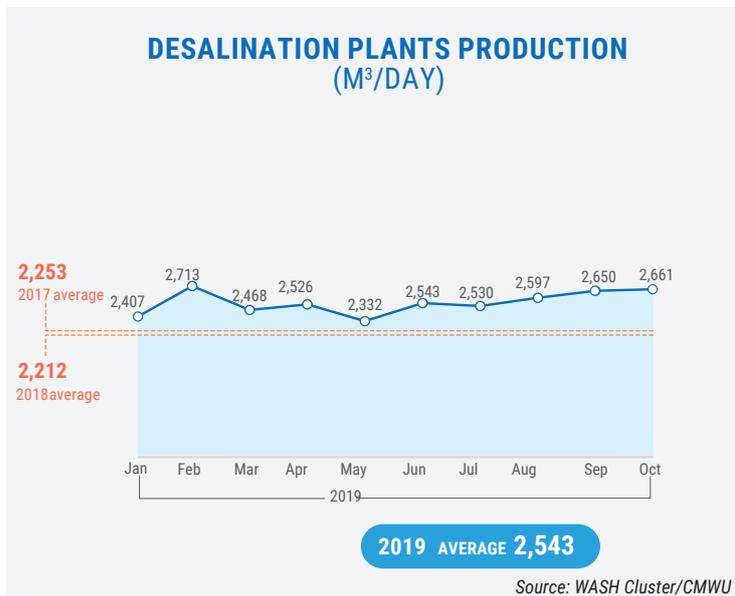
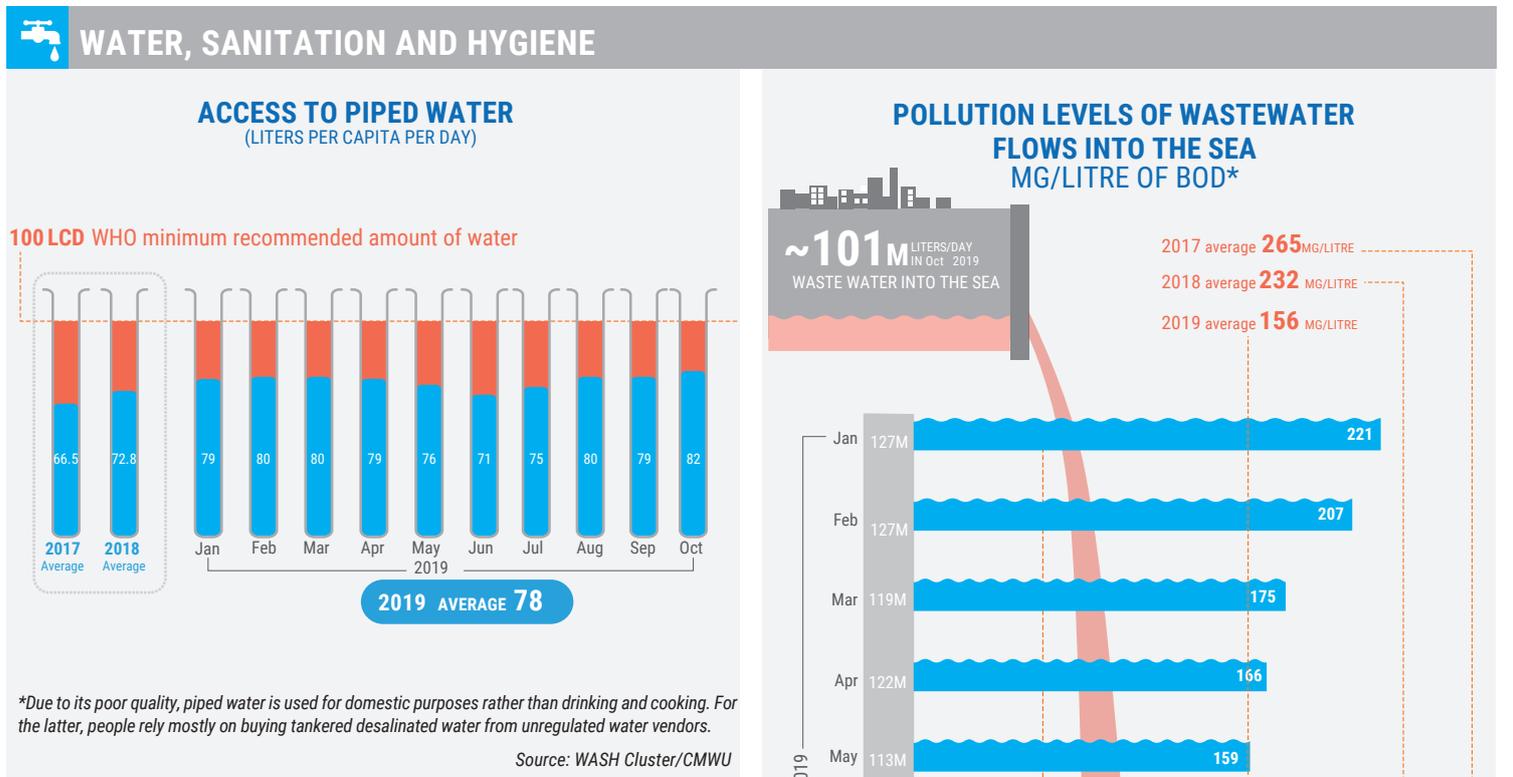
