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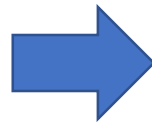# How Philippine-language Editions of Wikipedia Can Assist in Achieving Equality in Indigenous Education

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175 living indigenous languages in the **Philippines**

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Bikol Central Wikipedia   https://bcl.wikipedia.org

Cebuano Wikipedia   https://ceb.wikipedia.org

Waray-Waray Wikipedia   https://war.wikipedia.org

Chavacano de Zamboanga Wikipedia

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Wikipedia

- a **free online encyclopedia** that **anyone** can **use**, **distribute** and **edit,** released under **Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License**

- started in **January 15, 2001** by **Jimmy Wales** and **Larry Sanger**

- uses **wiki**, a knowledge-based website where users can modify or edit its content and structure collaboratively and directly from the web browser

- written by **volunteers worldwide** from a **neutral point of view** and **obtained** from **independent**, **reliable** and **verifiable sources**

The **Wikimedia Foundation**, a **nonprofit organization** located in **San Francisco, California, USA** owns the **Wikipedia trademarks** and hosts **Wikipedia** in all its language editions.

Wikipedia is available in **294 languages*** including **eight Philippine languages**, with a total of about **51 million articles*** which are available online and offline

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Online access

- Whenever and wherever Internet is available, through its website or mobile application
- Using devices such as computers, smartphones and tablets

Offline access

- Downloadable content of Wikipedia stored in computers, smartphones, tablets, portable hard drives, USB thumb drives, DVDs, Raspberry PI
- Using Kiwix Reader to access the Wikipedia content even without internet connection
- Internet-in-a-Box

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In April 2006, SOS Children produced Wikipedia for Schools, a selection of articles from Wikipedia released in compact disks (CDs), as a learning resource for schools in countries that had limited internet access. The most recent update of Wikipedia for Schools was in 2013

Wikipedia Edition	Number of Articles*	Number of Active Contributors*	Number of Times Viewed Daily, 2018 (online, average)
Ilokano	13,503	27	37,831
Kapampangan	8,631	29	17,568
Pangasinan	2,527	12	8,436
Tagalog	75,826	118	356,108
Bikol Central	9,237	30	19,963

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Wikipedia Edition	Number of Articles*	Number of Active Contributors*	Number of Times Viewed Daily, 2018 (online, average)
Cebuano	5,378,882	160	360,382
Waray	1,263,746	81	202,856
Chavacano de Zamboanga	3,010	12	10,548

* as of July 2019

These **Philippine-language editions of Wikipedia can assist** in **achieving equality in indigenous education** because the **content** is **written in indigenous languages** which is **easier to understand than when it is written in another language** and these information can be **accessed even without connecting to the internet** which is useful in localities where internet connection is not good or where libraries or sources of information are scarce.

In addition, these **Philippine-language based editions of Wikipedia** can **help in achieving equality in indigenous education** by **acknowledging its existence**, **continuously improving it** and **using it properly**.

How to improve Philippine-language based editions of Wikipedia

➢ Disseminate offline versions

➢ Contribute/edit individually

➢ Participate and/or organize activities such as the following, for the improvement of Wikipedia including those editions in the test wiki pages:

- Meet-ups   - Edit-a-thons

- Fora   - Contests

- Learning sessions   - Conferences

➢ Participate in Wikipedia in Education

Edit-a-thon at University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College, 2019

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Edit-a-thon at Philippine Science High School - Eastern Visayas Campus, 2017

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