

Gender Gap projects across Africa



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A stylized illustration of a reindeer in shades of orange and peach, with white decorative patterns on its head and neck. Green foliage with teardrop-shaped leaves is layered over the reindeer, extending from the top left and bottom left towards the center.

How does Wikipedia reflect the world?



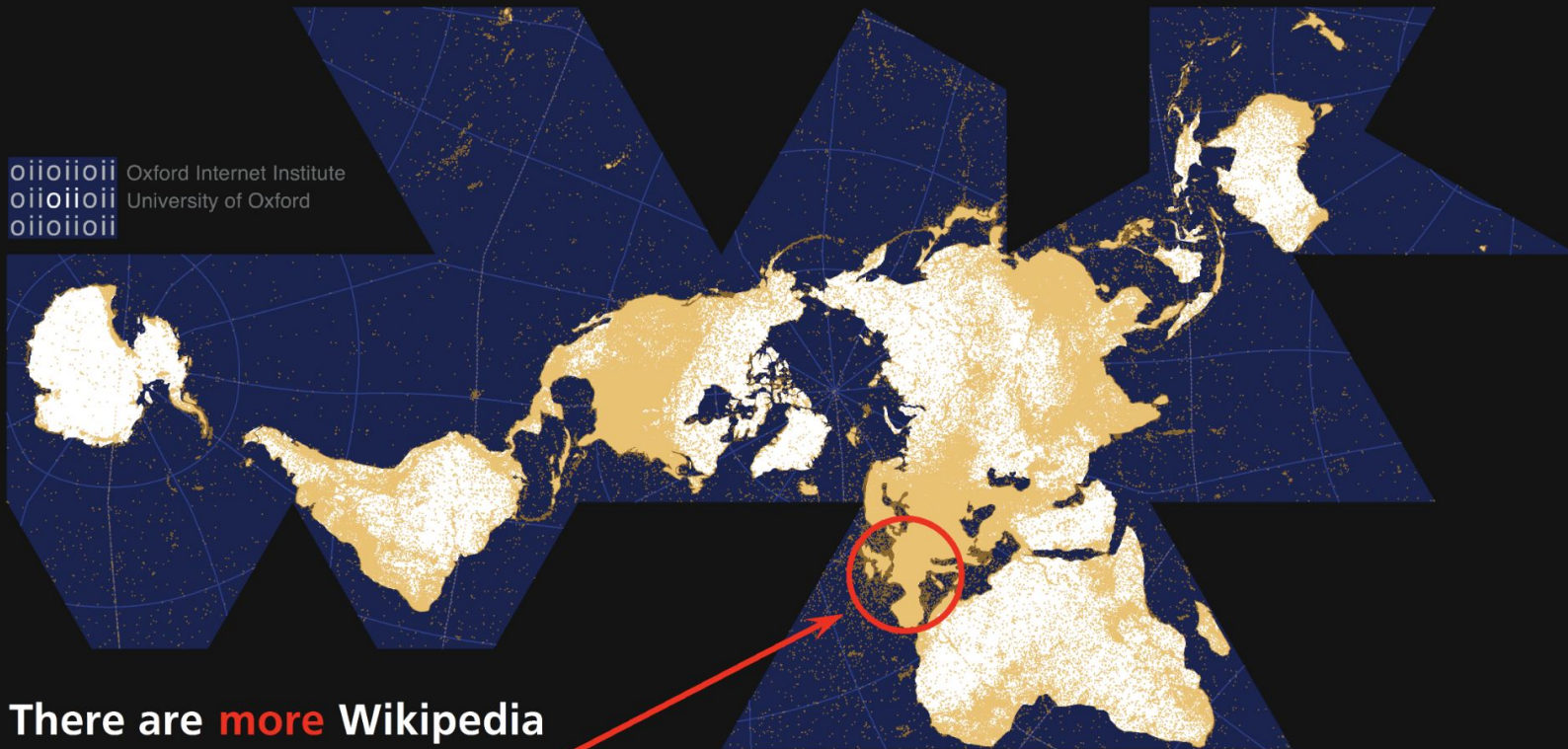
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The Geographically Uneven Coverage of Wikipedia

While it is an invaluable resource of knowledge for numerous users, Wikipedia's articles have a strong bias in their geographic distribution. Below map is based on 3,336,473 geotagged articles in November 2012 data dumps of 44 language versions. Each article is represented by an orange dot.

