



# LIBRARY OUTREACH FOR WIKIMEDIA USER GROUPS

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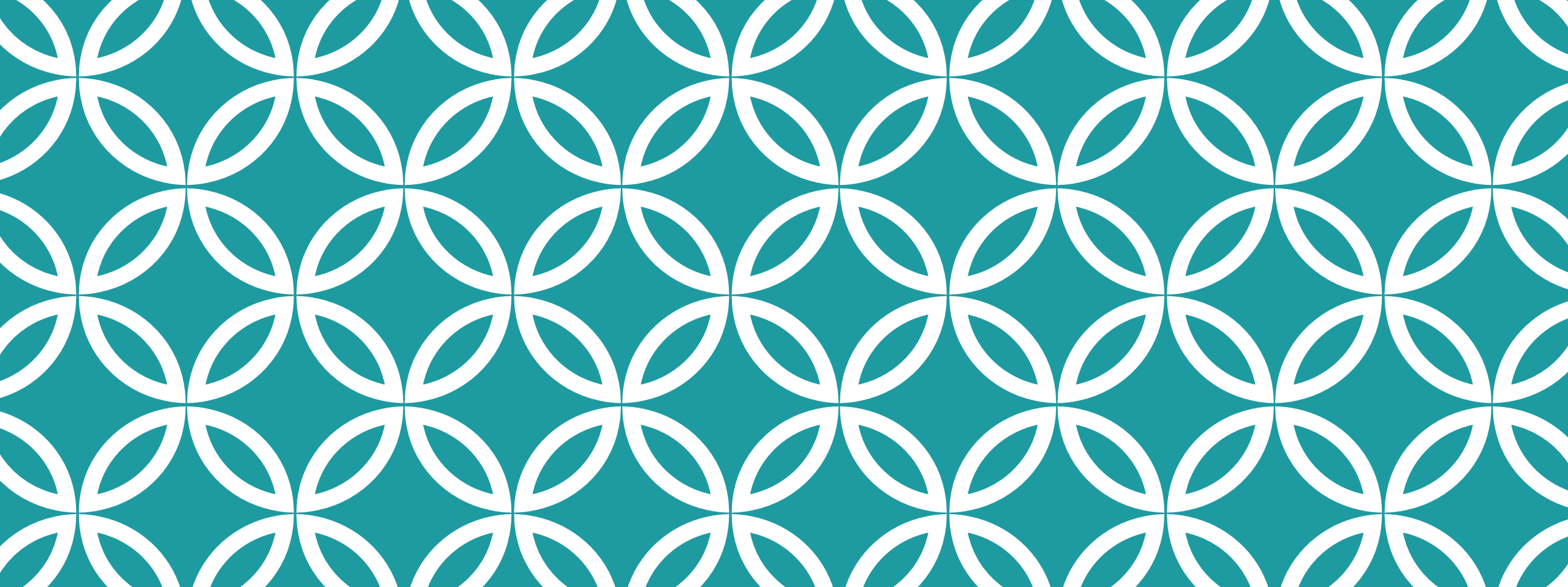
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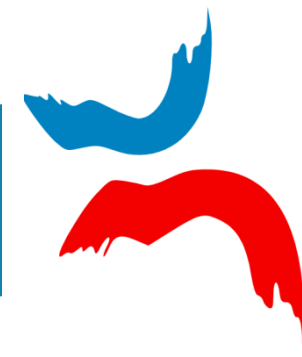
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**ABOUT US**



# ABOUT US



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Wikimedian since 2009 (IP editing since 2007)

Active in Wikipedia, Wikidata, Wikimedia Incubator, Meta-wiki, and Wikimedia Commons

