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**

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.

**Desalination Plants Production**

Source: WASH Cluster/CMWU

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**Electricity**

**Hours of Electricity Supply per Day (on average)**

Source: GEDCO

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**Emergency Fuel**

**Number of Days of Emergency Fuel Availability**

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

Source: OCHA

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**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**

**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.

Source: WASH Cluster/CMWU
PATIENTS’ APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT PERMITS VIA ISRAEL

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

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

PROTECTION

CASUALTIES*

SHOOTING INCIDENTS BY ISRAELI FORCES IN ACCESS RESTRICTED AREA SEA/LAND* 

FOOD-SECURITY

RELIANCE ON FOOD INSECURITY COPING MECHANISMS 

MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

SHELTER

SHELTER CASH ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE IDPs (2014 HOSTILITIES) 

EDUCATION

RATE OF TEACHER ABSENTEEISM AT PA SCHOOLS

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

* Excluding shooting incidents during demonstrations and clashes

*Responses by a representative sample of WFP beneficiaries.

Source: WFP

Source: Shelter Cluster

Source: Education Cluster/MoHE

Source: PCBS

Source: OCHA

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