

# WIKIAFRICA SCHOOLS

DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONTENT  
CREATORS AND WIKIPEDIANS FROM AFRICA

**A COLLABORATION BETWEEN WIKI IN AFRICA  
AND THE MOLESKINE FOUNDATION.**



WikiAfrica  
**SCHOOLS**

WikiAfrica Schools works with schools as they teach students how to write curriculum-relevant articles for Wikipedia.

Students learn how to do research, analyse outcomes, collaborate, write real articles for a global audience as they develop the technical and editorial skills to add content on local subjects to Wikipedia.



# WIKIFUNDI

THE PROJECT USES WIKIFUNDI, THE OFFLINE EDITING ENVIRONMENT THAT MIMICS THE EXPERIENCE OF EDITING WIKIPEDIA, TO NAVIGATE CONTEXT-SPECIFIC CHALLENGES.

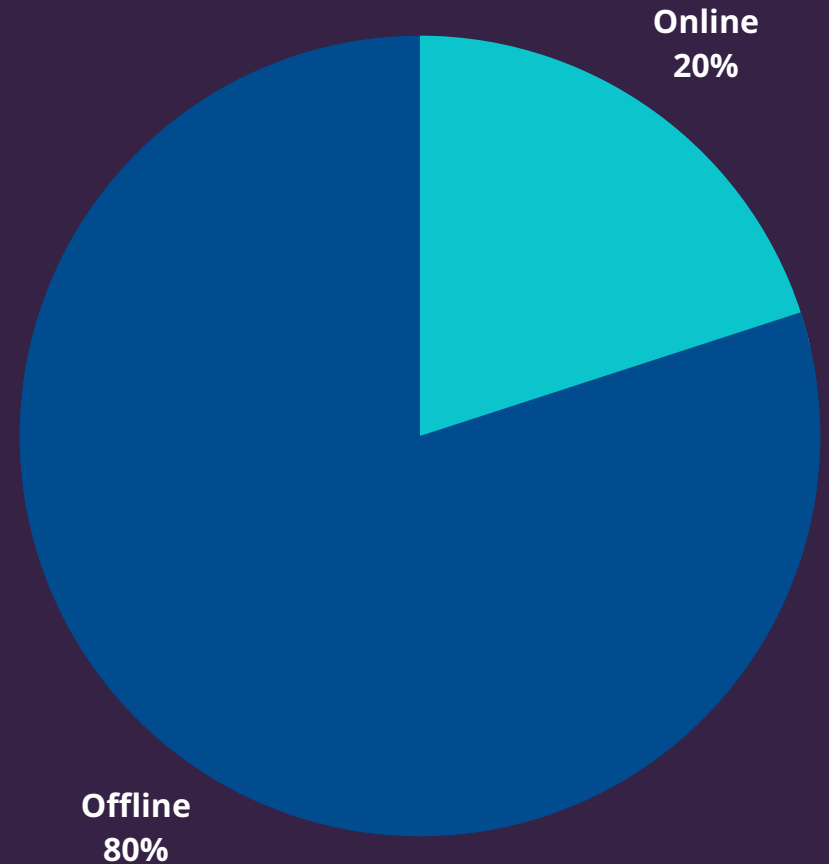
# ONLY 20% OF AFRICA IS ONLINE

Reasons range from:

- lack of access to internet
- lack of electricity
- non-affordable equipment or access

AND

- literacy levels
- 80% of online content is in 10 languages  
(spoken only by 3 bn as 1st language)





# 70%

**OF AFRICA IS  
UNDER  
THE AGE OF 30.**

**10-12 million people join  
the labour force each year**

**66% OF SOUTH  
AFRICANS ARE  
UNDER  
35 YEARS OLD**



**48% OF SOUTH  
AFRICANS BETWEEN  
THE AGE OF  
15 - 34 YRS  
ARE UNEMPLOYED**



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**EDUCATION IS THE  
MOST POWERFUL  
WEAPON WHICH  
YOU CAN USE TO  
CHANGE THE  
WORLD.**

“

NELSON ROLIHLAHLA MANDELA



# HOW THE SCHOOL IS SUPPORTED

WIKIAFRICA SCHOOLS IS A COLLABORATION WITH THE SCHOOLS SO THAT IT CAN BE EFFECTIVE AND USEFUL.



