

Dr. Sheila Davis, PIH's former chief of nursing and clinical operations, was appointed chief executive officer this summer. *Photo by Zack DeClerck / PIH*

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Dear Friends,

I've been so inspired this year by how, even in the most challenging of times, dedicated Partners In Health staff around the world have been able to provide the lifesaving care and support our patients deserve.

That care has included not only our global responses to COVID-19, in all 11 countries where PIH works, and not only our new programs in the United States. That care also has included everything PIH does, every year.

Seeing our teams continue vital programs and services in maternal and child health, HIV, tuberculosis, mental health, cancer, and so much more, while dealing with a global pandemic, strained resources, and new safety concerns, has been nothing short of incredible.

We all have struggled, stretched ourselves, and found new strength this year.

That strength often has come from each other. One example, fittingly for 2020, has been a video call.

Several times a week, since March, our colleagues from around the world have gathered by video conference to talk about their experiences battling COVID-19, what they're seeing in their hospitals and health centers, and strategies to improve care. They take valuable time out of their day—in whichever time zone it may be—to connect and collaborate, in a beautiful display of support for one another.

Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging in so many ways, but these regular, global calls have created a silver lining. They reflect how the PIH family has mobilized since March and expanded across the United States. They also prove that we are stronger together, and able to face any challenge when united with our shared ethic of what I call "OnePIH"—the idea that regardless of time or place, we are joined in our pursuit to ensure health is a human right for all. Our fight against COVID-19 happens in parallel with our steadfast provision of care in so many other critical areas.

The stories and information gathered in these pages embody that comprehensive approach to health care—and the dedication that makes it possible.

This year's work has included quarantine support in Navajo Nation, tuberculosis treatment in Lesotho, maternal care in Mexico, and professional training and education across many locations--from the internationally accredited University Hospital in Mirebalais, Haiti, to the University of Global Health Equity in northern Rwanda.

At PIH, we are no strangers to responding to the urgent needs of our patients in the wake of an outbreak or natural disaster. It's embedded in our mission to go where we're needed most, find solutions when there seem to be none, and accompany our communities as long as necessary.

Your commitment to health equity worldwide is a fundamental part of that accompaniment. We deeply appreciate your support, and can't thank you enough.

As we look to the months ahead, we must carry that spirit of accompaniment with us, by taking care of ourselves and each other as we continue moving forward, together.

On behalf of my colleagues around the world, thank you, truly, for everything you do for PIH.

With warmth, solidarity, and hope,

Dr. Sheila Davis Chief Executive Officer