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.

**Access to Piped Water (Liters per Capita per Day)**

*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.

**Pollution Levels of Wastewater Flows into the Sea (mg/Litre of BOD*)**

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

2017 AVERAGE 46% DENIED/DELAYED
2018 AVERAGE 39% DENIED/DELAYED

Total number of medical applications

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Denied/delayed

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Patients’ Applications for Exit Permits via Israel

**Percentage of Essential Drugs at Zero Stock Level (Less Than a Month of Stock)**

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2017 AVERAGE 38%
2018 AVERAGE 47%

Source: WHO

**Waiting Time for Ear-Nose-Throat Surgery at Shifa Hospital (in Months)**

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2017 AVERAGE 10.3 MONTHS
2018 AVERAGE 13.5 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)

* Excluding shooting incidents during demonstrations and clashes

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**

2017 TOTAL 377 INCIDENTS
2018 TOTAL 593 INCIDENTS

Source: OCHA

**Food-Security**

**Reliance on Food Insecurity Coping Mechanisms**

*Responses by a representative sample of WFP beneficiaries. Source: WFP

**Shelter**

Shelter Cash Assistance to Eligible IDPs (2014 Hostilities)

Number of IDPs

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Reached

Not reached

Source: Shelter Cluster

**Macroeconomic Indicators**

2017 AVERAGE GDP 451
2018 AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT 52%

Source: PCBS

**Education**

Rate of Teacher Absenteeism at PA Schools

Source: Education Cluster/MoHE