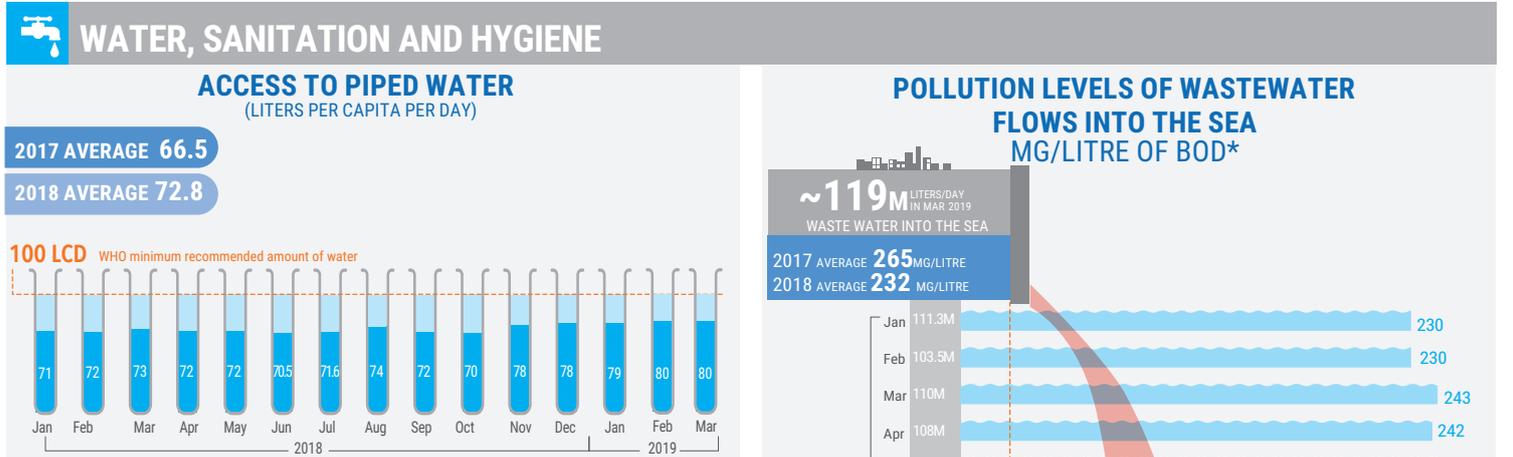
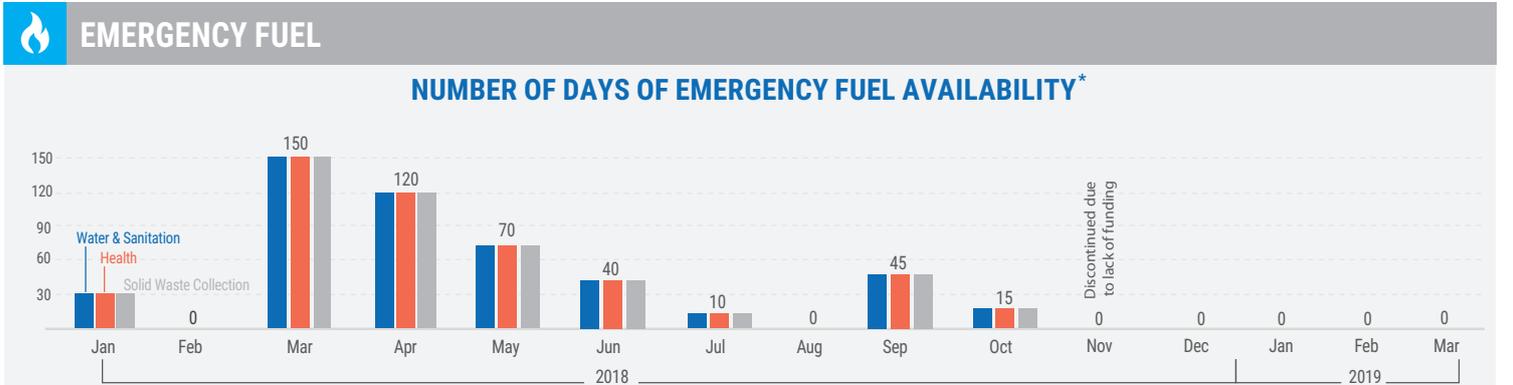
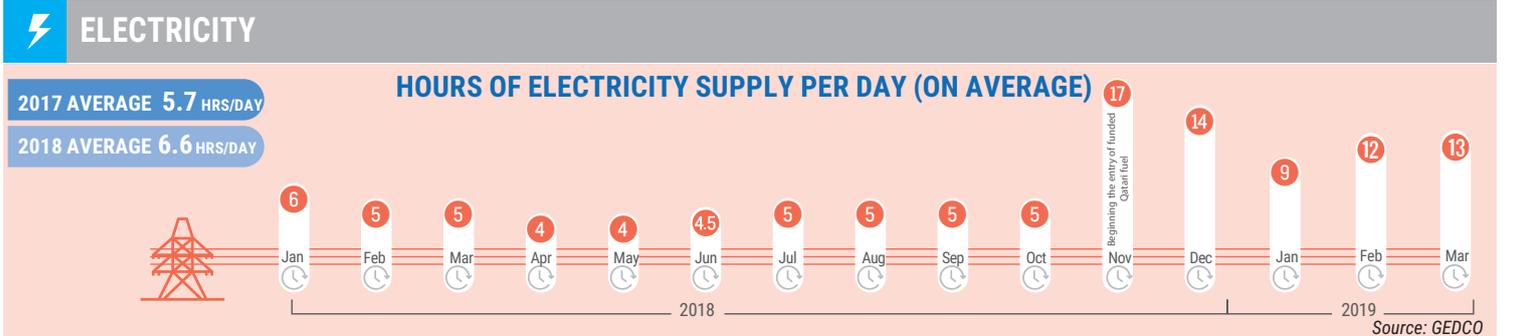
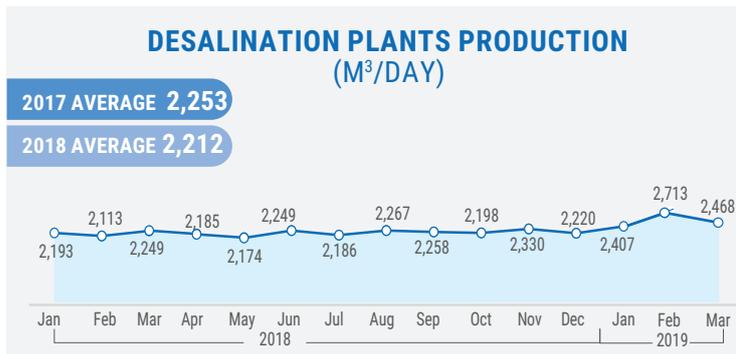


