GRANT OFFICE REPORT FOR JUNE GRANT CYCLE

The **Community Support Funds** is a program designed by Wikimedia User Group Nigeria to support Nigerian mission-aligned organisations, individual members of the Wikimedia User Group Nigeria, networks & fan clubs, organised group contributing to any Wikimedia projects such as Wikipedia, Wikidata or Wikimedia Commons – to organise projects throughout the year with a budget of NGN 50,000 up to NGN 425,000.

In June 2023, the Wikimedia Nigeria Foundation continued to respond to the open knowledge needs of the communities in the Wikimedia User Group Nigeria and its unprecedented threat to the critical gains we have made in the last fiscal year. At the same time, we witnessed the unlimited potential of our funded projects in closing the cultural gap within the Wikimedia projects. From the swift implementation of new financial scope to the adoption of our new Strategy for the new fiscal year, the Wikimedia Nigeria Foundation continues to make important advances across the partnership to fight the limitations to open knowledge and respond to current and future challenges.

Executive Summary
The June Financial Report provides the Wikimedia Nigeria Foundation's financial statements, reflecting an effective and prudent use of resources to support programs within the country. In this past cycle, we pressed ahead with the fight against open knowledge illiteracy
In June we demonstrated how our continued investments in resilient and sustainable systems for open knowledge could support communities and individuals in the fight against open knowledge illiteracy and respond to new challenges in promoting the work of the Wikimedia Foundation.

In this month under review, a total of nineteen (19) proposals were submitted for funding from the community. These projects cut across thirteen (13) states and the six (6) geo-political zones in Nigeria. This was an improvement from the last grant cycle that featured only six (6) states and four (4) geopolitical zones. The proposals were from both individuals and Networks/clubs. Fifteen (15) projects were accepted for funding after meeting every criteria set aside by the Grant Committee after days of personal scrutiny and three (3) hours of extensive deliberations on the 22nd of June, 2023.
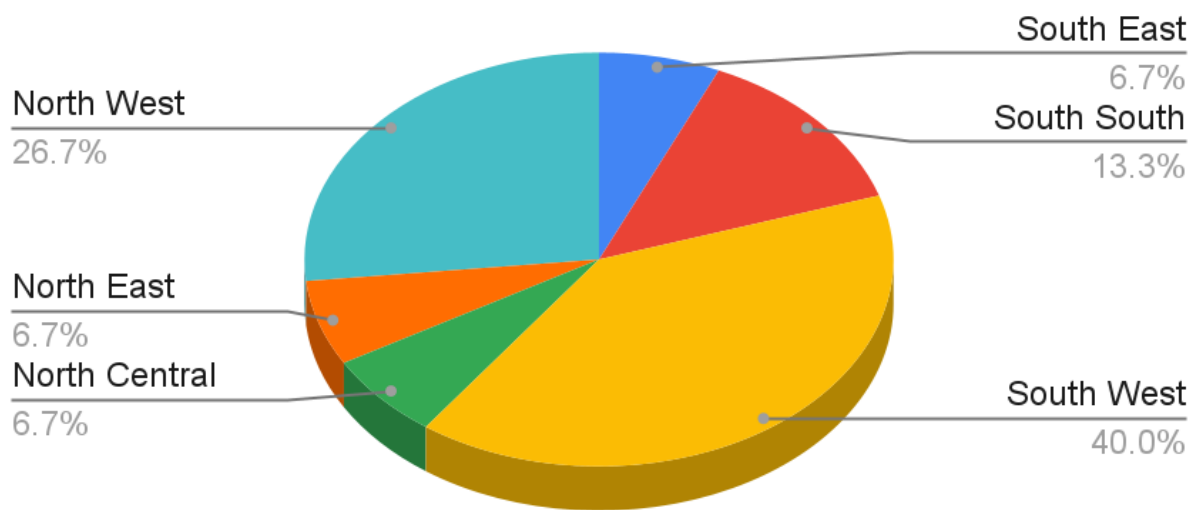*A detailed report can be found below.*

GEOGRAPHY
The report below only represents the projects funded

Geo-political representation	
South East	1
South South	2
South West	6
North Central	1
North East	1
North West	4

