

Survey of capacity building material and resources at Wikimedia affiliates

Wikimedia Sverige is working with an initiative called [Metabase](#), a linked open data platform, built on Wikibase Cloud, as a platform to collect information about the activities and documents of the Wikimedia movement – educational resources, reports, presentations, edit-a-thons, conferences and more.

In order to better understand the needs of the Movement, we invited Movement actors to fill out a survey about how they are currently working with capacity building resources – what sort of resources they produce, where they are published and how they are organized. We were specifically interested in whether the Movement members are satisfied with the current way of doing things, or whether there's room for improvement – something that Metabase could help with.

We personally invited 20 organizations to participate in it. We selected Wikimedia affiliates and other organizations (like hubs) that we judged could have an interest in improving and contributing to our common infrastructure in which the Movement's data is stored.

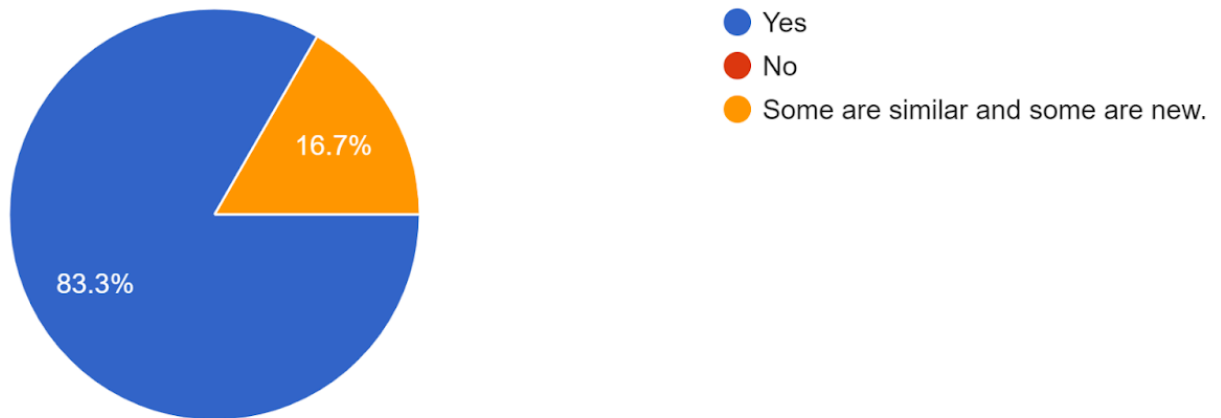
Number of individuals who participated in the survey: 6.
Number of organizations represented: 5.

The survey was available to fill out throughout the month of July, 2024.

What types of capacity building material and resources have you created in 2024?

- reports
- blog posts
- tutorials
- presentations
- brochures
- videos (tutorials, webinars)
- research papers
- MOOC
- WikiLearn courses

Are these types of resources similar to what you produce historically?



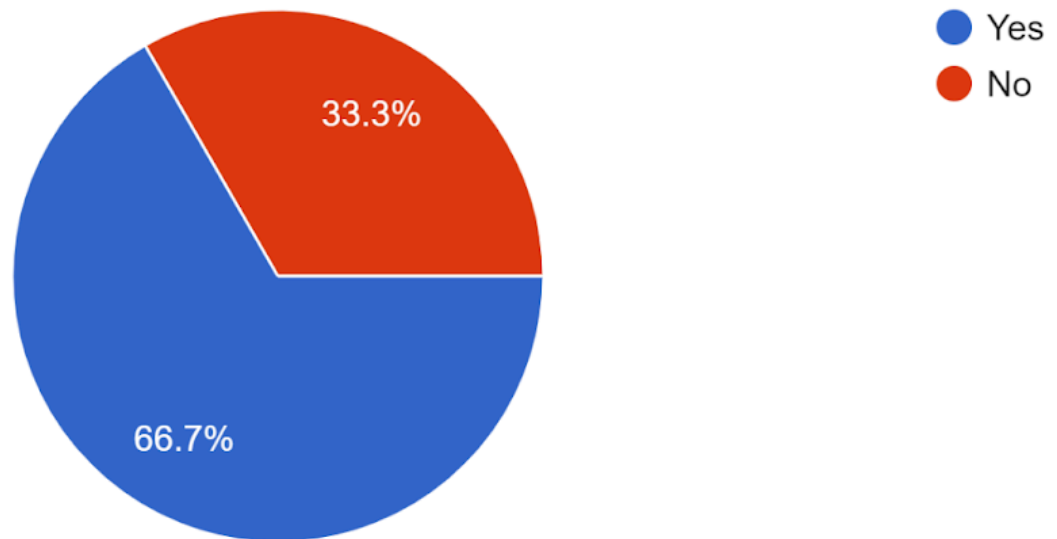
Where do you publish these capacity building resources?

