CAN WIKIMEDIA PROJECTS HELP INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES? IF YES, THEN HOW?

6,500 languages spoken in the world

When a language dies, there dies a few hundred-year-old culture!

LACK OF

- inclusive Policy-making
- use in Businesses
- native-language Education
- tech Tools
- native language Entertainment

Not all indigenous languages are viable for Wikipedia

[...] I also think that not all languages should have a Wikipedia, as the main reason for having an encyclopaedia is to document and share the encyclopaedic knowledge, and not all languages have the infrastructure [...].

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WIKIMEDIA projects

- Advocacy for kids being taught in native languages
- Policy-lobbying for inclusion of your language in elementary education
- Collaborate with researcher community
- Build quality content online
- Text in Public Domain/Wikimedia-compatible licenses
- Build community

LONG TERM IMPACT

- Published/written content
- High-quality edu. resources
- More contributors

MORE RESOURCES

OpenAccess, open resources for digital documentation: https://openaccess.press
Marginalized Community Council, a working group for marginalized issues: https://mcc.wikimedia.org
Other organizational initiatives: https://theofdn.org

MEDIATION

- Unicode
- Critical technical tools
- inclusive
- Policy-making
- Work with Medawiki & FLOSS developers
- Multimedia content
- Citizen Archivists

No

Yes