

## **GRANT OFFICE REPORT FOR JULY GRANT CYCLE**

The **Community Support Funds** is a program designed by [Wikimedia User Group Nigeria](#) to support Nigerian mission-aligned organisations, individual members of the Wikimedia User Group Nigeria, networks & fan clubs, organised group contributing to any Wikimedia projects such as Wikipedia, Wikidata, or Wikimedia Commons – to organise projects throughout the year with a budget of NGN 50,000 up to NGN 425,000.

In July 2023, the Wikimedia Nigeria Foundation continued to respond to the open knowledge needs of the communities in the Wikimedia User Group Nigeria and its unprecedented threat to the critical gains we have made in the last fiscal year. At the same time, we witnessed the unlimited potential of our funded projects in closing the cultural gap within the Wikimedia projects. From the swift implementation of new financial scope to the adoption of our new Strategy for the new fiscal year, the Wikimedia Nigeria Foundation continues to make important advances across the partnership to fight the limitations to open knowledge and respond to current and future challenges.

### **Executive Summary**

The July Financial Report provides the Wikimedia Nigeria Foundation's financial statements, reflecting an effective and prudent use of resources to support programs within the country. In this cycle, we pressed ahead with the fight against open-knowledge illiteracy

In July we demonstrated how our continued investments in resilient and sustainable systems for open knowledge could support communities and individuals in the fight against open knowledge illiteracy and respond to new challenges in promoting the work of the Wikimedia Foundation.

In this month under review, a total of twenty (20) proposals were submitted for funding from the community. These projects cut across thirteen (13) states and the six (6) geo-political zones in Nigeria. The proposals were from both individuals and Networks/clubs. Fifteen (15) projects were accepted for funding after meeting every criterion set aside by the Grant Committee after days of personal scrutiny and three (3) hours of extensive deliberations on the 22nd of July, 2023.

***A detailed report can be found below.***

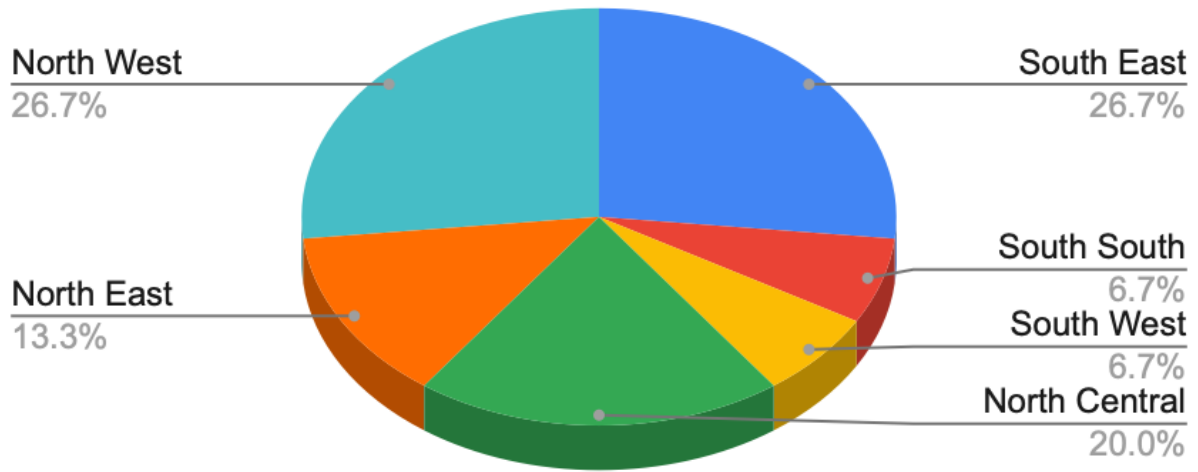
<b>Statistics</b>	
<b>Total applications</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Funded</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Not funded</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Community</b>	
Network/club	5
Individual	15
Network/club funded	4
Individual funded	11
<b>Project Class</b>	
Campaign	6
Micro grant	9

