Resourcing Movement Strategy

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DCW Leadership Development and Skills Infrastructure Plan
Established on **31 July 2021** and recognised by the AffCom on **16 January 2022**.

**Focuses & Goals**

- Focuses on Muslim academia and scholarship across all languages.
- Aims at improving Wikipedia and its sister projects with related knowledge and information, at a global level, in any language.
- Plans to go beyond the Wikimedia ecosystem.
How do we coordinate & get together?

- Regular Online Meetings
- Frequent Offline Meetups
Some Major DCW Projects

A view of Atyabul Masajid, Deoband
Heritage Lens

- Captures Muslim Heritage from all around the globe.
- First official iteration under this program was conducted in and around Deoband, in India, from 23 July to 25 July 2023.
- Based on learnings from DCW Bhopal Photo Event and the strategic recommendations of February 2023.
- Each iteration includes training sessions titled “Empowering Creatives” as well.
- Names coined by Munazza Anjum.
Wikipedia 101

- An online Wikipedia education set for beginners with 10 videos.
- A partnership project with Wikimedia Community User Group Turkey, Notre Dame English Club, and Istanbul Bilgi University RGB Studios.
DCW Conversation Hour

- A Monthly Open Conversation Hour.
- Each session has a different host.
- **Previous Speakers** include Dr. Ashraf Dockrat, Bilal Ali Ansari, Sam Walton, Nicole Scwhiter.
- **Upcoming Session:** 24 August 2023 with Prof Laurie Bridges.
Why MSIG Grant?

- The Need for Institutional Partnerships
- Need for Leadership and Training programs
- Need of Quality Based Trainers and Leaders
Leadership Development & Skills Infrastructure Plan

- Aims to produce a leadership and skills infrastructure (LDSI) plan for DCW's longer run and institutional partnerships.
- Furthering LDSI recommendations from Movement Strategy Initiatives.
- Prism of institutional building and collaboration.
- Preparing certain university-level courses for the DCW that the wider Wikimedia communities can use as well.
- The project is supported by a MSIG of 4,651.50 USD.
Project Outline

- Justifying the need.
- Reviewing existing LDSI materials by Wikimedia entities.
- Elaborating on LDSI facets aligned with knowledge-sharing vision.
- Creating courses compliant with Indian universities' CBCS.
- Offering leadership courses on WikiLearn for Wikimedia organizers.

Core Members: Program Lead: Aaqib Anjum Aafi

Researcher: Affaf Nasir
Major Successes

● Professional support from various academicians from reputed institutions in helping us achieve our goals.
● Creating a strong volunteer support network and aiming at further support from the community.
● The Other Side of Wikipedia.
● The Digital Empowerment seminar.
● Conclusion of preliminary research.
Challenges & Next Steps

- Navigation into the non-mission aligned institutions.
- General lack of awareness amongst our target audience.
- Making of academic and creative courses.
- Creating a roadmap to approach the non-mission aligned institutions.
MSIG Paiwan Project in Taiwan

Kán Ûi-iū (iyumu)
My profile: Kán Êi-iū (iyumu)

- From Chhautun, Lamtau, Taioan (Taiwan)
- Helped several Taiwan indigenous languages wiki projects while working at ALCD, NCCU, Taipak
- Facilitator in Paiwan Wikimedians User Group from 2021
- Steering committee member in Wikimedia Language Diversity Hub from 2021
- Cofounder of Hopengiu Wikimedians User Group (from 2022)
Paiwan Wikimedians User Group

- wikipidiya nua pinayuanan (pwn)
- Oral references (Commons and Wikisource)
- Paiwan lexemes (Wikidata)
- Paiwan Wiktionary (Incubator)
MSIG: Oral citation in Paiwan language

- Promotional events
- Community Survey
- Collection of oral references
- Workshops for introduction of the wiki projects to the community
Challenges of the project

- Lack of young contributors
- The diversity of the communities
- Who uses the Paiwan Wikimedia sites (pages)?
Future Plans

● Conference on Paiwan Wikimedia Projects
● The usage of the collected oral references
● Cooperations with the local organizations
● Reach out to more “Paiwan classes”
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Thank you
MS Recommendation #38
(Content initiatives in underrepresented communities)
Shared Knowledge
(Macedonia)

Capacity development for underrepresented communities
Shared Knowledge

- User group from March 2014
- Established in Macedonia
- Yearly grants from beginning
- Macedonian language projects
- More than 30 members
- One of the most active in the CEE Region
Which underrepresented communities?

1) speakers of endangered minority languages
   a) Aromanian community
   b) Romani community

2) users of sign languages
   a) Macedonian Sign Language
Development of the project

- **Research**: 1 June 2022
- **Implementation**: 30 August 2022
- **Evaluation**: 31 December 2022, 31 January 2023
Challenges

1) Community building for underrepresented communities
2) Identifying resources in underrepresented languages
3) Experimenting with new methods of community engagement
Evaluation phase

During this phase we summarised the learning and assessed the impact of the project.

- Aromanian Language: 15 editors and ~100 articles
- Romani Language: 1 editors and ~5 articles
- Macedonian Sign Language: 25 editors and ~20 videos
Ongoing and future plans

- Aromanian-speaking community
  - Further integration into CEE Region (CEE Spring and representative on the CEE Meeting) ✓

- Romani-speaking community
  - Collaboration with their NGOs for writing article about Romani people, but on Macedonian Wikipedia ✗

- Macedonian Sign Language community
  - Producing videos documenting scientific terminology
Movement Charter conversation in local communities in Indonesia.

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Let’s Discuss!