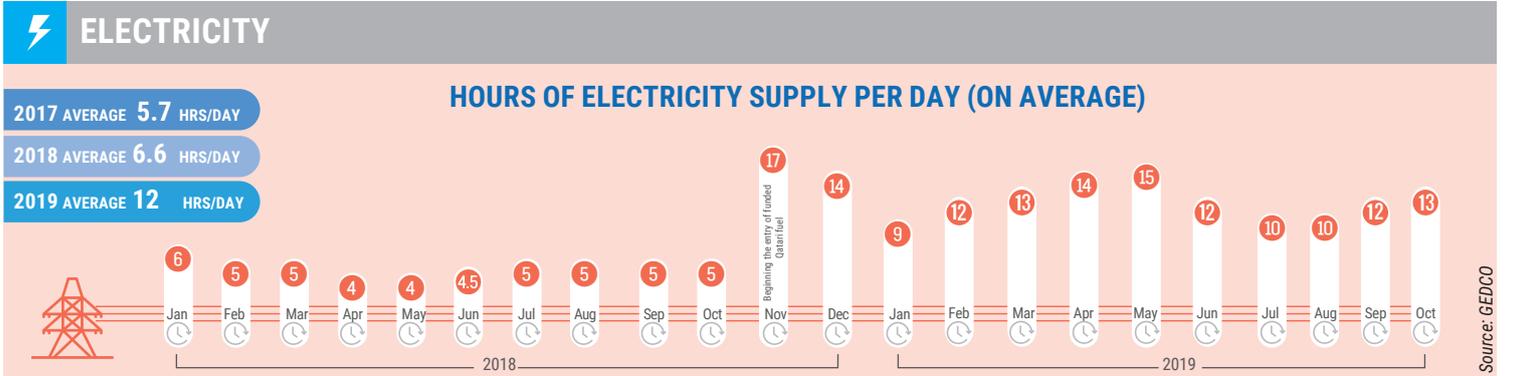


