

# What can Wikipedia do?

What are its possibilities?

# Satisfy the thirst of knowledge



# Wikipedias of the world — Wikipedias in African languages

Very large - more than one million	13 — 0
Large 100 000 - 1 milj	45 — 0
Middle size 10 000 - 100 000	77 — 6
Small 1000 - 100 000	112 — 10
Very small 100 - 1000	32 — 16
Micro	10 —



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# Wikimedia strategy by 2030

## Knowledge equity:

As a social movement, we will focus our efforts on the knowledge and communities that have been left out by structures of power and privilege. We will welcome people from every background to build strong and diverse communities. We will break down the social, political, and technical barriers preventing people from accessing and contributing to free knowledge.

Ingo Koll:

“Wikipedia and open sources is among the major changes towards building a knowledge resource in African languages (under some conditions)”

Wikimedia strategy is to favor African languages

# African peculiarities

Sam Oyelele:

“Even though the African Wikimedia Community is steadily expanding, the same can not be said of Wikipedias in African Languages. This is majorly due to the fact that, a lot of Africans contribute to and read Wikipedia in non-indigenous languages; typically colonial languages.”

Many African languages are not **written** - How can they be documented and saved?

**Sourcing** — model is based in written sources, lack of resources to create sources

**Accessibility** — to devices, to internet, to education

Discuss with your neighbour:

How well known is Wikipedia in your living area?

How is Wikipedia used?

What obstacles does Wikipedia face?