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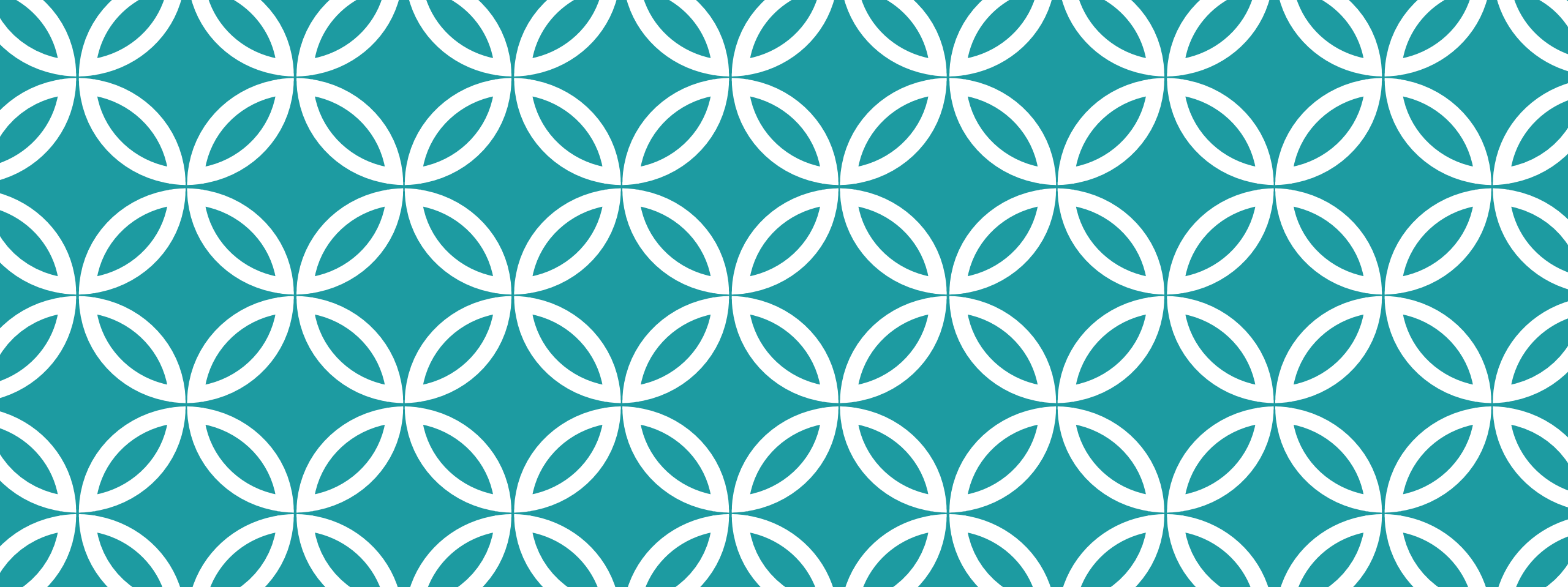


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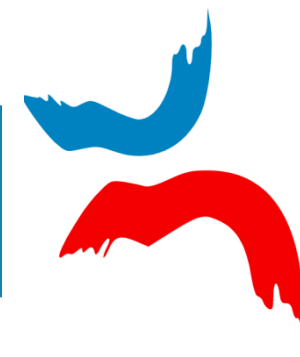


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# INTRODUCTION



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Wikipedia articles are mostly Stub-Class ones due to the lack of reference support

The involvement of librarians in Wikipedia editing can solve this matter

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# 1 LIB 1 REF CAMPAIGN

Launched in 2015

Aims to integrate librarians as Wikipedia editors to solve the lack of reference support

