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BLOCKADE AND HEALTH IN GAZA

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Years of blockade affected health in Gaza?

Restrictions on people's movement and limitations on the entry and exit of medical supplies have negatively impacted conditions of life that determine health in the Gaza Strip. Rising unemployment, food insecurity and mental health issues, and have been accompanied by obstacles to the adequate provision of clean water and sanitation that are essential for health.

Challenges to health care arise from constraints on movement affecting patients, and health care workers; limitations and inequities in the supply of medicines, supplies and equipment; and gaps in protection that have led to **attacks on health care in the Gaza Strip since 2018**.

Hospitals in the rest



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and medical supplies?

opportunities for continuous permit applications submitted **two-thirds (64%) were not**

al supplies limit health care. For example, of requests for entry **were denied.**



situation be improved?

er organizations of the Health Cluster for the occupied **iate end to the blockade of the Gaza Strip.**

orld Health Assembly for improving health conditions in the **Jerusalem.**²

permits for Palestinian patients in need of essential care and **and their companions.**

f ambulances and health care staff at checkpoints and the **and ensure that Palestinian health care providers can work** **Palestinian territory.**

nes and medical supplies, including through simplification **cesses.**

medical personnel and medical facilities, as required by **ain from acts of intimidation.**

determinants of health for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, **strictions and refraining from the use of excessive force.**

ty and international community:

ensure the continuity of essential health care services across

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815
interrogations
of patients requiring
permits



1,075
security interrogations
of companions requiring
permits

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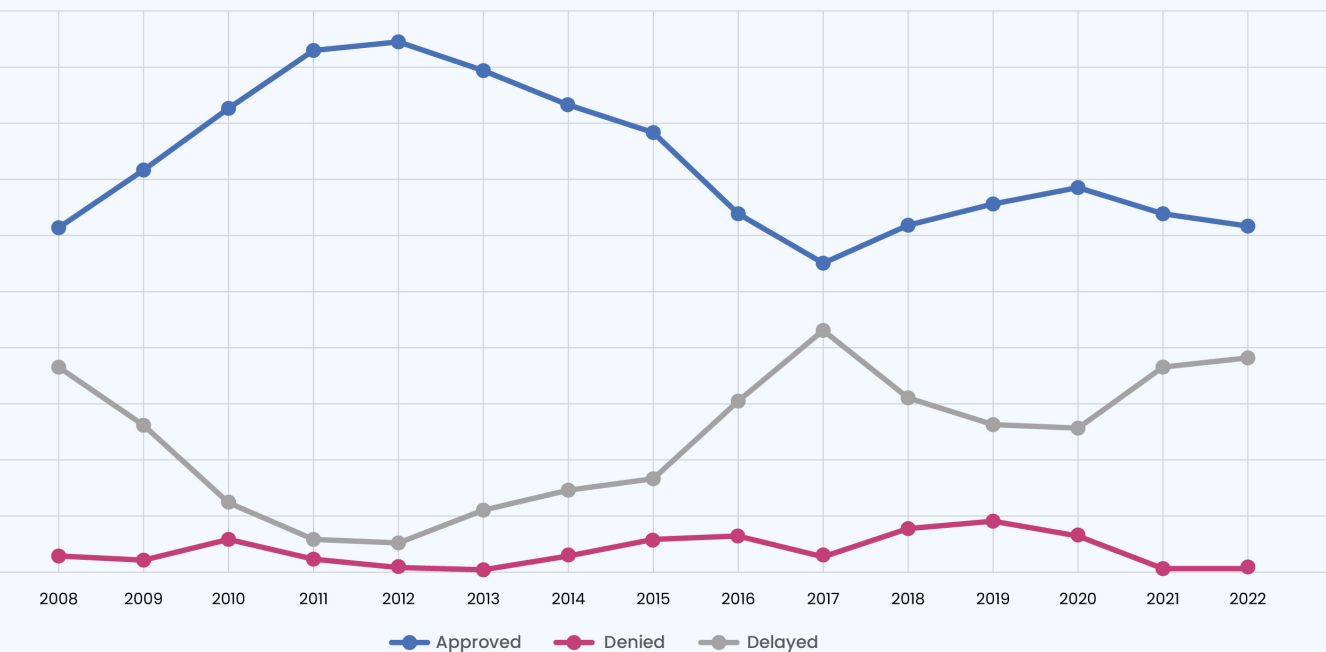
28
patients and companions
arrested while traveling
to reach health care



64%
of health staff permit
applications through WHO
not approved to exit Gaza

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Israeli Responses to Permit Applications for Gaza Patients



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