

The Gaza Strip faces a chronic humanitarian crisis, impacting the livelihoods and access to essential services by its two million residents. This crisis has been driven by over 12 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 between Israel and Palestinian armed groups. The following indicators were identified by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) to monitor specific aspects of the crisis, identify areas of further deterioration and trigger humanitarian action.

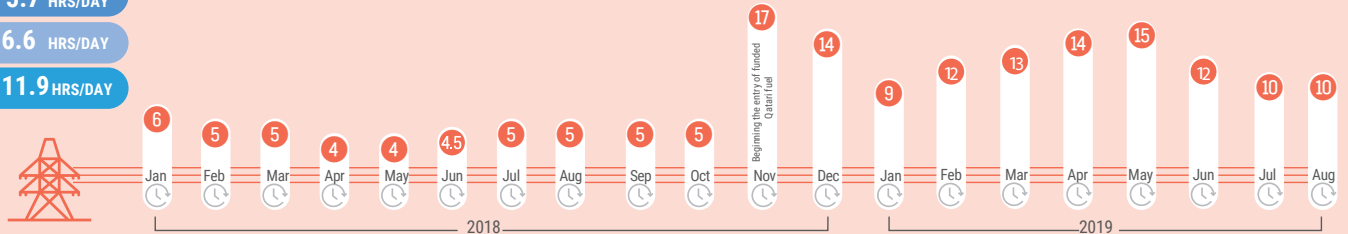
ELECTRICITY

HOURS OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PER DAY (ON AVERAGE)

2017 AVERAGE 5.7 HRS/DAY

2018 AVERAGE 6.6 HRS/DAY

2019 AVERAGE 11.9 HRS/DAY



Source: GEDCO

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

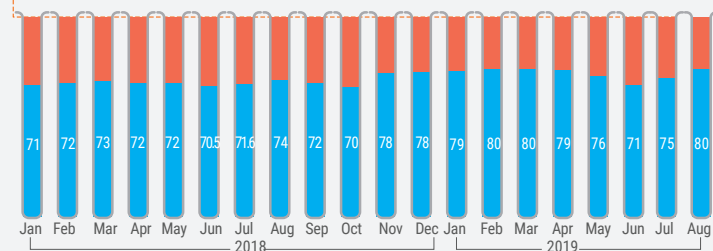
ACCESS TO PIPED WATER (LITERS PER CAPITA PER DAY)

2017 AVERAGE 66.5

2018 AVERAGE 72.8

2019 AVERAGE 77

100 LCD WHO minimum recommended amount of water



*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.

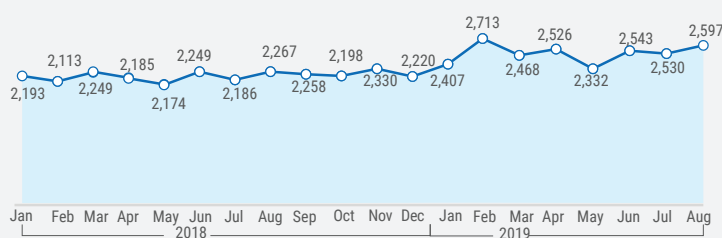
Source: WASH Cluster/CMWU

DESALINATION PLANTS PRODUCTION (M³/DAY)