Geo-political zone distribution

South East 6.7%

South South 13.3%

South West 40.0%

North West 26.7%

North East 6.7%

North Central 6.7%

State representation	
Anambra	1
Edo	1
Kaduna	1
Kano	2
Katsina	1
Kwara	1
Lagos	3

Ogun	1
Osun	1
Oyo	1
Rivers	1
Yobe	1

Distribution by States

Yobe	Anambra
6.7%	6.7%
Rivers	Edo
6.7%	6.7%
Oyo	Kaduna
6.7%	6.7%
Osun	Kano
6.7%	13.3%
Ogun	Katsina
6.7%	6.7%
Lagos	Kwara
20.0%	6.7%
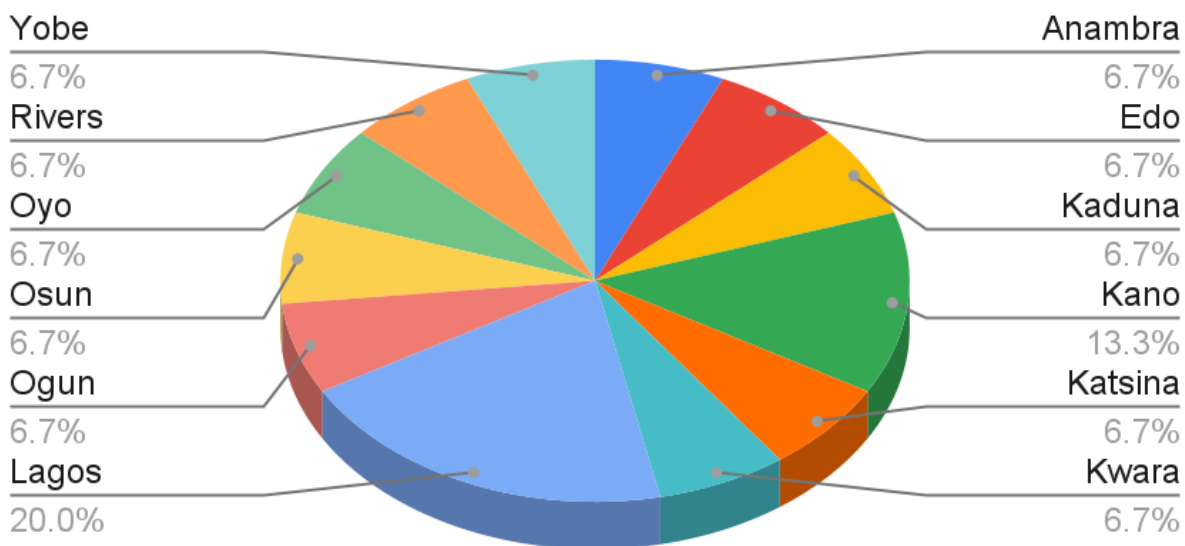
Gender Representation	
Female	5
Male	10

Wikimedia Projects	
Commons	6
Wikipedia	5
Hausa Wikipedia	2
Wikidata & Wikipedia	1
Igbo Wikiquote	1

