

Of all biographical articles of Africans on Wikipedia, only 17.9% are about women.

How can we ensure that the experiences of African Women are well-represented on Wikipedia?

African Representation on Wikipedia at a Glance*

- There are fewer Africa-based Wikipedians across the entire continent than in Hong Kong alone.
- African subjects are chronically underrepresented on Wikipedia, and articles relating to African women especially.
- By 2030, there will be 490 million more people in Africa, each deserving access to free knowledge and representation on Wikipedia.

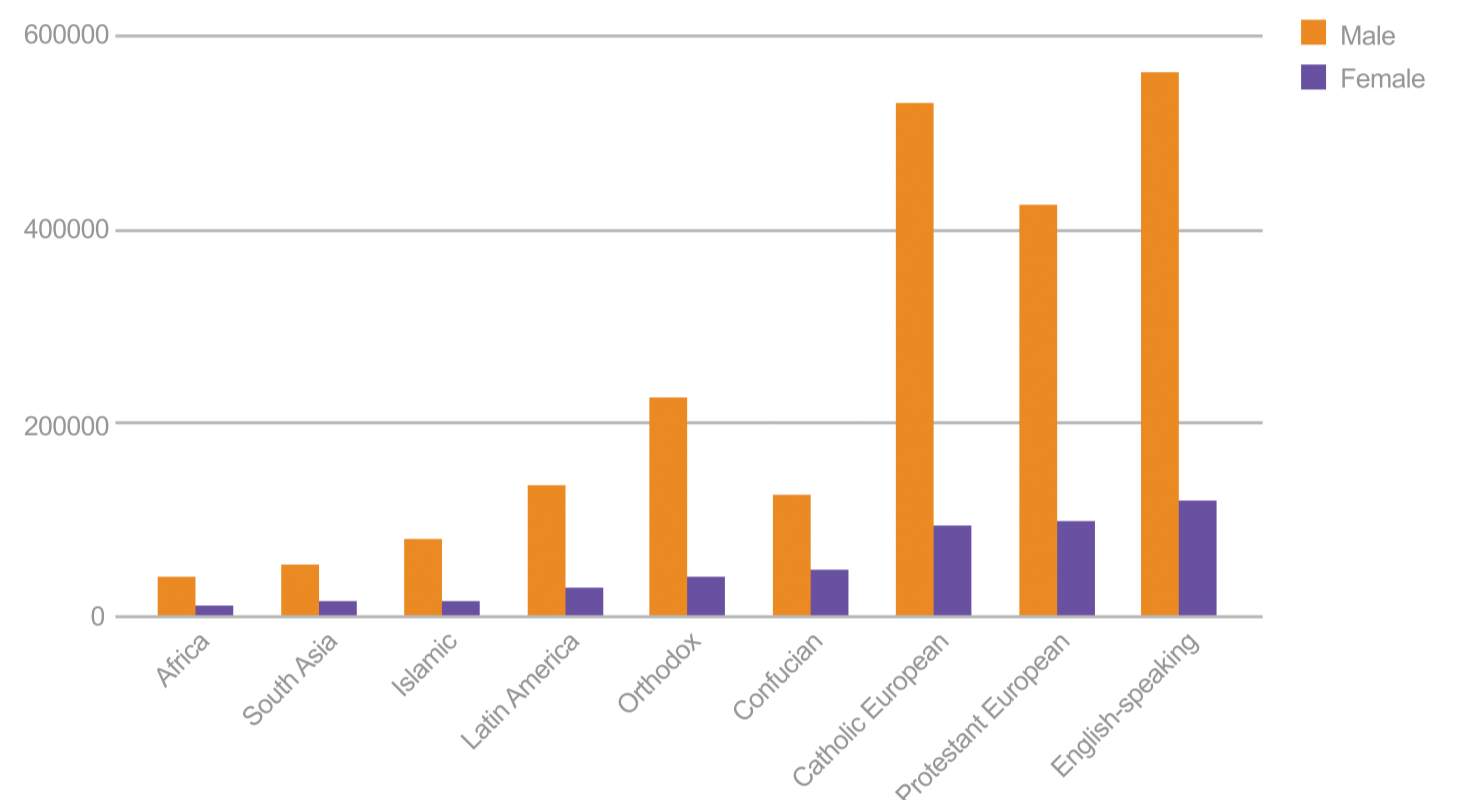
* <http://www.wikiloveswomen.org/about-the-project/mind-the-gap/>

How Wiki Loves Women approaches this problem

- Following successes in Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, and Nigeria in 2016-17, Wiki Loves Women will celebrate women's achievements in two additional African nations in 2018-19 : Uganda and Tanzania.
- Hold Edit-a-thons and other information-contribution events to make African women's experience more visible.
- Create and strengthen relationships with gender-focused culture and civil society organisations.
- Encourage women to be involved as leaders, editors, and partners in documenting their history and experience.
- Encourage the growth of Wikimedia groups, and ensure that all editors are aware of gender issues and focuses.
- Create Event Toolkits so that organisations and communities can host their own contribution events, wherever they are.

Only 0,318% of all WikiData biographical entries are about African women

Coverage of biographies on WikiData per gender and per culture



<http://wigi.wmflabs.org/gender-by-culture.html> retrieved June 2018. CC-BY-SA 4.0



What to watch out for:

WLW is hosting the WikiWitches drive in October 2018 and an article drive on African Activist in early 2019.

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