Important results in developed countries

Significant output in English and French Wikipedia

# HOWEVER, THIS DID NOT WORK IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Lack of computing skills

Lack of Wikipedia capacities

Lack of engagement in Wikimedia community

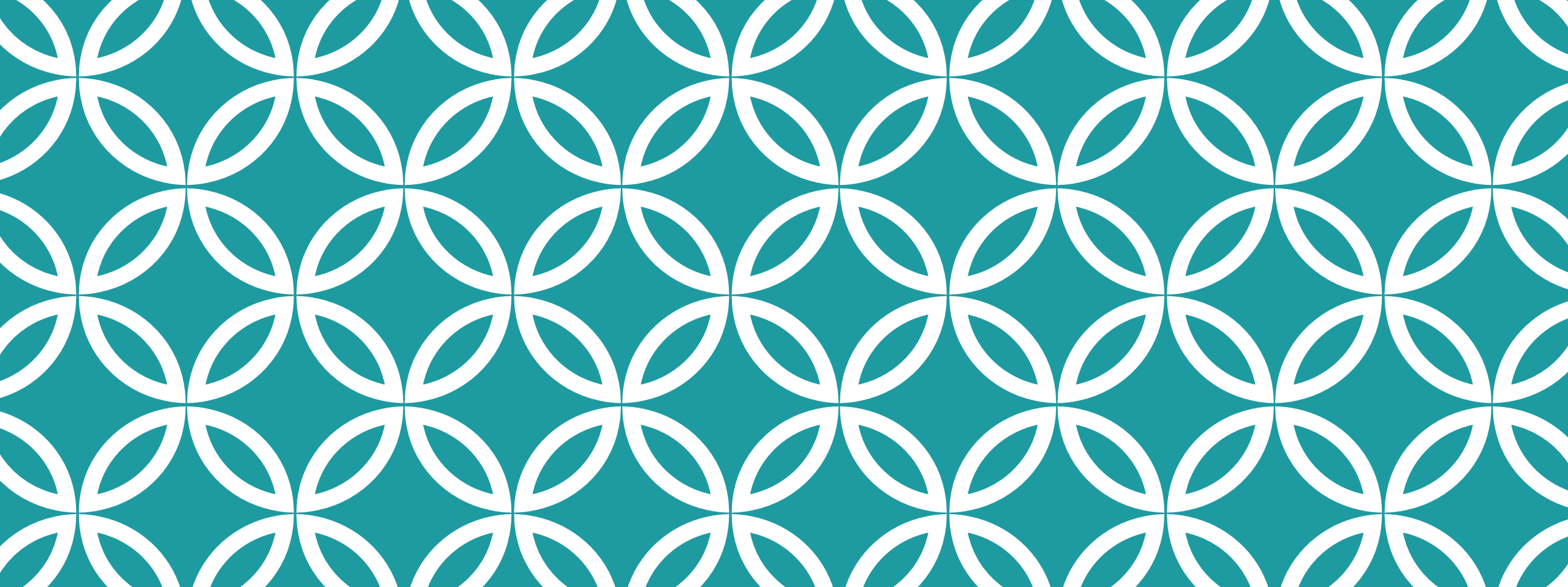


# SOLUTION

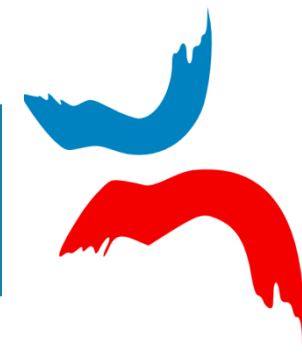
Establishing a convention with local libraries so that a member of a local Wikimedia user group can borrow and digitize books related to a particular project

User group members put excerpts of digitized books related to a particular topic (E.g. Doors of the Medina of Sfax) in a unique folder of a private repository

The private repository is shared with participants to the corresponding UG project so that it can be used to ameliorate the coverage of related topics in Wikipedia



**PROPOSED METHOD**



## User Group

Creates a topical project (e.g. a project about the cultural heritage of a city)

Assigns contributors to the topical project

Contacts libraries likely to involve offline references about the concerned topic



## Local libraries

Provide offline references related to the concerned topic to the user group



## User Group

Digitizes offline references

Assigns parts of the digitized references to corresponding entities

Involve all the obtained collections in a private Google Drive repository

Enrich the repository from web pages and digital libraries such as Cairn and Abhatoo



