The Gaza Strip faces an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, caused by over 10 years of Israeli blockade, alongside an internal Palestinian divide, which worsened in 2017, and restrictions imposed by the Egyptian authorities on Rafah Crossing. These developments have triggered further deterioration in the humanitarian situation, impacting the availability of essential services and eroding the livelihoods of Gaza’s two million residents. The following indicators were identified by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) to monitor the evolution of the crisis, trigger humanitarian action and prevent further deterioration.

**Pollution Levels of Wastewater Flows into the Sea**

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

**Access to Piped Water**

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

**Desalination Plants Production**

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**

* Applies to critical facilities supported by the United Nations’ emergency fuel program.

Source: OCHA

Source: WASH Cluster/CMWU

Source: GEDCO
**PATIENTS’ APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT PERMITS VIA ISRAEL**

- **Approved**: 2017: 47%, 2018: 47%
- **% Denied/delayed**: 2017: 53%, 2018: 53%

**PERCENTAGE OF DRUGS AT ZERO STOCK LEVEL**

- **2017**: Q1: 34%, Q2: 34%, Q3: 34%, Q4: 34%
- **2018**: Q1: 34%, Q2: 34%, Q3: 34%, Q4: 34%

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

- **2018**: Jan: 4, Feb: 8, Mar: 14, Apr: 10

**GDP per capita (in US Dollars)**

- **2017**: Q1: 450.7, Q2: 451, Q3: 432.4, Q4: 423.5
- **2018**: Q1: 425

**Unemployment Rate**

- **2017**: Q1: 41.1, Q2: 44, Q3: 46.6, Q4: 42.7
- **2018**: Q1: 42.7

**SHELTER CASH ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE IDPS (2014 HOSTILITIES)**

- **2017 Q1**: 36,500
- **2017 Q2**: 36,500
- **2017 Q3**: 20,500
- **2017 Q4**: 20,684
- **2018 Q1**: 20,000

**SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN ACCESS RESTRICTED AREA SEA/LAND**

- **2018**: Jan: 4, Feb: 8, Mar: 17, Apr: 11

**RELIANCE ON FOOD INSECURITY COPING MECHANISMS**

- **Borrowed food/money from relatives or friends**: Jul: 23%, Aug: 29%, Sep: 34%, Oct: 34%, Nov: 33%, Dec: 43%, Jan: 43%, Feb: 41%, Mar: 42%, Apr: 46%

**RATE OF TEACHER ABSENTEEISM AT PA SCHOOLS**

- **2017 Q1**: 73%, 2017 Q2: 33%, 2017 Q3: 35%, 2017 Q4: 32%
- **2018 Q1**: 88%, 2018 Q2: 88%, 2018 Q3: 55%, 2018 Q4: 21%