2017 AVERAGE 2,253

2018 AVERAGE 2,212

2019 AVERAGE 2,515

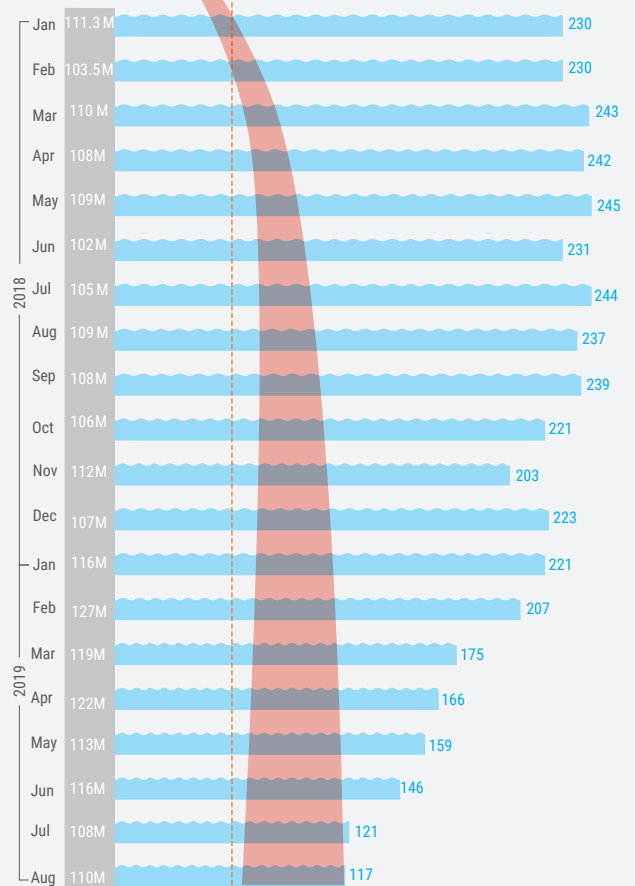


Source: WASH Cluster/CMWU

POLLUTION LEVELS OF WASTEWATER FLOWS INTO THE SEA (MG/LITRE OF BOD*)

~110M LITERS/DAY IN August 2019
WASTE WATER INTO THE SEA

2017 AVERAGE 265 MG/LITRE
2018 AVERAGE 232 MG/LITRE
2019 AVERAGE 164 MG/LITRE



60 mg/l International Standard

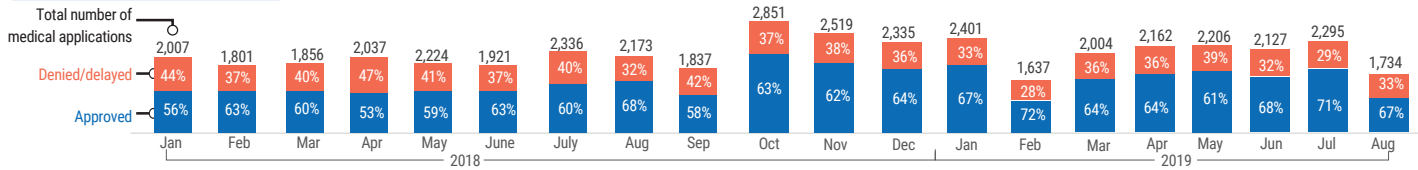
* Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) is an indicator of water pollution levels, which are linked to the effectiveness of wastewater treatment.

Source: WASH Cluster/CMWU

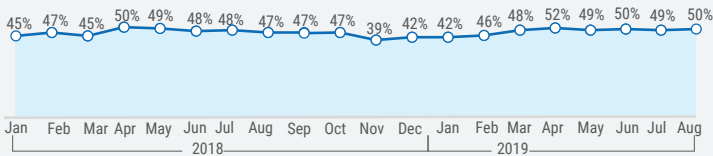
2017 AVERAGE **46%** DENIED/DELAYED

2018 AVERAGE **39%** DENIED/DELAYED

PATIENTS' APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT PERMITS VIA ISRAEL