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13.3%

Commons
40.0%

Wikipedia
33.3%
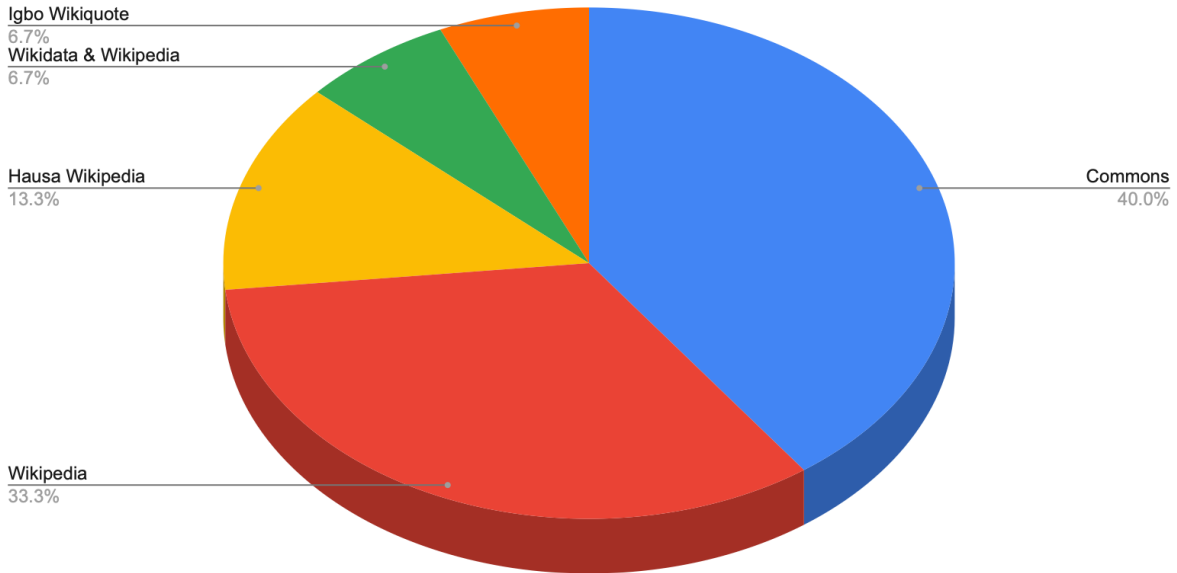
FINANCIAL DISTRIBUTION

For the month in review, a total of **3,002,000 NGN** was shared among twelve (15) projects, making an average of **200,133 NGN** per project.

This amount was disbursed to the different networks/clubs & individual applicants before the 10th of July 2023. The delay in some payments was due to errors from the grantees. A total of 1,697,000 NGN was spent on micro grants while 1,305,000 NGN was spent on the Wiki Loves Earth campaign.

The financial distribution can be seen below.

Total amount approved	*3,002,000*	
Average amount	200,133	
Highest amount funded	325,000	
Least amount funded	117,000	
Network/Club Funding		
Total approved	2	
Highest amount approved	300,000	Wiki Niger Delta
Lowest amount approved	300,000	NIJ
Average	300,000	
Total amount approved	**600,000**	
Individual Funding		
Total approved	13	
Highest amount approved	325,000	
Lowest amount approved	117,000	
Average	184,769	
Total amount approved	**2,402,00**0	

