

# Project Grants: Wiki Loves Women



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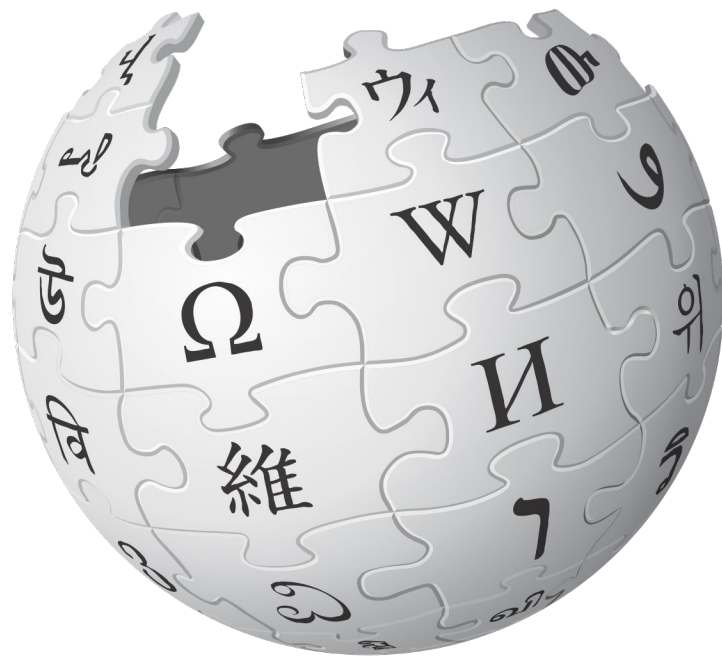


**Of all biographical articles of  
Africans on Wikipedia, only  
17.9% are about women.**

How can we ensure that the experiences of African  
Women are well-represented on Wikipedia?

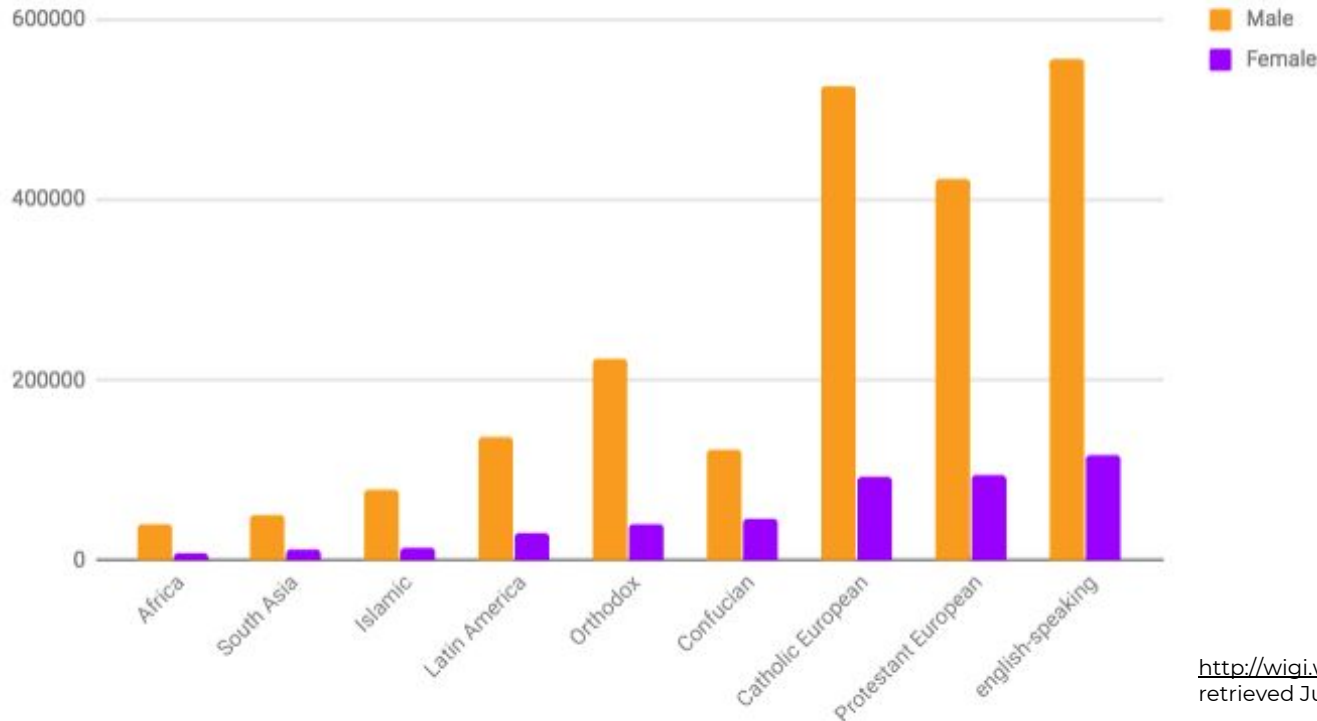
# African Representation on Wikipedia at a Glance

- There are fewer Africa-based Wikipedians across the entire continent than in Hong Kong alone.
- African subjects are chronically underrepresented on Wikipedia, and articles relating to African women especially.
- By 2030, there will be 490 million more people in Africa, each deserving access to free knowledge and representation on Wikipedia.



# Only 0,318% of all WikiData biographical entries are about African women ...

Coverage of biographies on WikiData per gender and per culture



# So how do we work towards African representation on Wikipedia?



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# How will WLW approach this problem?

- Following successes in Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, and Nigeria, Wiki Loves Women will **celebrate women's achievements** in two new African nations: **Uganda and Tanzania.**
- Hold **Edit-a-thons** and other information-contribution events to **make African women's experience more visible.**
- Create and strengthen relationships between gender-focused culture and civil society organisations.
- Encourage **women to be involved as leaders, editors, and partners** in documenting their history and experience.
- Encourage the **growth of Wikimedia groups**, and ensure that all editors are **aware of gender issues and focuses.**

# How can we support Wiki Loves Women?

- Experienced Wikimedians are needed to **provide mentorship and support** to teams on the ground.
- Article drives need participants from Wikimedians all over the world. Tell your friends!
- Editors are always needed to create and improve articles featuring African women on Wikipedia.



# What's next for Wiki Loves Women?



# **WLW is hosting a global WikiData drive this October.**

Learn more about Wiki Loves Women and how to offer your support:

[www.wikiloveswomen.org](http://www.wikiloveswomen.org)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject\\_Wiki\\_Loves\\_Women](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Wiki_Loves_Women)

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