The Gaza Strip faces an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, impacting the livelihoods and access to essential services by its two million residents. This crisis has been driven by over 11 years of an Israeli blockade and an unsolved internal Palestinian divide, exacerbated since March 2018 by the massive increase in Palestinian casualties in the context of demonstrations taking place near Israel's perimeter fence, as well as limited escalations in hostilities. The following indicators were identified by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) to monitor the crisis, trigger humanitarian action and prevent further deterioration.

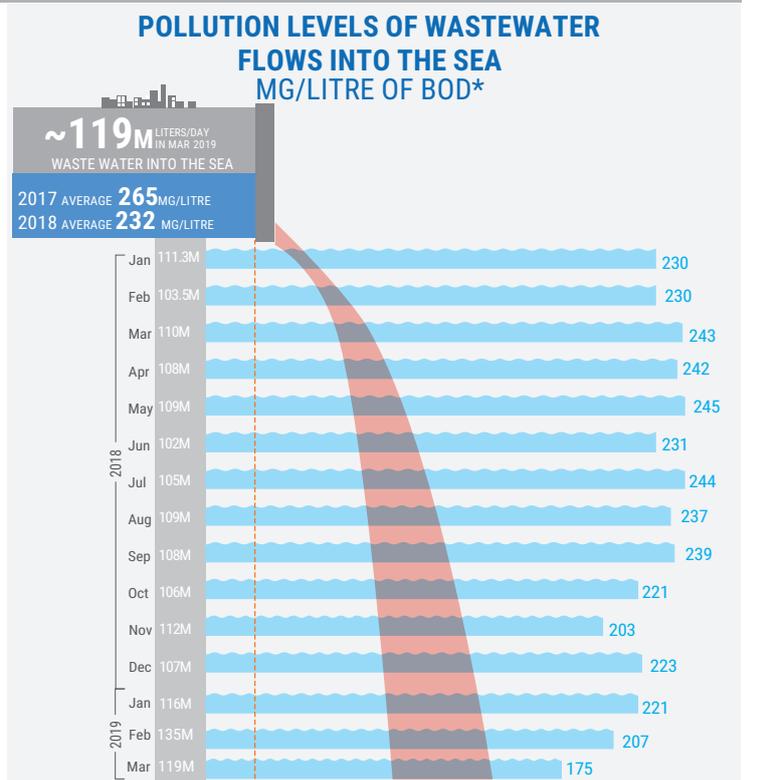


*Due to its poor quality, piped water is used for domestic purposes rather than drinking and cooking. For the latter, people rely mostly on buying tankered desalinated water from unregulated water vendors.

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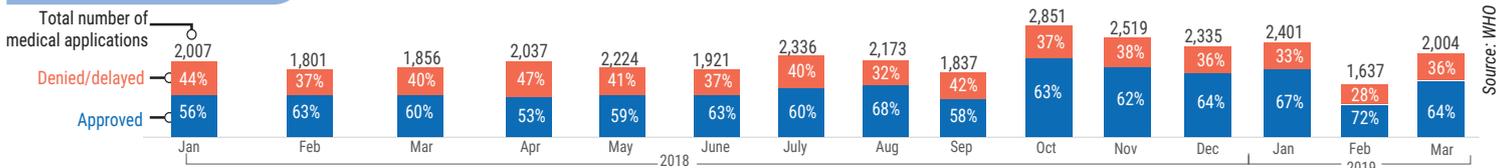
* Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) is an indicator of water pollution levels, which are linked to the effectiveness of wastewater treatment.