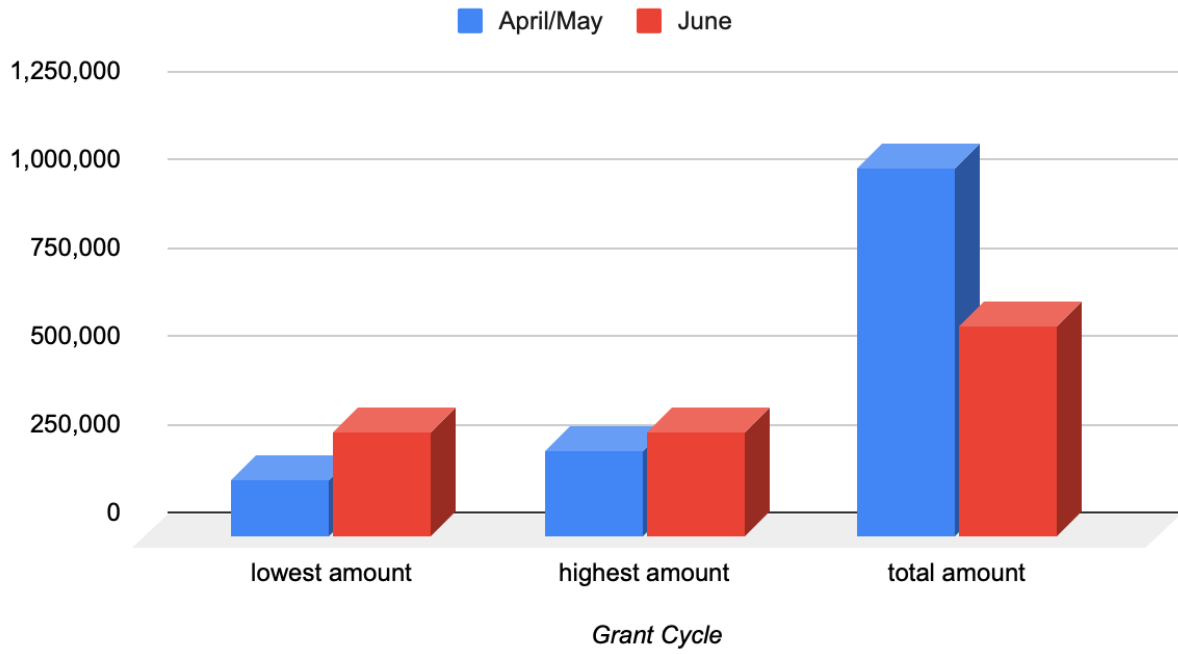## Fund distribution by community
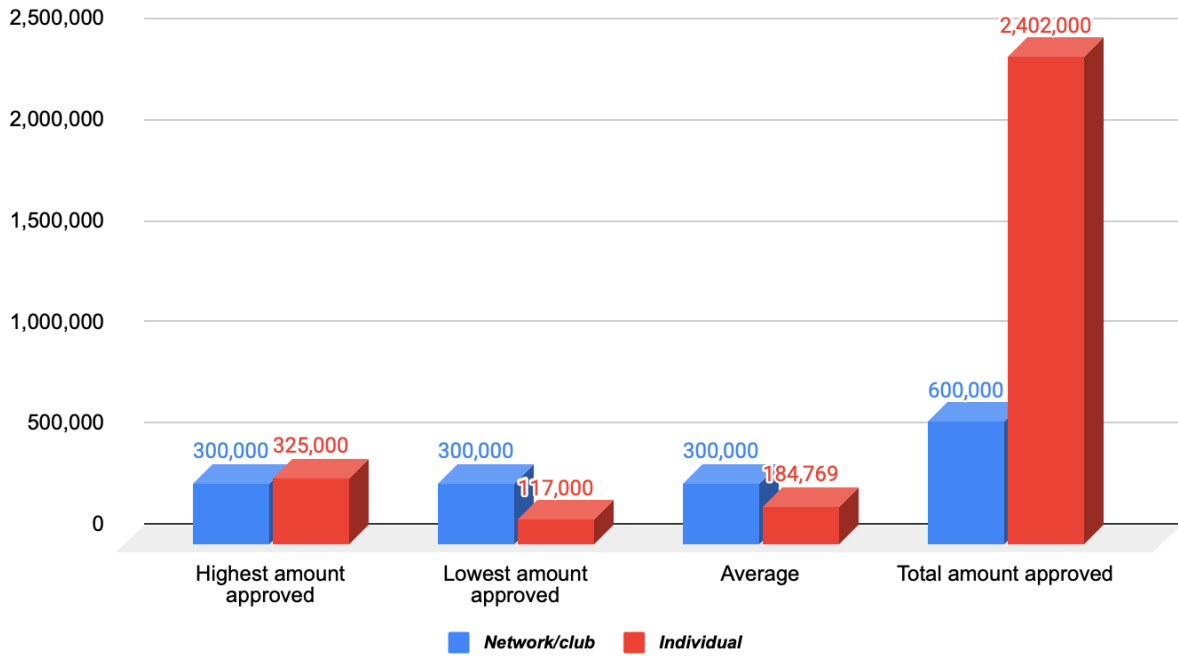
In this section, we would compare the two grant cycles

