

## **Relationship Between the Pan American Health Organization and PAHO Foundation (the Foundation)**

The Foundation is often asked about its relationship with the Pan American Health Organization. The following is provided to ensure transparency and the public's understanding of the separate organizations and their relationship.

- The Pan American Health Organization is an international public health agency working to improve health and living standards for people in the Americas. It serves as the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization (WHO), and as such, enjoys international recognition as part of the United Nations (UN) system.
- The Foundation is a United States, Atlanta, GA-based independent nonprofit corporation, exempt from federal income tax pursuant to IRC 501(c)(3). The Foundation's exempt purpose is set forth in its Articles of Incorporation ("Exempt Purpose"). The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees (Board). The Pan American Health Organization has no representative on, nor influence over, the Board.
- The Foundation advances its Exempt Purpose in part through its charitable, scientific, and educational grant programs (collectively "Grant Program"). The Foundation's Grant Program Policies and Procedures ("Grant P&Ps") set forth the Foundation's process for awarding grants ("Grants"), including, without limitation, how Grant recipients are determined.
- The Pan American Health Organization may from time to time apply for grants to support its mission. In each instance: (i) the Pan American Health Organization must apply for a grant in accordance with the Grant P&Ps; and (ii) the Foundation will process the Pan American Health Organization's grant applications pursuant to the Grant P&Ps, without influence from the Pan American Health Organization.
- Whether the Pan American Health Organization applies for Foundation grants is determined exclusively by the Pan American Health Organization, and whether the Foundation awards any grants to the Pan American Health Organization is determined exclusively by the Foundation.
- The nature and scope of the interactions and relationship between the Foundation and the Pan American Health Organization are always transparent, and information about any grant or application for the Pan American Health Organization will be available and disclosed in accordance with applicable laws.
- The Foundation and the Pan American Health Organization are, and will always remain, separate and independent entities and are not subject to a joint venture, partnership, or principal/agent relationship with each other.

- Neither the Foundation nor the Pan American Health Organization (nor their respective representatives) are permitted to speak or otherwise act on behalf of the other.
- If you have any questions regarding the above information, and/or the relationship between the Foundation and the Pan American Health Organization, you can contact the Foundation's President and CEO by email at [jward-robinson@PAHOFoundation.org](mailto:jward-robinson@PAHOFoundation.org).

