Resolution XI. USP’s Global Health Impact

USP will increase its commitment to global public health by advocating for the use of quality standards around the world, enabling access to relevant standards, and working through global partnerships to strengthen systems that ensure access to quality foods and medicine.

Almost two hundred years ago, our founders started USP to combat substandard and falsified medicines. Our Global Public Health division remains committed to this vision.

USP is preparing for several major changes that will pose both challenges and new opportunities for us to continue to grow our impact.

In September 2019, the Promoting the Quality of Medicines (PQM) program, our 10-year, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded flagship program, will conclude.

As we look to the closure of PQM, we will take the opportunity to celebrate the work we have accomplished to increase the supply of quality-assured essential medicines worldwide through strengthening regulatory systems and building manufacturing capabilities.

Much work has been done this past year to prepare for the close of PQM while looking ahead to our future impact.

Building on our strong global footprint and USP’s renowned leadership in the science of quality, we have continued to diversify our funding streams in the following ways:

- We are initiating and strengthening relationships with new donors, including the Global Fund, Merck for Mothers and the World Bank.
- We are evolving new offerings. Building on our leadership in laboratory quality systems, we have secured our first new opportunity to support a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded clinical diagnostic laboratory strengthening project in Liberia.

- We are pursuing new partnerships that complement our core strengths.

As we look ahead, we remain fundamentally committed to continuing and expanding our core work in quality systems strengthening.

USP is pleased that USAID has decided to pursue a follow-on program to PQM, which will more than double the size and scope of the original program. The competitive solicitation for this follow-on program, called Promoting the Quality of Medicines Plus (PQM+), has already been released, and USP is actively pursuing the opportunity.

To successfully secure and deliver on PQM+, we must considerably evolve our ways of working and approach, while preserving our differentiating core capabilities. This includes the following three key changes: (1) strengthening our program delivery capabilities; (2) extensively partnering to maximize our impact; and (3) further decentralizing our staffing model to improve efficiency and localize closer to our constituents.

We are excited about, and actively preparing for, the continued growth and evolution of our public health work.

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Key Accomplishments

- Preparing for a successful transition as the 10-year, USAID-funded PQM program concludes in September 2019
- Invited to submit a full proposal to USAID for a PQM follow-on project (PQM+)
- Building new capabilities to enable Global Public Health GPH to grow donor funding/reach and in preparation to deliver PQM+
- Secured more than $3 million in new donor funding, enabling us to provide technical assistance to more quality control laboratories and regulators around the world
- Undertook our first project focused on a new offering in clinical diagnostic strengthening (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded project in Liberia)