Network/Club funding for April/May & June

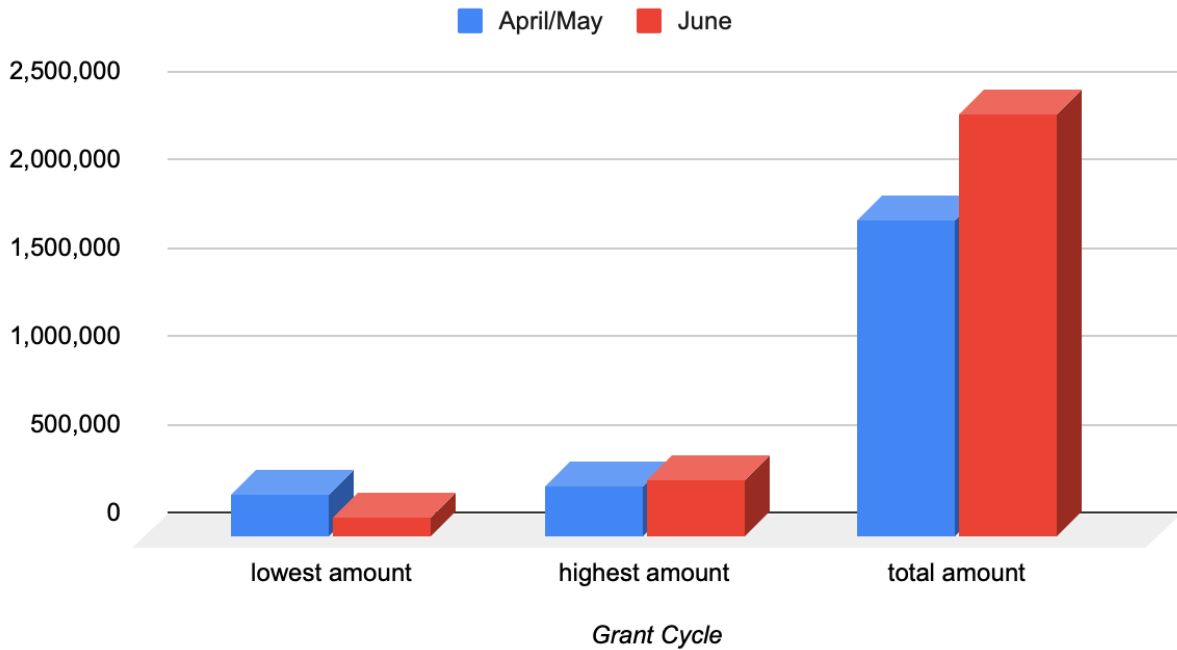| Cycle	lowest amount	highest amount	total amount
April/May	164,500	247,000	1,047,150
June	300,000	300,000	600,000

Network/Club funding for April/May & June

Individual funding for April/May & June

Cycle	lowest amount	highest amount	total amount
April/May	237,500	284,000	1,793,500
June	117,000	325,000	2,402,000

Individual funding for April/May & June

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The graphs above depict a considerable change in the amount disbursed for both individual and community projects. In the last grant cycle, the amount disbursed to networks & clubs was considerably higher than the amount disbursed to the same category in this present cycle. This was due to the fact that only two (2) networks/clubs applied for funding in this grant cycle. For individual projects, there was a considerable increase in the amount disbursed this cycle when compared to the last cycle. This was also due to the fact that many individuals applied for grants as a result of the *Grants Office Hour* held last month.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Six of the 16 projects to be funded are seeking to solve the issue of low-quality images about Nigeria on the Commons. This will be solved through the WIKI LOVES EARTH CAMPAIGN. Three other projects (not Wiki Loves Earth) will also focus on Wikimedia Commons.

The project, **Enhancing References in Hausa Wikipedia** seeks to improve references on the Hausa Wikipedia. A study by the project lead showed that most articles on Hausa Wikipedia lacked reliable sources and some articles do not have any single reference. The project aims to identify such articles and add proper citations to them.

Wiki In-Class Workshop In Kaduna State College Of Nursing And Midwifery is a project targeted at students of a nursing and midwifery college in Kaduna state. This project would work with the health professionals in creating articles on genotypes on the Hausa Wikipedia.

The Wiki Niger Delta Network is taking a bold step at capacity building for community leaders and members by planning a **Wiki Niger Delta Capacity Building Workshop** for the month of July. They aim to strengthen the experience level of the network members which would translate to quality participation and representation of the network on Wikipedia and its relative projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS

After deliberations with the grants committee, the following recommendations were made;

- Only complete applications will be reviewed;
- Compulsory questions should be indicated in the grants template. Individuals who don't give vital information will be rejected;
- Individuals not active on the proposed Wiki for the past three months will not be approved for funding. Also, those with less than 500 edits on the target Wiki should not be approved for funding;
- Networks/Clubs with an outstanding project **(not more than one)** should be allowed to apply for a new project. This would help networks/clubs have regular activities.