Wikipedia classroom assignments: the impact to Wikipedia

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Text, references, photos & media, editor diversity, content coverage, etc.
Quality work

- research project led by the Wikimedia Foundation in summer 2012
- assessed by Wikipedia editors
- 87.9% of articles were improved from during the assignment
Why are their contributions high quality?
Access to resources

• peer reviewed journals & databases/archives
• librarians: experts who can train them how to find valid sources and properly cite them
• writing centers: experts who can help them understand neutral and fact-based writing
• time: volunteer editing is a big time commitment!
• subject matter expertise
• Wikipedia-editing support and guidance
• why else?
Student editors add well-sourced information
Women’s health in India

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new article

graduate student
Women's health in India

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Women's health in India can be examined in terms of multiple indicators, which vary by geography, socioeconomic standing and culture. To adequately improve the health of women in India multiple dimensions of wellbeing must be analysed in relation to global health averages and also in comparison to men in India. Health is an important factor that contributes to human wellbeing and economic growth.

Currently, women in India face a multitude of health problems, which ultimately affect the aggregate economy's output. Addressing the gender, class or ethnic disparities that exist in healthcare and improving the health outcomes can contribute to economic gain through the creation of quality human capital and increased levels of savings and investment.

Community health worker preparing a vaccine in Odisha, India

Contents
1 Gender bias in access to healthcare
   1.1 Cooperative conflicts approach to gender biases
2 Problems with India's healthcare system
3 Outcomes
   3.1 Malnutrition and morbidity
   3.2 Breast cancer
   3.3 Reproductive health
      3.3.1 HIV/AIDS
      3.3.2 Reproductive rights
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   3.5 Mental health
      3.5.1 Suicide
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4 See also
5 References
6 External links
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Student editor diversity
Closing content gaps
US/Canada

- 35 sociology courses
- 61 communication courses
- 31 English courses
- 11 women’s studies courses
What are the content gaps on your language Wikipedia?
Targeting content gaps
Targeting content gaps

- course disciplines
- academic associations

- translation assignments
- what else?
Impact to Wikipedia readers
More readers can access a broader coverage of information
*Women's health in India* has been viewed 4598 times in the last 90 days.
Questions?