**GEOGRAPHY**

The report below only represents the projects funded

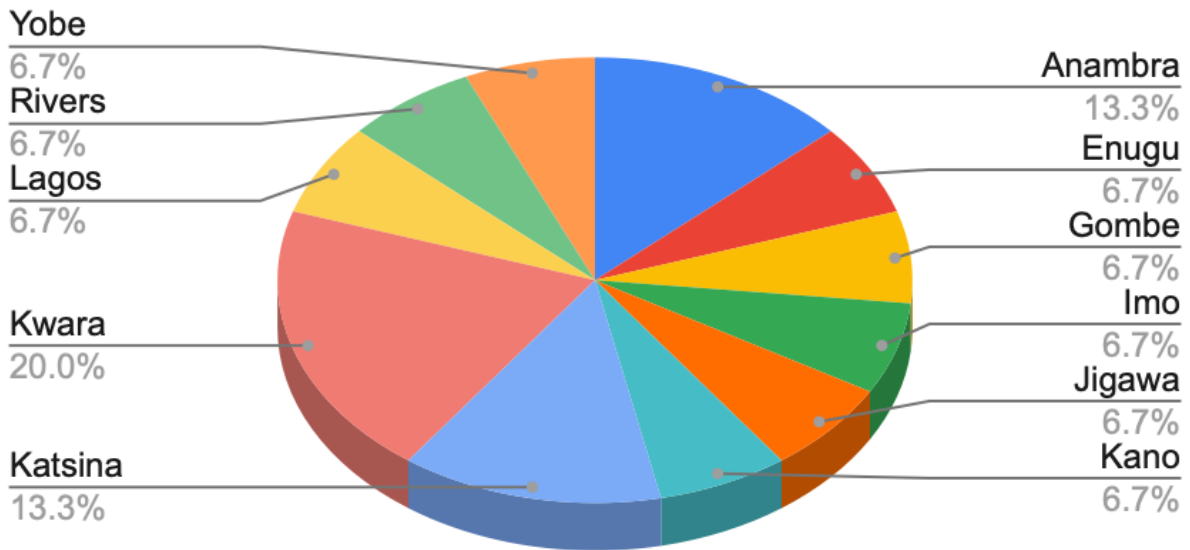
<b>Geo-political representation</b>	
South East	4
South South	1
South West	1
North Central	3
North East	2
North West	4

## Geo-political zone distribution



<b>State representation</b>	
Anambra	2
Enugu	1
Gombe	1
Imo	1
Jigawa	1
Kano	1
Katsina	2
Kwara	3
Lagos	1
Rivers	1
Yobe	1

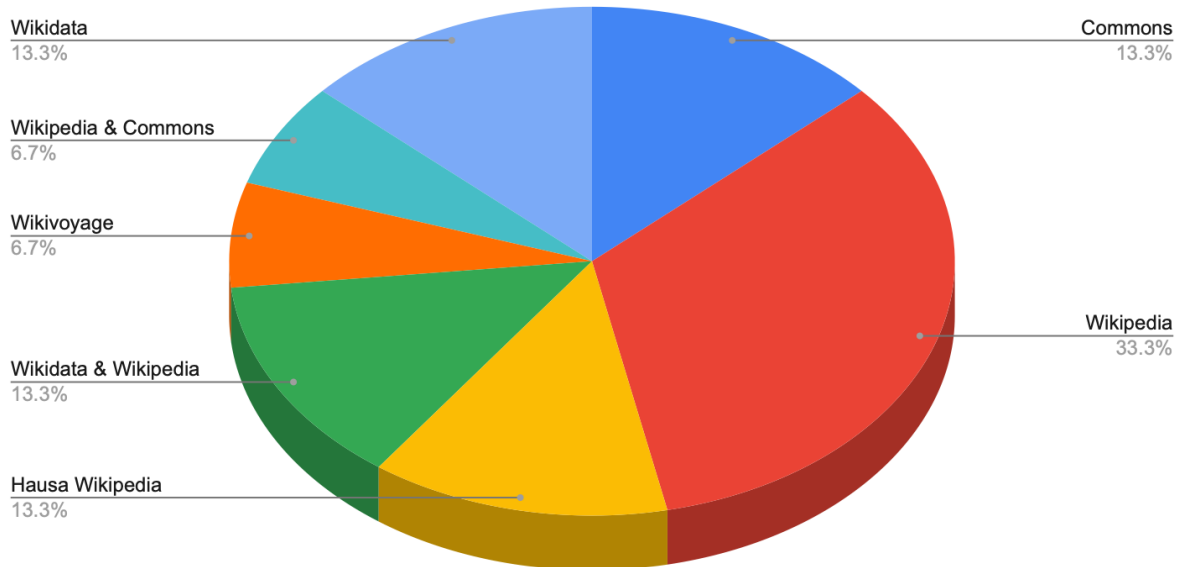
*Distribution by States*



<b>Gender Representation</b>	
Female	3
Male	12

<b>Wikimedia Projects</b>	
Commons	2
Wikipedia	5
Hausa Wikipedia	2
Wikidata & Wikipedia	2
Wikivoyage	1
Wikipedia & Commons	1
Wikidata	2