- Wikimedia Commons
- Wikiversity
- Wikipedia in relevant language
- the organization's website / blog
- the organization's wiki
- the organization's Youtube channel
- the organization's Google Drive (for non-public or semi-public material)

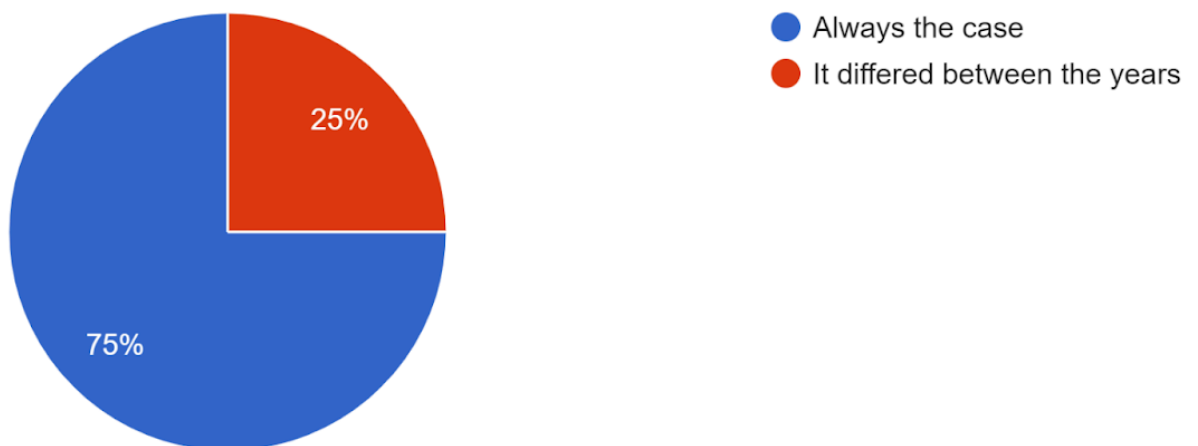
In which language(s) are the resources you develop?

- Portuguese
- Spanish
- Ukrainian
- Czech
- Indian languages
- English – including organizations that do not primarily work in English

Are the resources you develop connected to specific projects or events you run?



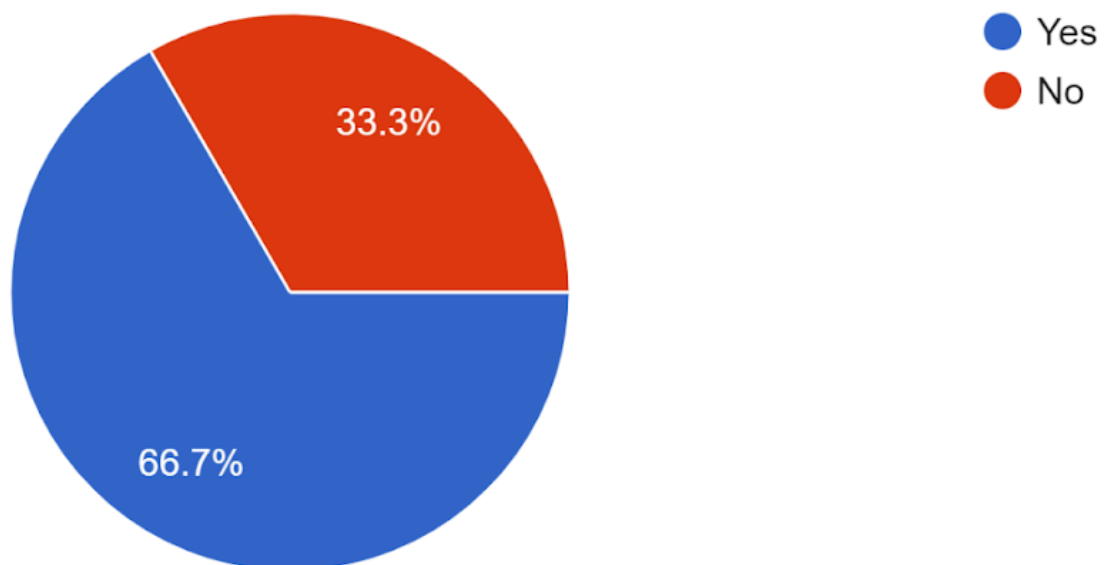
If yes, has this always been the case or has it differed between the years?



If yes, is it important that these connections are clear?



Do you already have a structure where you record all, or parts, of the resources you create?



Do you have a database of the resources?

This question allowed for free-form answers. These included:

- The resources are organized in Google Drive directories.
- We use a database.
- The resources are documented in Wikimedia Commons, Wikiversity and the organization's wiki.

- There's no database where everything is collected. The resources are spread across Google Drive directories, YouTube playlists and the organization's wiki categories, as well as on annual reports

Do you have dedicated staff compiling information about capacity building resources being produced?