## Professors Emeriti

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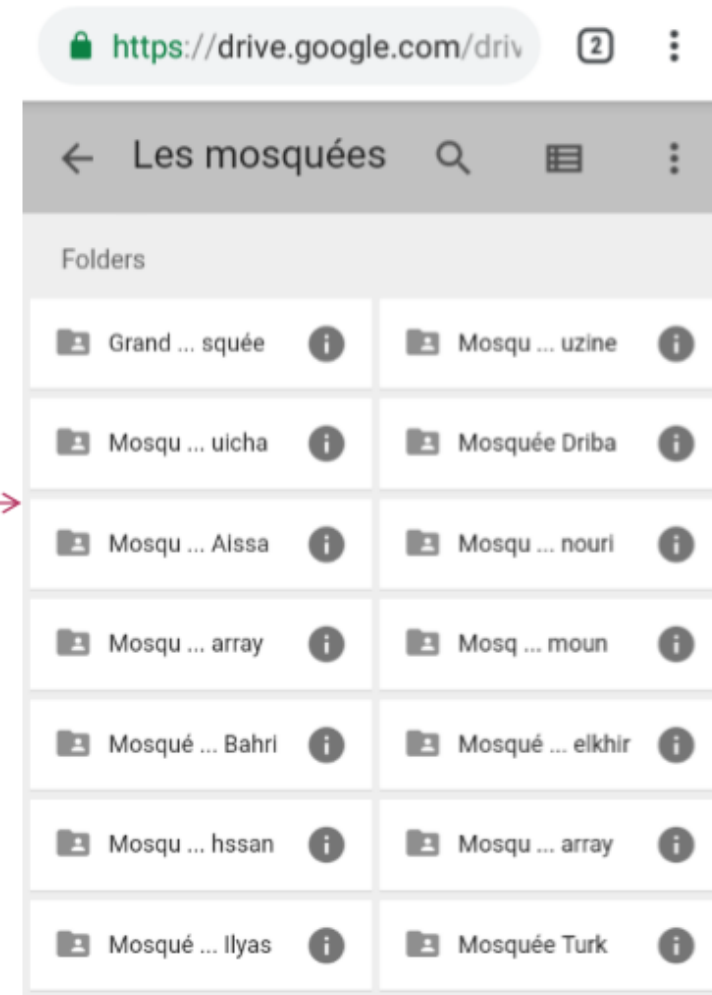
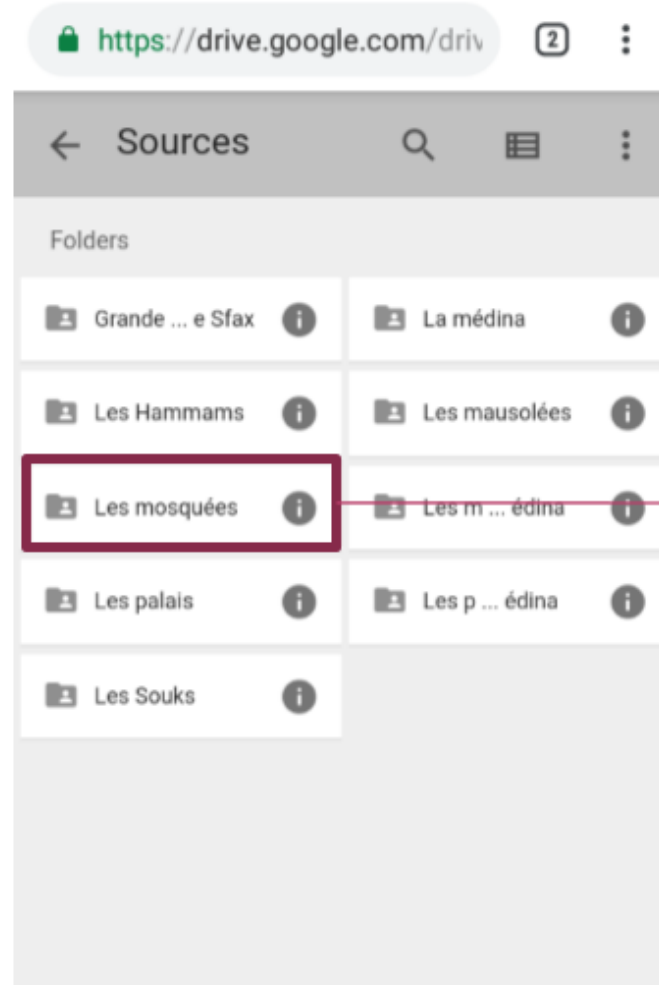
Identification of missing resources

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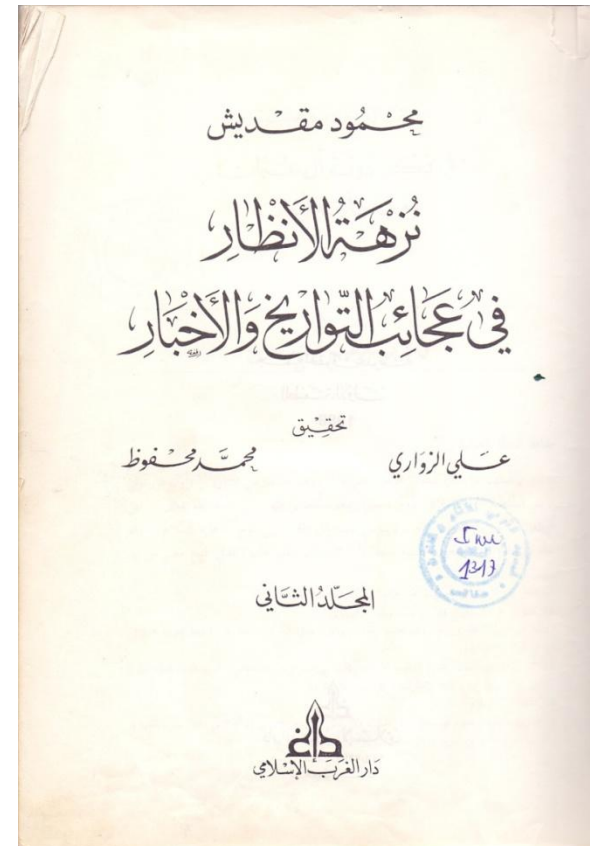
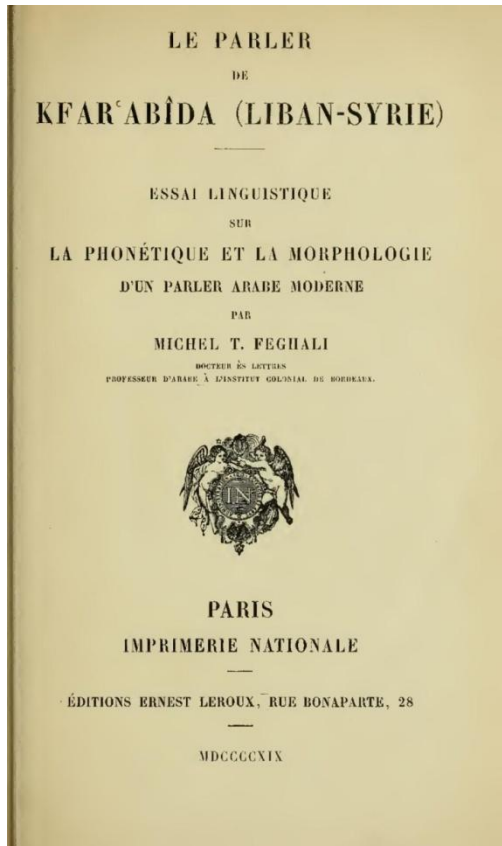
# DESIGN OF PRIVATE REPOSITORY