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

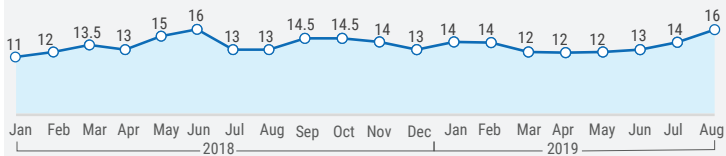


2017 AVERAGE **38%**

2018 AVERAGE **46%**

Source: WHO

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



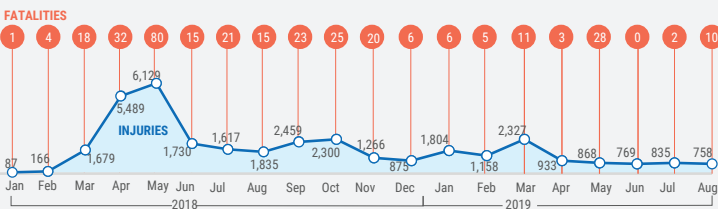
2017 AVERAGE **10.3 MONTHS**

2018 AVERAGE **13.4 MONTHS**

Source: WHO

PROTECTION

CASUALTIES*



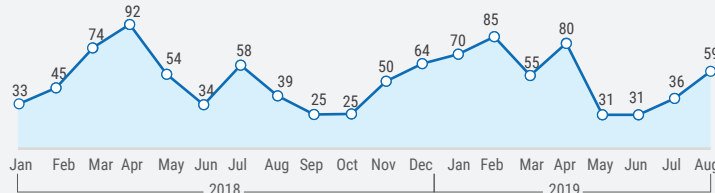
* Palestinian casualties by Israeli forces in confrontations along the fence and in airstrikes and shelling elsewhere inside Gaza. (fatality figures include people who died of wounds sustained in previous months)

2017: 28 KILLED, 1,181 INJURED

2018: 261 KILLED, 23,992 INJURED

Source: OCHA

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



* Excluding shooting incidents during demonstrations and clashes

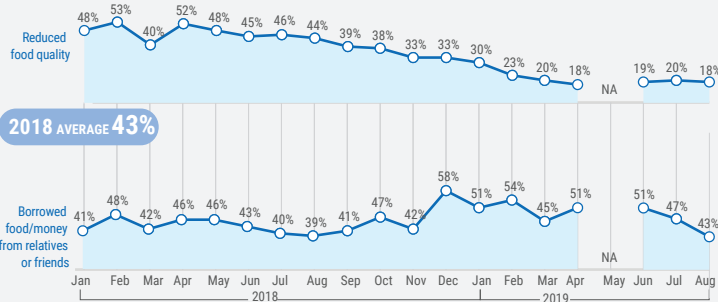
2017 TOTAL **377** INCIDENTS

2018 TOTAL **593** INCIDENTS

Source: OCHA

FOOD-SECURITY

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2018 AVERAGE **43%**

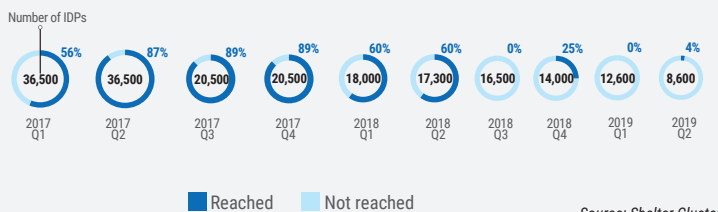
2018 AVERAGE **44%**

* Responses by a representative sample of WFP beneficiaries.

Source: WFP

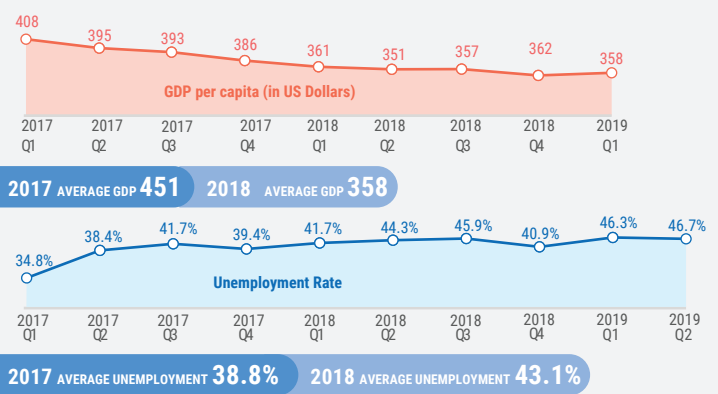
SHELTER

SHELTER CASH ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE IDPs



Source: Shelter Cluster

MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS



2017 AVERAGE GDP **451**

2018 AVERAGE GDP **358**

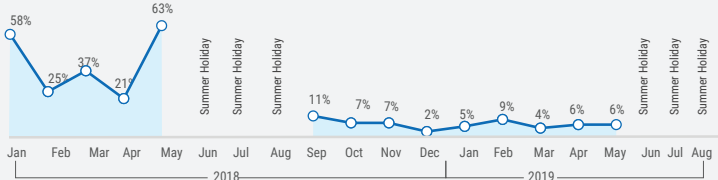
2017 AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT **38.8%**

2018 AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT **43.1%**

Source: PCBS

EDUCATION

RATE OF TEACHER ABSENTEEISM AT PA SCHOOLS



Source: Education Cluster/MoHE