

KARBONIT WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SHELLED – DAMAGED PIPE

Popasnyanskyi Vodokanal (PVK) informed WASH Cluster that the main water pipeline (1200 mm) near Zolote was hit by shelling on the morning of, Tuesday 11th December 2018. As a result treated water supplying Luhansk Non-Government Controlled Areas (NGCA) is cut. Repair teams of PVK already assessed the damaged pipeline, and report that repair works are likely to take two days.

Karbonit system supplies safe drinking water to 460,000 people living in Luhansk Oblast in Eastern Ukraine: Around 50,000 in Government Controlled Areas (GCA) and 410,000 people in NGCA areas. As the damage is close to the Line of Contact (LoC), only NGCA settlements are affected. The most badly affected settlements on the NGCA side of the line are Pervomaisk, Kirovsk, Stakhanov and Brianka (according to PVK data, the estimated number of population is around 180,000 people).

Other towns and cities, such as Alchevsk, will now switch to alternative sources of water from local boreholes, and will supply some water also to towns closer to the contact line, by pumping water in reverse through the network. However local sources of water are not sufficient to cover all needs. Luhansk city is not affected because it receives water from other source.

The WASH Cluster is in touch with Popasnyanskyi Vodokanal and is tracking updates.