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There are **more** Wikipedia
articles **inside** this circle
than outside of it

This map is part of the Information Geographies
project at <http://geography.oii.ox.ac.uk>.

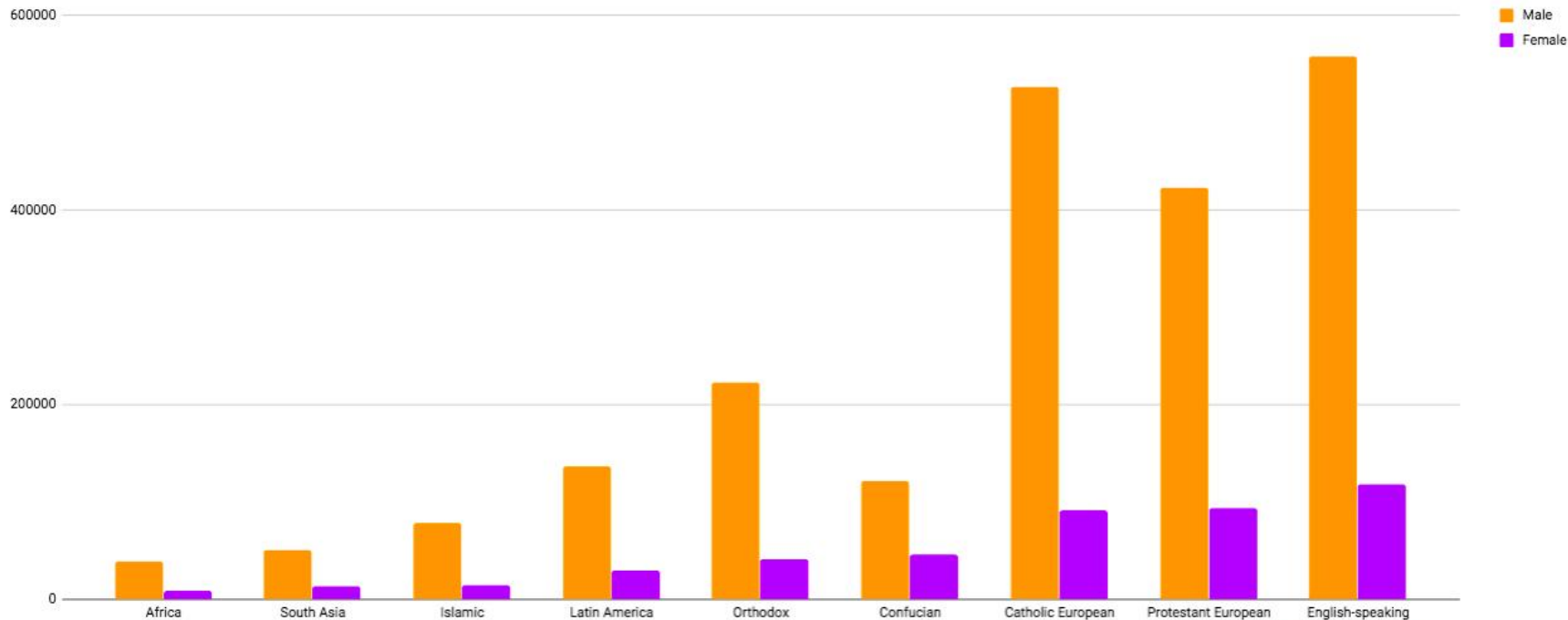
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How does Wikipedia reflect notable people of the world?



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Only 0.318% of all biographical entries are about African women



Coverage of biographies on WikiData per gender and per culture; Source: <http://wigi.wmflabs.org/gender-by-culture.html>.
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How does Wikipedia reflect the notable women of Africa?