Excerpts dealing with a particular topic are put in the same folder

Folders are included in classes according to their areas of interest



# SAMPLE BOOKS



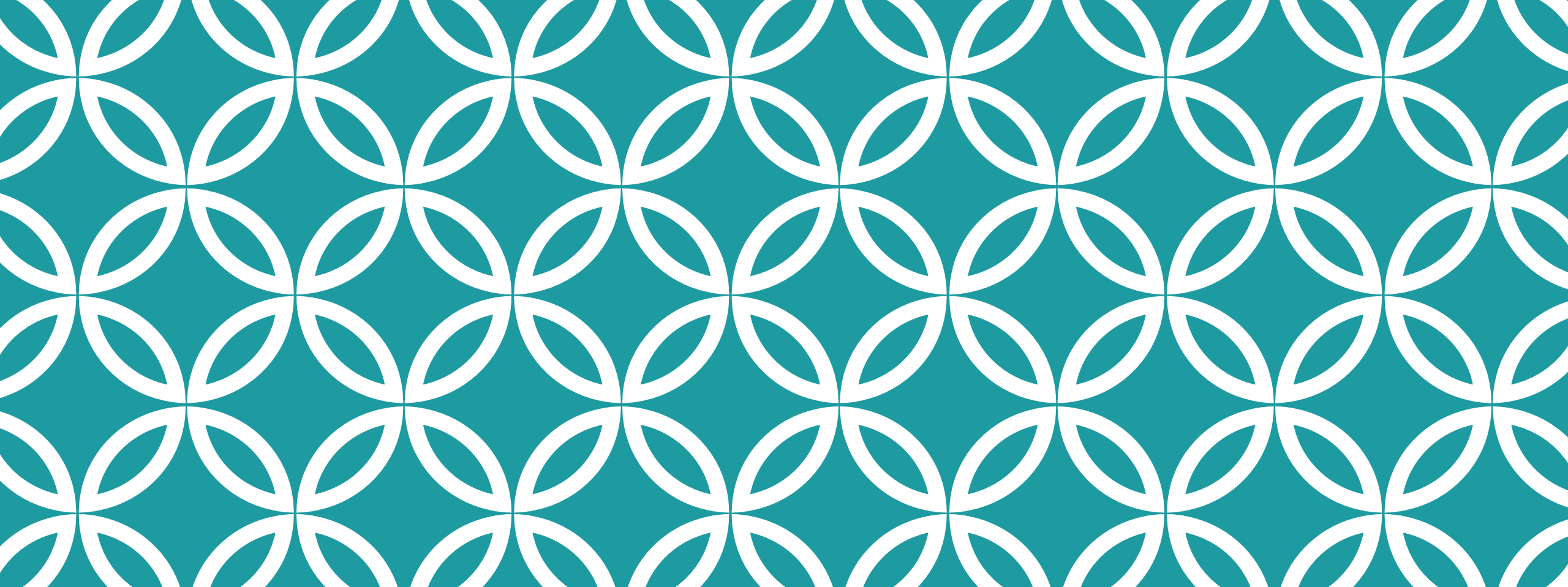
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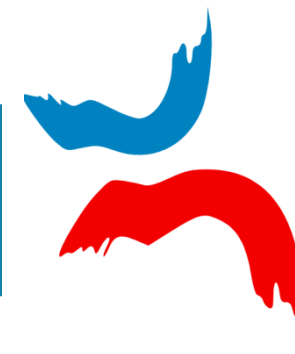
Easy sharing

