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

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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
Replication steps

1. Plan, find schools and funds
   Draft the calendar, apply for Grants and contact universities for hosting the classes

2. Select and train trainers
   Trainers need to be active editors and should familiarize themselves with the Syllabus

3. Start courses, use the Syllabus or adapt it
   The Wiki Education Syllabus describes a 12-week learning programme with exercises

4. Monitor and evaluate programme
   Adjust programme accordingly, evaluate participants progress and report programme results
Enkosi!