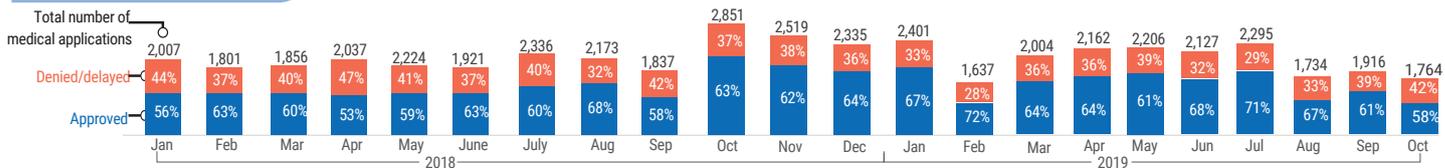
The Gaza Strip faces a chronic humanitarian crisis, impacting the livelihoods and access to essential services by its two million residents. This crisis has been driven by over 12 years of an Israeli blockade and an unsolved internal Palestinian divide, exacerbated since March 2018 by the massive increase 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.



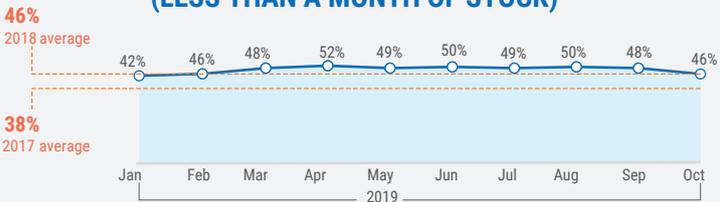
2017 AVERAGE **46%** DENIED/DELAYED

2018 AVERAGE **39%** DENIED/DELAYED

PATIENTS' APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT PERMITS VIA ISRAEL

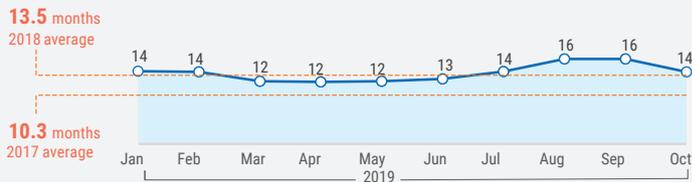


PERCENTAGE OF ESSENTIAL DRUGS AT ZERO STOCK LEVEL (LESS THAN A MONTH OF STOCK)



Source: WHO

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



Source: WHO

PROTECTION

CASUALTIES*

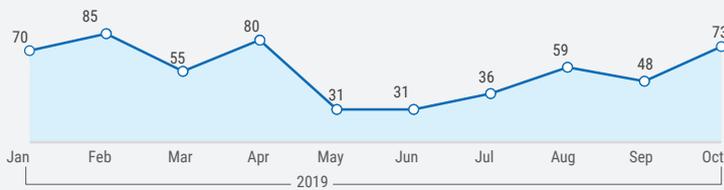


* Palestinian casualties by Israeli forces in confrontations along the fence and in airstrikes and shelling elsewhere inside Gaza. (fatality figures include people who died of wounds sustained in previous months)

2017: 28 KILLED, 1,181 INJURED
2018: 261 KILLED, 23,922 INJURED

Source: OCHA

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



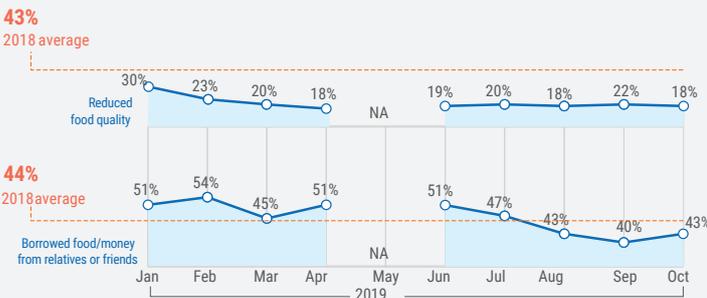
* Excluding shooting incidents during demonstrations and clashes

2017 TOTAL 377 INCIDENTS, 2018 TOTAL 593 INCIDENTS

Source: OCHA

FOOD-SECURITY

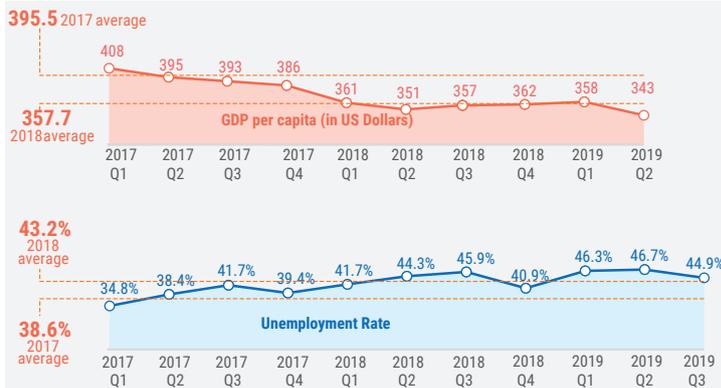
RELIANCE ON FOOD INSECURITY COPING MECHANISMS*



*Responses by a representative sample of WFP beneficiaries.

Source: WFP

MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS



Source: PCBS

SHELTER

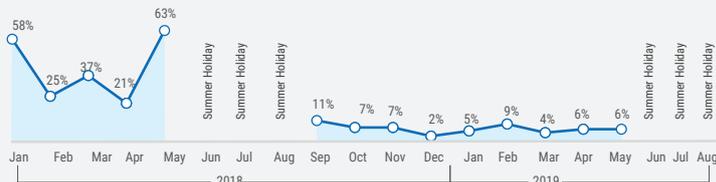
SHELTER CASH ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE IDPs



Source: Shelter Cluster

EDUCATION

RATE OF TEACHER ABSENTEEISM AT PA SCHOOLS



Source: Education Cluster/MoHE