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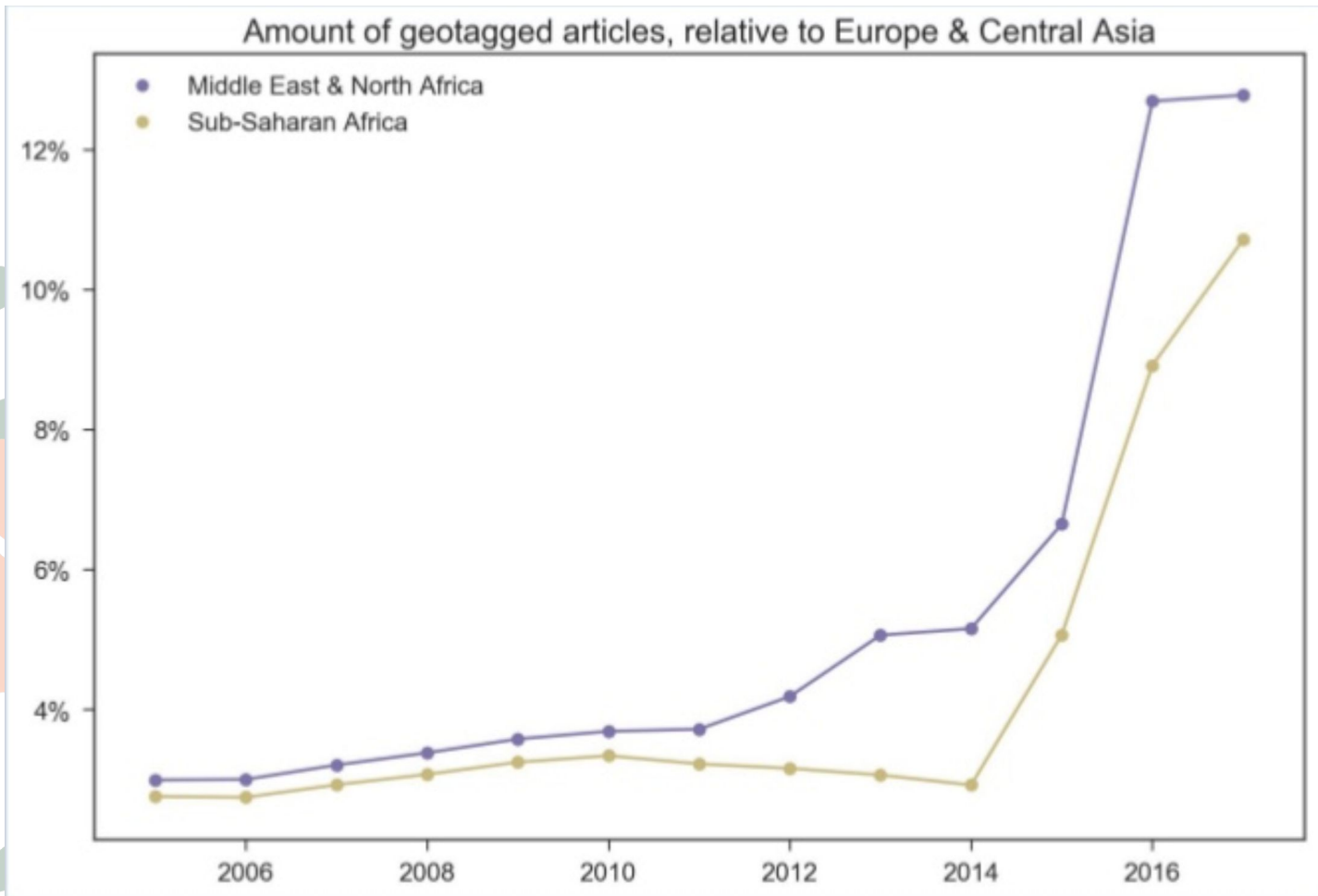
Together we are making an impact!

“These initiatives are starting to show their effects. [...] we analysed the most recent data that we could find - comparing the numbers of articles written about Europe and Africa - and saw something remarkable. Instead of 20 European articles for every African one, the gap had reduced to ten to one. Wikipedia is starting to better reflect the world we live in.”

Martin Dittus and Mark Graham

<https://www.wired.co.uk/article/wikipedia-inequality-pay-editors>





Project Wikimouso en Côte d'Ivoire

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Project: Atelier Wikidata et soirée contributive...

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Objectif : Combler le fossé du genre sur wikidata



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Atelier de formation wikidata et soirées contributives

- ❖ Organisation d'un atelier de formation sur l'utilisation de wikidata

Objectif : Donner aux participant tous les outils nécessaire à l'utilisation de Wikidata

- ❖ 3 soirées contributives
 - 35 participants dont 40% de femmes
 - 238 articles féminins créés et modifiés sur wikidata

Project Wiki Loves WOMen au Cameroun

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Wiki Loves Women in Cameroun

- Launched in 2016. Since then
- * mostly training women (25 in 2019)
 - * InterwikiWomen Collaboration (over 21 articles translated from armenian)
 - * Participation to Art & Feminism



Over 70 % of women in the UserGroup were recruited from the WLW training sessions

Wiki Loves Women in Uganda

Erina Mukuta & Alice Kibombo...

