Wikipedia classes in Côte d'Ivoire: issues and lessons learned

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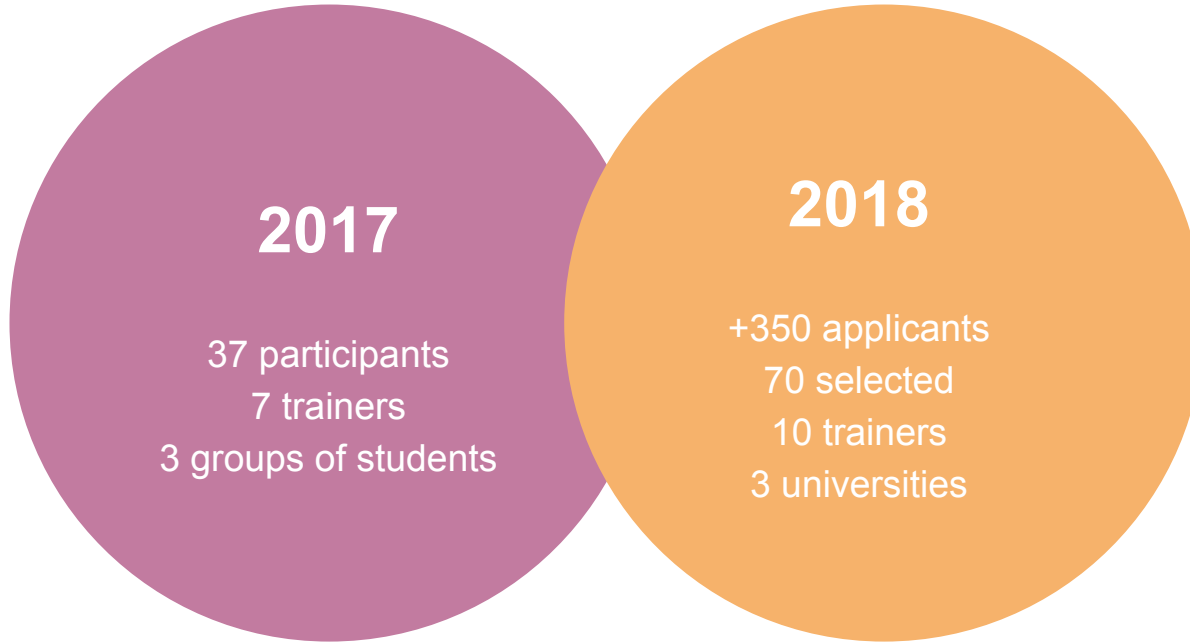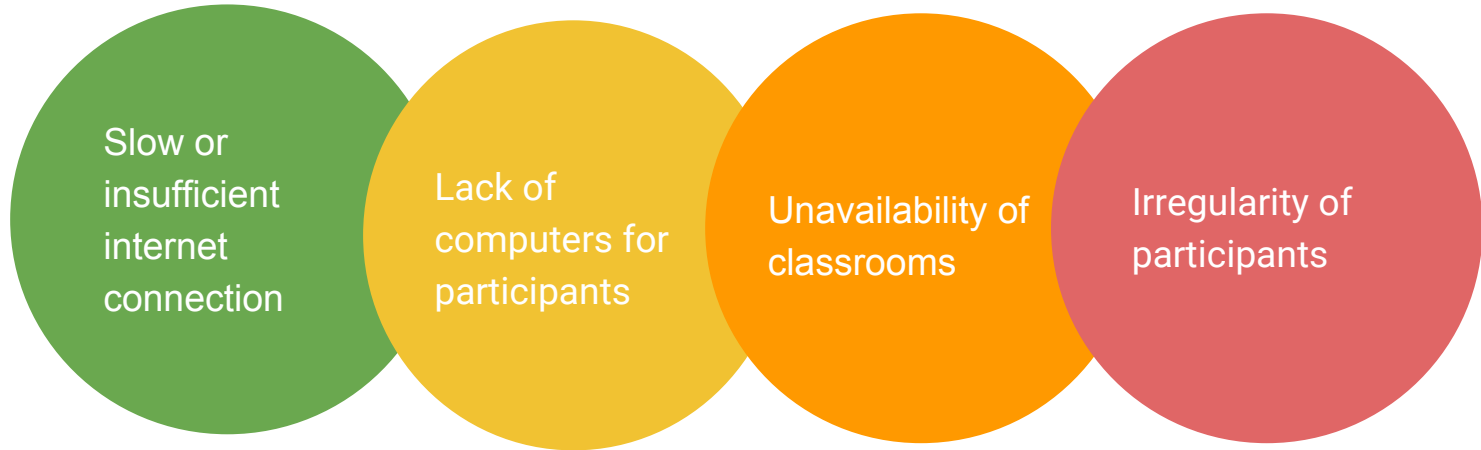www.wikimedia.ci

CLASSE WIKI

A Wiki Education program, organized in three different universities. This program aims at teaching higher education students how to create or improve articles on Wikipedia.

Highlights of the two editions

2017

37 participants
7 trainers
3 groups of students

2018

+350 applicants
70 selected
10 trainers
3 universities

Challenges we are facing

Slow or insufficient internet connection

Lack of computers for participants

Unavailability of classrooms

Irregularity of participants

Lessons learned

- Provide a larger budget for connection
- Press schools administration to have classes without interruption
- Provide with more computers
- Find a method for ensuring regular attendance of participants

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Replication steps

Plan, find schools and funds

Draft the calendar, apply for Grants and contact universities for hosting the classes

Start courses, use the Syllabus or adapt it

The Wiki Education Syllabus describes a 12-week learning programme with exercices

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Select and train trainers

Trainers need to be active editors and should familiarize themselves with the Syllabus

Monitor and evaluate programme

Adjust programme accordingly, evaluate participants progress and report programme results

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