## Wikimedia Project



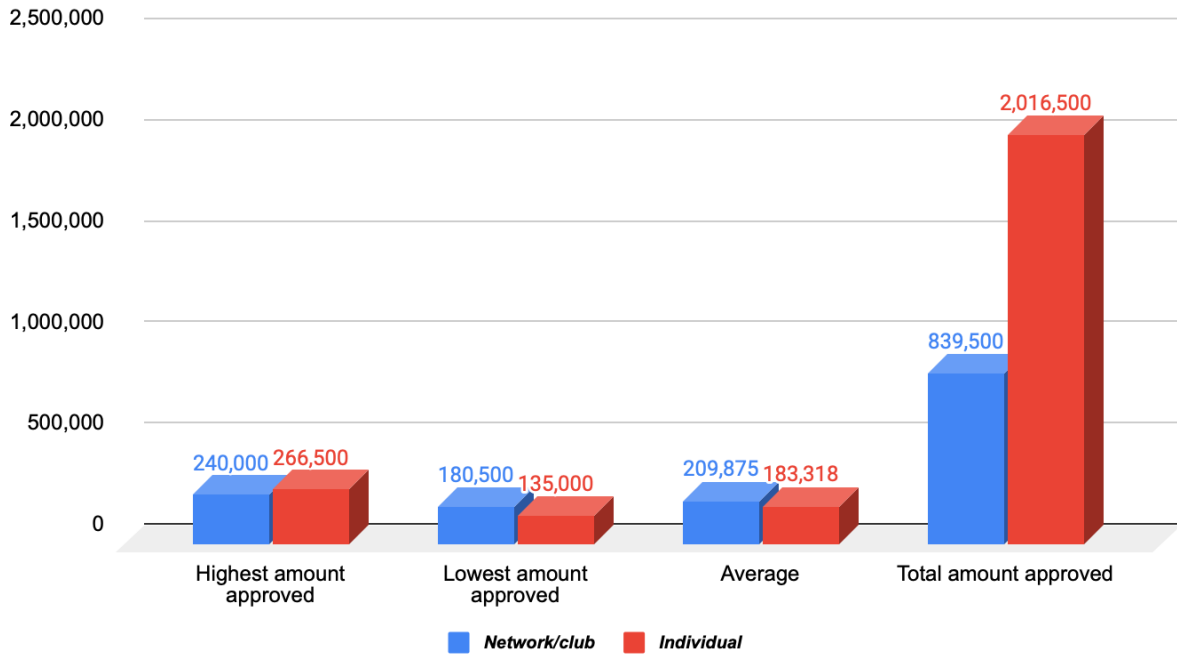
## FINANCIAL DISTRIBUTION

For the month in review, a total of *two million, eight hundred and fifty six thousand naira* (**2,856,000 NGN**) was shared among fifteen (15) projects for micro grants, making an average of *one hundred and ninety thousand, four hundred naira* (**190,400 NGN**) per project. This total amount spent was less than that for the month of June 2023 (**3,002,000 NGN** with an average of **200,133 NGN** for the fifteen projects) This amount was disbursed to the different networks/clubs & individual applicants before the 5th of August 2023. A total of *one million, five hundred and eighty six thousand, five hundred naira* (**1,586,500 NGN**) was spent on micro-grants (which is lower than the amount of 1,697,000 NGN spent in June) while *one million, two hundred and sixty nine thousand, five hundred naira* (**1,269,500 NGN**) was spent on the Campaigns (which is lower than the amount of 1,305,000 NGN spent in June).

The financial distribution can be seen below.