- 16.7% answered **yes**.
- The rest answered **no**, with comments such as:
 - *Three times a year an assistant compiles resources and includes them in our database*
 - *regular staff is responsible for it.*
 - *Communication staff is responsible for it.*
 - *No dedicated staff, but the leader of the programmatic team tries to keep track of the resources being produced and improve their discoverability.*

In which language(s) are the resources described and organized (can differ from the language used in the actual resource)?

- Portuguese
- Spanish
- English
- Czech

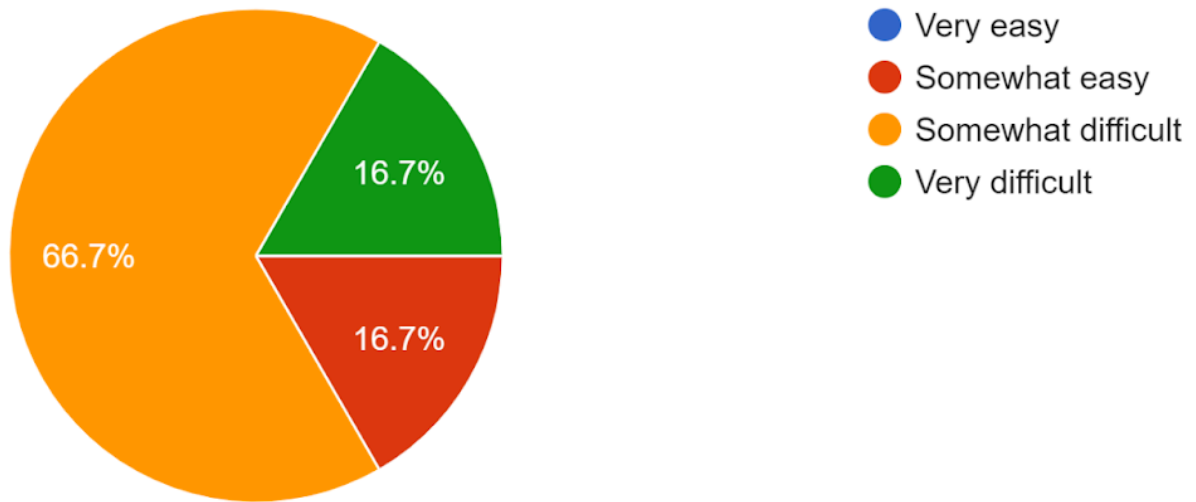
What types of capacity building resources would be most valuable for your organization to find easily?

- tutorials
- research papers
- presentations
- videos
- detailed documentations of capacity building programs

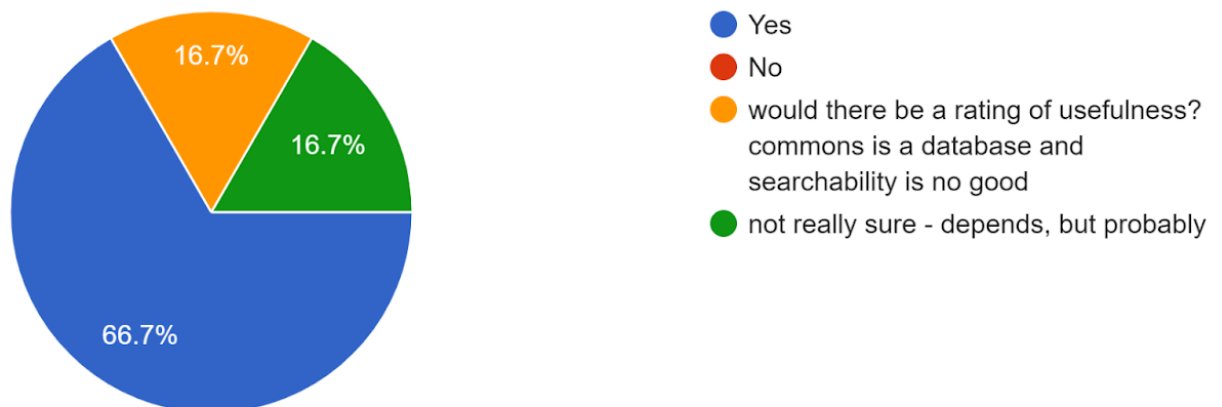
How do you currently search for capacity building resources?

- Meta Wiki
- Wikimedia Commons
- asking around in social media
- Google limited to particular domains (e.g. Diff)

How difficult or easy is it to discover such resources today?



If such resources were indexed in one knowledge base, do you believe that this is something which you would use for the discovery of needed capacity building resources and invest the time in learning?



Do you have anything else you like to share with us?

- *How will a resource database connect with Wikidata? Other capacity development initiatives?*

- *Amazing project! Would like to know more or if I can help with anything please reach out.*
- *Thanks for this initiative, it's much-needed. Wishing all the best & will try to help where I can.*
- *Fingers crossed*