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2017 AVERAGE **46%** DENIED/DELAYED

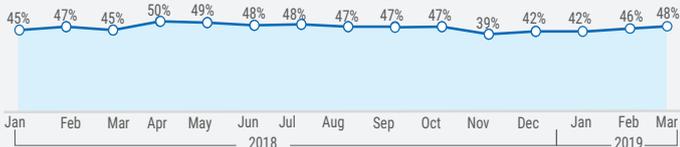
2018 AVERAGE **39%** DENIED/DELAYED

PATIENTS' APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT PERMITS VIA ISRAEL



Source: WHO

PERCENTAGE OF ESSENTIAL DRUGS AT ZERO STOCK LEVEL (LESS THAN A MONTH OF STOCK)



2017 AVERAGE **38%**

2018 AVERAGE **47%**

Source: WHO

WAITING TIME FOR EAR-NOSE-THROAT SURGERY AT SHIFA HOSPITAL (IN MONTHS)



2017 AVERAGE **10.3 MONTHS**

2018 AVERAGE **13.5 MONTHS**

Source: WHO

CASUALTIES*



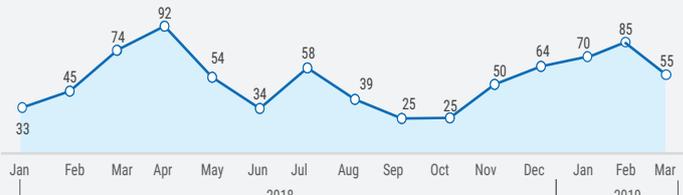
* Palestinian casualties by Israeli forces in confrontations along the fence and in airstrikes and shelling elsewhere inside Gaza. (fatality figures include people who died of wounds sustained in previous months)

2017: 28 KILLED
1,181 INJURED

2018: 260 KILLED
25,632 INJURED

Source: OCHA

ACCESS-RELATED SHOOTING INCIDENTS BY ISRAELI FORCES ON LAND AND AT SEA*



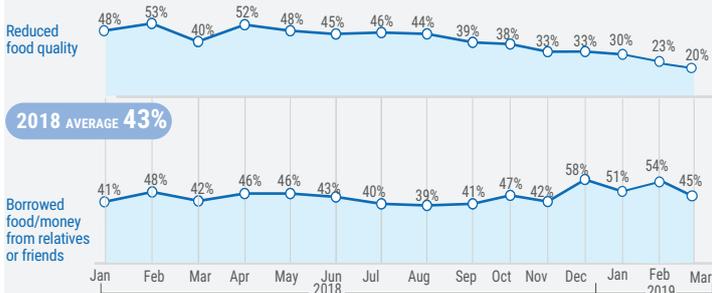
* Excluding shooting incidents during demonstrations and clashes

2017 TOTAL **377** INCIDENTS

2018 TOTAL **593** INCIDENTS

Source: OCHA

RELiance ON FOOD INSECURITY COPING MECHANISMS*



2018 AVERAGE **43%**

2018 AVERAGE **45%**

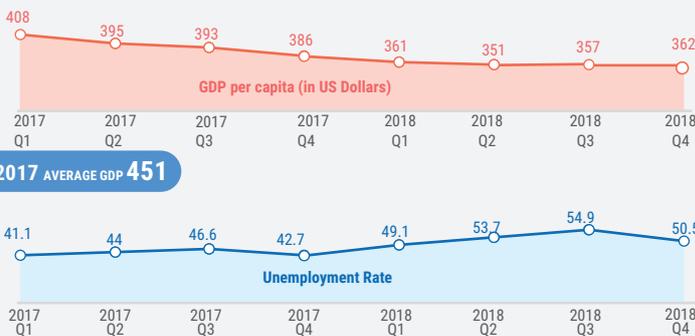
*Responses by a representative sample of WFP beneficiaries.

Source: WFP

SHELTER CASH ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE IDPs (2014 HOSTILITIES)



Source: Shelter Cluster



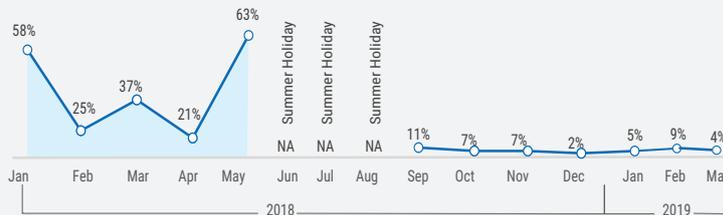
2017 AVERAGE GDP **451**

2017 AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT **43.6%**

2018 AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT **52%**

Source: PCBS

RATE OF TEACHER ABSENTEEISM AT PA SCHOOLS



Source: Education Cluster/MoHE