<b>Total amount approved</b>	<b>2,856,000</b>	
Average amount	190,400	
Highest amount funded	266,500	
Least amount funded	117,000	
<b>Network/Club Funding</b>		
Total approved	4	
Highest amount approved	240,000	Wiki Niger Delta
Lowest amount approved	180,500	KWASU
Average	209,875	
Total amount approved	839,500	
<b>Individual Funding</b>		
Total approved	11	
Highest amount approved	266,500	
Lowest amount approved	135,000	
Average	183,318	
Total amount approved	2,016,500	

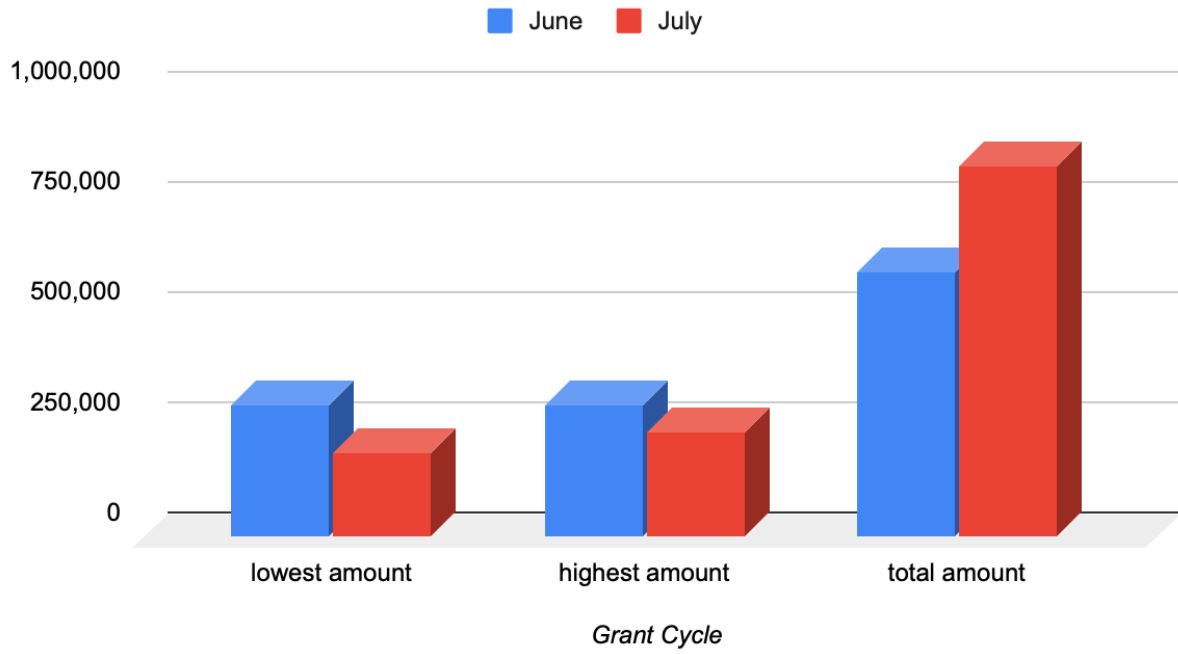
**Fund distribution by community**



In this section, we would compare the two grant cycles

<b>Network/club funding for June &amp; July</b>			
<b>Cycle</b>	<b>lowest amount</b>	<b>highest amount</b>	<b>total amount</b>
June	300,000	300,000	600,000
July	189,500	240,000	839,500

