

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Reader,

With the ignition of the #MeToo movement, increasing uncertainty of North Korea's nuclear armament and string of terror attacks around the world, the latter half of 2017 was an undeniably contentious time. Throughout all the uncertainty, the constant push remains for innovative research. Healthcare and life expectancy have improved drastically around the world, thanks to innovative biomedical research. However, this trend of has not impacted all countries equally, and that cannot be ignored. It is the mission *The Journal of Global Health* to bring to the forefront innovations and areas of improvement in parts of the world that do not always have an international presence.

This issue highlights the promise of emerging innovations. While the history of global health is studded with many scientific breakthroughs, in recent years, the forms of innovation have multiplied. There have been advances in traditional medical devices such as tele-stethoscopy with the potential to transform global healthcare delivery in low-income countries. There have also been new solutions to end stigma associated with disease such as creating opportunities to construct sustainable gardens to benefit communities. We invite you to read about these exciting innovations in the following pages.

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discussions around the world. We are proud to present the product of months of hard work by our authors and editors. No single issue can possibly present every valuable research finding from the world of global health research. There is an ever-present need for progress in healthcare, and countless stories and voices remain to be heard. We continue our mission to promote global health dialogue and impactful research in the form of our physical journal, global health podcasts and regularly updated content on our website, www.ghjournal.org.

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