**FREE WIKIFUNDI**



**COLLABORATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAMME**



**TRAINING WITH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**



**TEACHER SUPPORT**



# HOW THE SCHOOL BENEFITS

WHEN THEY ARE PART OF THE WIKIAFRICA SCHOOLS PROJECT



**TEACHERS AND STUDENTS RECEIVE HANDS-ON ICT SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**



**OFFLINE WIKIPEDIA, WIKIQUOTE, WIKISOURCE AND WIKITIONARY ARE AVAILABLE, FREE**



**SCHOOLS ACCREDITED AS CONTRIBUTORS TO WIKIPEDIA VIA WIKIAFRICA SCHOOLS.**



**THE POSSIBILITY OF SCHOOLS BEING PRESENTED AT WIKIMANIA CAPE TOWN IN 2018**

# HOW THE CHILDREN BENEFIT

WHEN THEY TAKE PART IN THE WIKIAFRICA SCHOOLS PROJECT



**LEARN KEY ICT SKILLS**



- **THEY LEARN HOW TO:**
- **WRITE WIKIPEDIA ARTICLES**
- **COLLABORATE**
- **DO RESEARCH**
- **CITE SOURCES**
- **NOT PLAGIARISM**
- **WRITING NEUTRALLY**

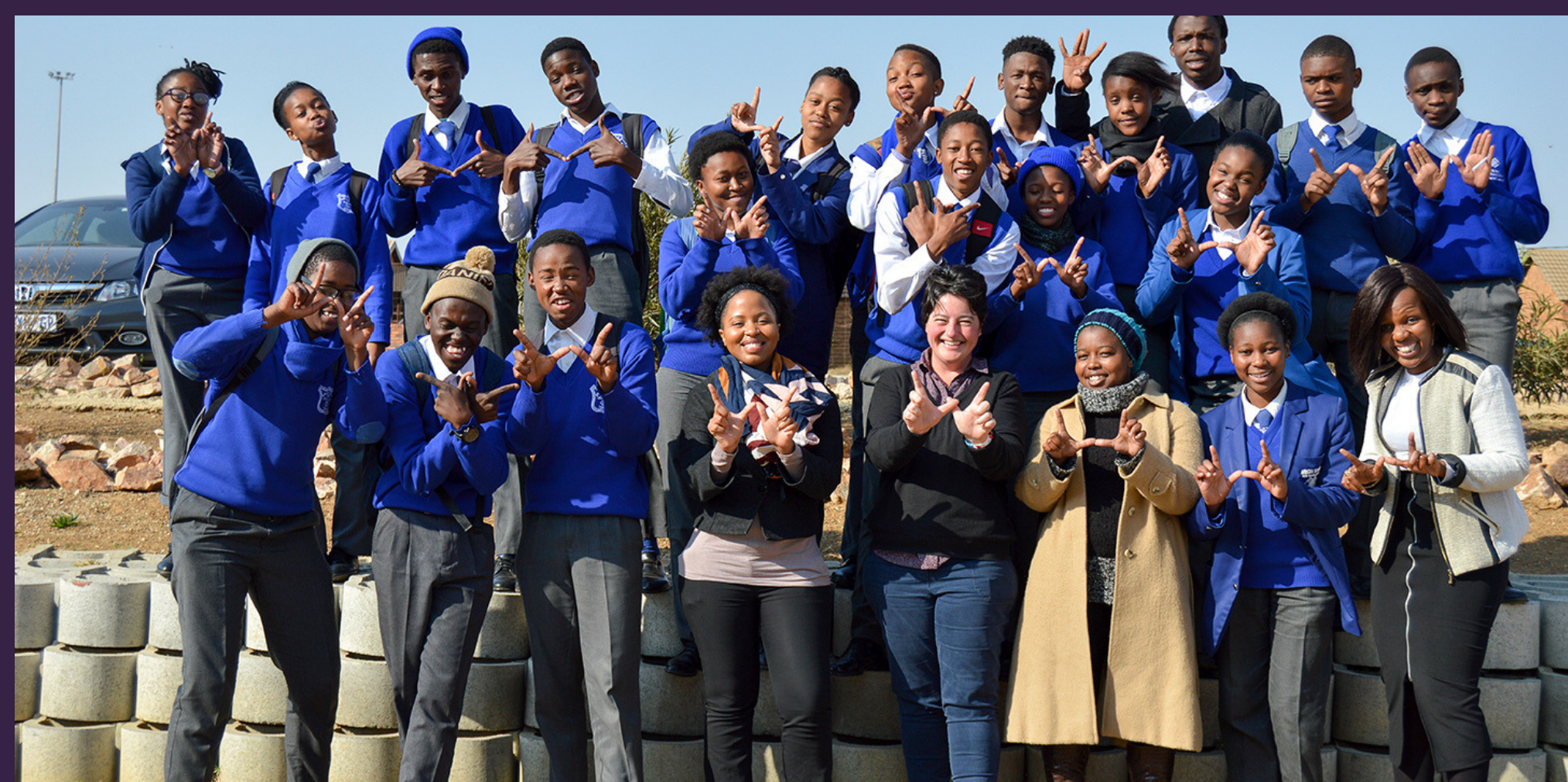


- **BUILD PRIDE IN LOCAL COMMUNITY**
- **KNOW THAT THEIR KNOWLEDGE IS VALUED AND VALUABLE**



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MOLESKINE FOUNDATION  
IN SUPPORT OF THE  
WIKIAFRICA MOVEMENT.**





# THANK YOU!

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