social Responsibility
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UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES FROM ACROSS PQMD'S COLLABORATIVE GROUPS



WORKING GROUPS

WG Updates:

- **Disaster Response Working Group:** Members are building a shared **Disaster Response Resource Library** and invite member contributions of preparedness tools, response checklists, dashboards, guidance, and other trusted references and resources used during disaster response. [Contact Sam MacDonald for details.](#)

MEMBER INTEREST GROUPS

MIG Updates:

- **Innovative Finance & Investment:** Explore innovative financing models, organizational readiness, and emerging partnership approaches shaping the future of global health. **Join the inaugural meeting on July 22 at 10:00 AM ET** [by signing up here.](#)
- **NGO Advancement:** This trusted peer group will focus on fundraising trends, priorities, and shared learning. **Help shape the 2026 agenda** [by completing the brief member survey.](#)
- **Spotlight on Hygiene Kits (SoHK):** Members explored emerging trends in hygiene kit design - including customization, sustainability, mental health, and portability - while

discussing funding challenges and evolving humanitarian needs. The group plans to reconvene in late summer.

- **AI:** The AI MIG is refining its focus for 2026 to complement existing AI learning opportunities across the sector. **Share your priorities** [by completing the short survey](#) and join the conversation.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

[Sign up here](#) to join upcoming group discussions and engagement opportunities.

Curious what other groups are meeting or interested in connecting around a new topic? [Explore existing groups or start your own here.](#)

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Next Month's Theme:

Measuring for Success