Can be efficiently enriched using crowdsourcing

Possibility of integration of offline resources



# PRELIMINARY RESULTS AND CONCLUSION



# PRELIMINARY RESULTS

The method was applied to three UG projects:

## WikiLingua Maghreb (2015-2016)

- Tunisian Arabic on French and English Wikipedia: C-Class to B-Class article

## MedinaPedia Sfax (2017-2019)

- 72 Created Wikipedia articles in French Wikipedia
- 25 Start-Class Wikipedia articles in French Wikipedia

## TunSci (2011-2019)

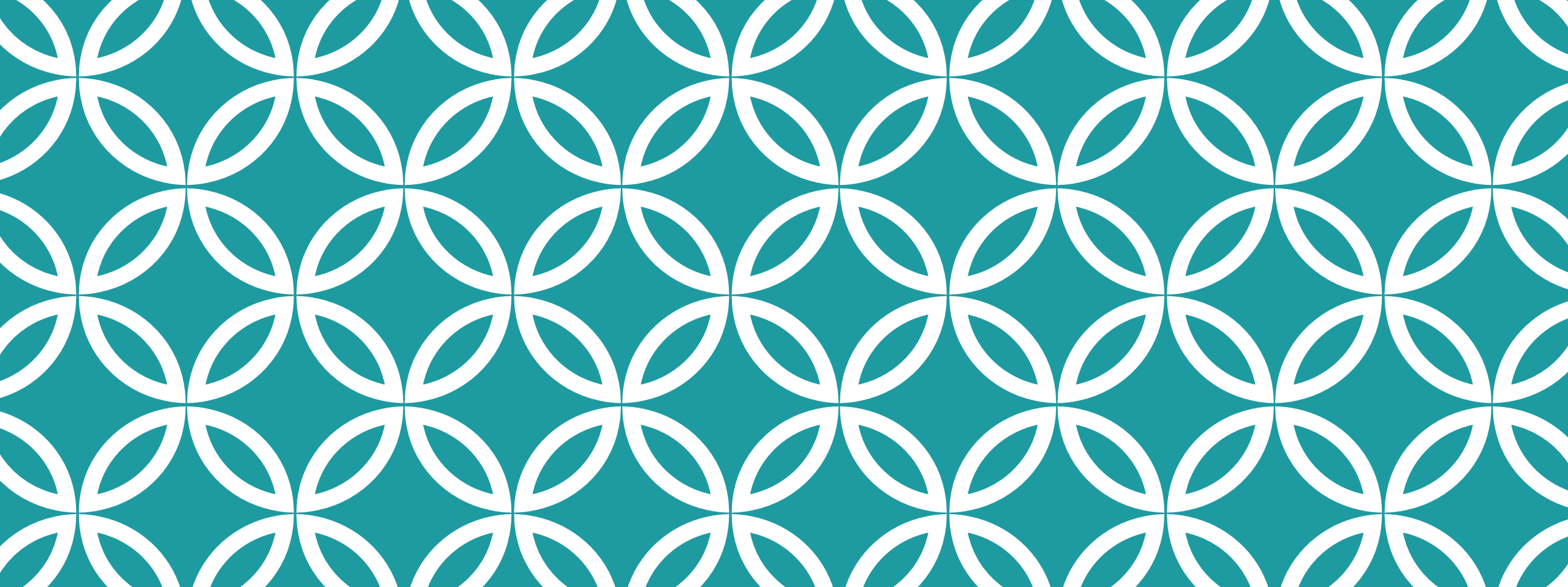
- More than 100 edited Wikipedia articles in French Wikipedia
- More than 50 Stub-class Wikipedia articles are enhanced to become Start-Class ones



# CONCLUSION

Excellent method to ameliorate the coverage of missing topics on Wikipedia mainly in developing countries

To be coupled to 1 Lib 1 Ref Campaign to have a better involvement of librarians in Wikimedia projects all over the world



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**THANK YOU**

Questions