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Problem(s)

- Limited coverage of women in various media formats
- Lack of variety in the coverage (selective or myopic) even on Wikipedia itself
- Partnerships (identifying ,forming and sustaining)

Wikipedia is a mirror of the world's gender biases

By [Katherine Maher](#) • 18 October 2018



Why didn't Wikipedia have an article on Donna Strickland, winner of a Nobel Prize?

Execution

- Created and contributed to consultative lists that were used (Women in Red, Curated list of women with)
- Use of the media (radio) to highlight the issue in different parts of the country
- Edit-a-thons targeting specific professional demographics (they know who their people are)
- Identifying and forming both long and short term partnerships



Results

- Increased enrolment and participation of editors
- Enrolment of previously not-thought of demographics
- Editors able to contribute in Luganda thus spreading the reach
- Spread over the country
- Increased awareness of other Wikimedia projects especially Wikidata
- Re-definition of partnerships (possible with individuals who have access to networks)



Presents

WIKI DATA IN MBARARA

Hive Colab

3rd Floor Easy View Complex next to APA Insurance

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH FROM 8:00 AM



Women of the Wiki In Ghana

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Anything you think relevant...



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Women of the Wiki In Ghana

Problem(s)

Content Gap

Notability issues

Interest for Volunteerism (time)

here's what we came up with, or tried

We started the campaigns early using social media

For the new contributors, before the event we had done research on the notable women and provided links to the ones we could find to make learning easier for them.

We invited friends who were in the media to experience first hand the challenges we faced because they were not talking about this notable women in our society.

this was the result

Compared to the previous year we had more articles created and more participation.

Also we had more male participation as-well, because they realise the need to add more content.

Some media houses have began to see the importance of writing about women or projecting women how are notable



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Gender Gap Projects in Nigeria

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- Wiki Loves Women
- Wiki Women Radio Program
- Wikigap events
- Gender-based events.



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Gender Gap Projects in Mediterranean area



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Méditerranée

COMBLER LE FOSSÉ DES GENRES SUR WIKIPEDIA

en rendant plus visibles les femmes du pourtour de la Méditerranée dans l'encyclopédie, et en amenant davantage de femmes à contribuer.

[HTTPS://URLZ.FR/7HOW](https://urlz.fr/7HOW)



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Pour une plus grande visibilité des femmes méditerranéennes



Le projet les sans pagEs est né en 2016 du besoin de combler le fossé des genres sur Wikipedia. Un double constat est à son origine... 10 % des contributeur.trice.s sont des femmes et seulement 16 % des biographies concernent des femmes. Les membres des sans pagEs créent et améliorent des articles Wikipédia portant sur des femmes, sur les féminismes, ou d'autres sujets sous-représentés. Ils et elles enrichissent également les illustrations, les données et s'entraident !

Au printemps 2018, une poignée de femmes ont décidé de fonder les sans pagEs Méditerranée, pour se consacrer plus spécifiquement à cette zone géographique bien particulière, de part sa diversité et sa richesse culturelle.

ACTIONS

- **Organisation de wikipermanences régulières** de découverte des projets Wikimedia (Wikipédia, Wikimedia Commons, WikiData etc.) et outils associés
- **Organisation d'ateliers d'écriture encyclopédique** (style, sources, neutralité, langage épïcène etc.)
- **Recherche et études relatives au biais de genre** sur Wikipédia, analyses d'impact
- **Veille** événementielle, sur les publications de recherche ou l'actualité, et partage avec le public
- **Participation à d'autres événements** sur le biais de genre, et interventions sur demandes

CHARTE

Nos ateliers sont ouverts à toute personne (quelque soit son genre) voulant œuvrer à réduire le biais de genre sur Wikipédia. Les participant-es se doivent respect et écoute, dns un climat constructif, bienveillant autour du partage de la connaissance et du savoir. Tout comportement ou attitude dominante, insultante, diffamatoire, obscène, raciste, sexiste, homophobe, injurieuse, autoritaire ou perçue comme telle est prohibée. Toutes les personnes participant à nos ateliers s'engagent à respecter et faire respecter cette charte. Cet engagement rejoint la politique "Friendly Space Policy" de la Wikimedia Foundation, notamment pour la Lutte contre le harcèlement, ainsi que le code de conduite et les politiques de convivialité pour tous les espaces réels et virtuels de Wikimédia.

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