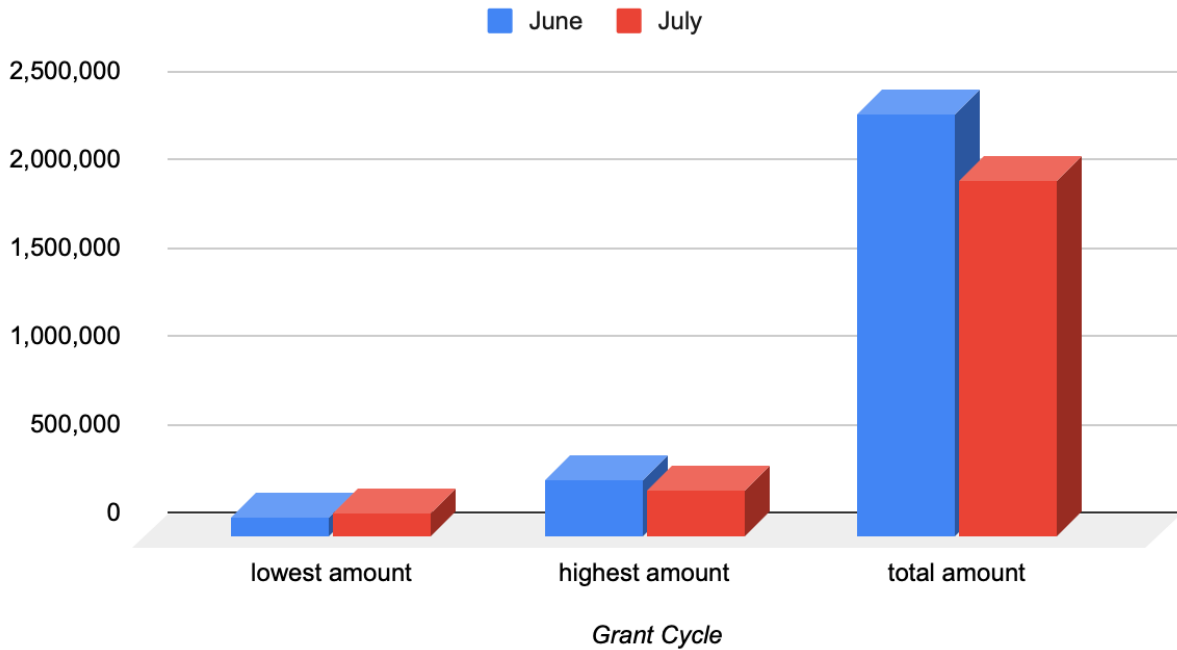
Network/club funding for June & July



<b>Individual funding for April/May &amp; June</b>			
Cycle	lowest amount	highest amount	total amount
June	117,000	325,000	2,402,000
July	135,000	266,500	2,016,500



### Individual funding for June & July



### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The graphs above depict a considerable change in the amount disbursed for both individual and community projects. In the last grant cycle, the amount disbursed to networks & clubs was lower than the amount disbursed to the same category in this present cycle. This was due to the fact that only two (2) networks/clubs applied for funding in the grant cycle for June, while there were four proposals for the July grant cycle. For individual projects, there was a decrease in the amount disbursed this cycle when compared to the last cycle.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Five of the 15 projects to be funded are seeking to solve the issue of Wikipedia pages not having proper/no photos. This will be solved through the WIKIPEDIA PAGES WANTING PHOTOS CAMPAIGN.

The project, [Engaging Women in Funtua's Wikipedia Community](#) seeks to engage women of Funtua to get more involved in the Wikimedia movement, thereby fostering a more inclusive and diverse representation. This project would focus mainly on the Hausa Wikipedia.

[Women In Art And Technology](#) is a project directed towards creating & improving Wikipedia articles, as well as creating & improving Wikidata items of women in art and technology.

[Exploring Local Government Areas in Nigeria on Wikivoyage](#) is the only project focusing on Wikivoyage since the fiscal year began. This project aims at training new and existing Wikimedians in effectively creating high-quality Wikivoyage content. Through editing, improving, and creating new articles about Nigeria's local government areas, the project seeks to bridge the content gap and contribute to the growth of open knowledge. This will provide easier access to travel guides and enrich the experiences of those interested in exploring these areas.

[Pictorial Documentary of Women August Meeting in Anambra State: A photowalk](#) is a photowalk that seeks to document the events of the annual Women's August Meeting in Anambra State. Women's August meeting is an annual congress of married women in South Eastern Nigeria. Women use the meetings to conceptualise and activate development plans that complement the government projects in their different communities. The meeting is an integral part of the culture in South East, Nigeria. Pictures of the activities that take place in meetings and the women who drive and participate in these meetings are not in the public domain. This project seeks to capture the activities of the Women's August meeting in six locations of the three senatorial districts of Anambra State. A photo walk will be undertaken in the chosen towns during the 2023 Women's August meeting.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

After deliberations with the grants committee, the following recommendations were made;

- Another **grants office hour** should be approved for the month of September;
- “Networks/Clubs with an outstanding project (**not more than one**) should be allowed to apply for a new project. This would help networks/clubs have regular

activities”. Although this was the case last month, the new communities launched would make it difficult to implement this idea due to fund restrictions.