# STATE OF WIKIMEDIA IN AFRICA

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A moment to Recognize the Amazing work done by

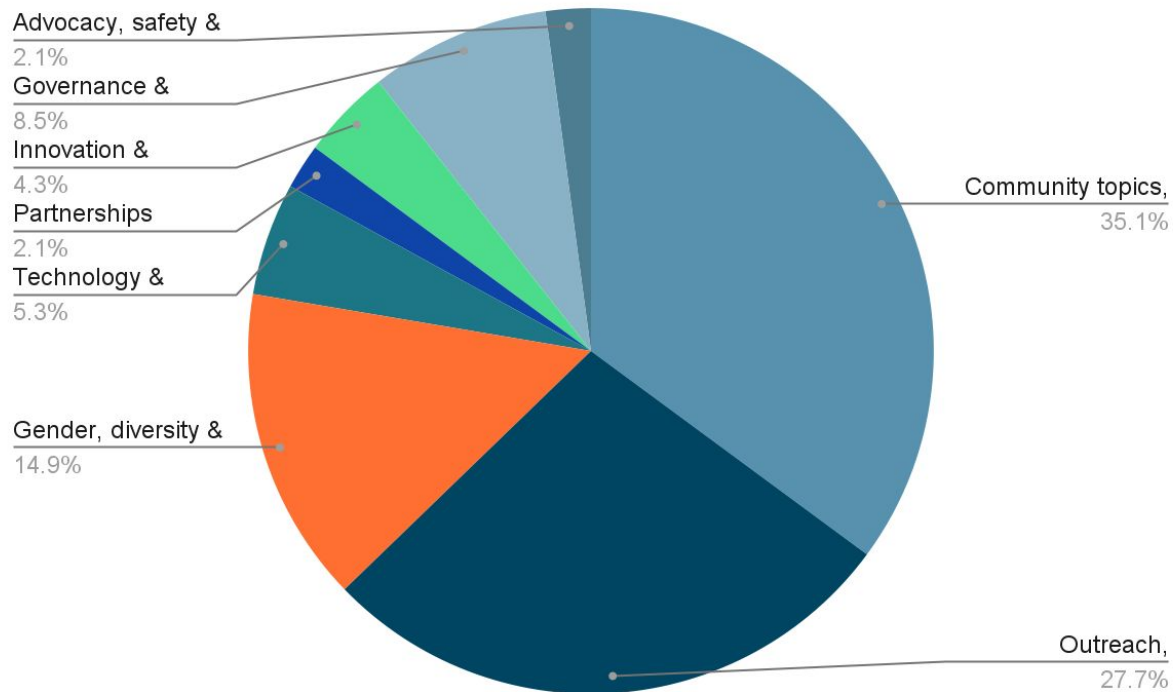Wikimedia Community User Group Uganda

in hosting the 5th Wiki Indaba!

# HOW IS THE REGION DOING?

- Language Wiki Projects
- Affiliates Growth & Health
- Partnerships & Programs

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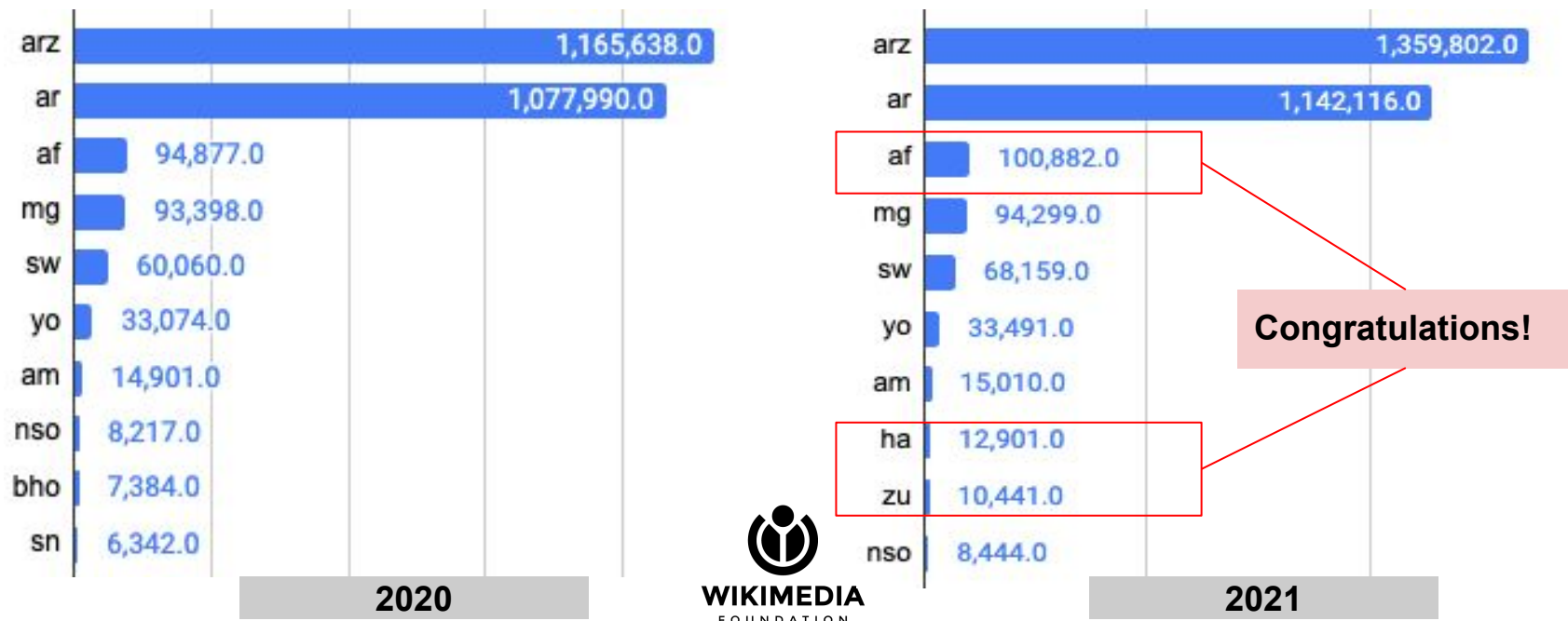FOUNDATION

# Themes from Wiki Indaba



Advocacy, safety &
2.1%

Governance &
8.5%

Innovation &
4.3%

Partnerships
2.1%

Technology &
5.3%

Gender, diversity &
14.9%

Community topics,
35.1%

Outreach,
27.7%

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# Our Language Projects are Growing

Impressive growth in Hausa & Zulu Wikipedia getting into the top 10 during the height of the pandemic. While the Afrikaans Wikipedia gone past 100k pages!



| 2020 | | |
|---|---|---|
| arz | | 1,165,638.0 |
| ar | | 1,077,990.0 |
| af | | 94,877.0 |
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| 2021 | | |
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**Congratulations!**

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Here are some language projects in the honorary mentions category:

- Moroccan Arabic.
- Igbo Wiktionary in Incubator.
- Amacua Wikipedia in Incubator.



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# Content initiatives

- Increased thematic contributions and engagements away from the "traditional gaps" e.g GLAM

- Opportunities for continental repositories

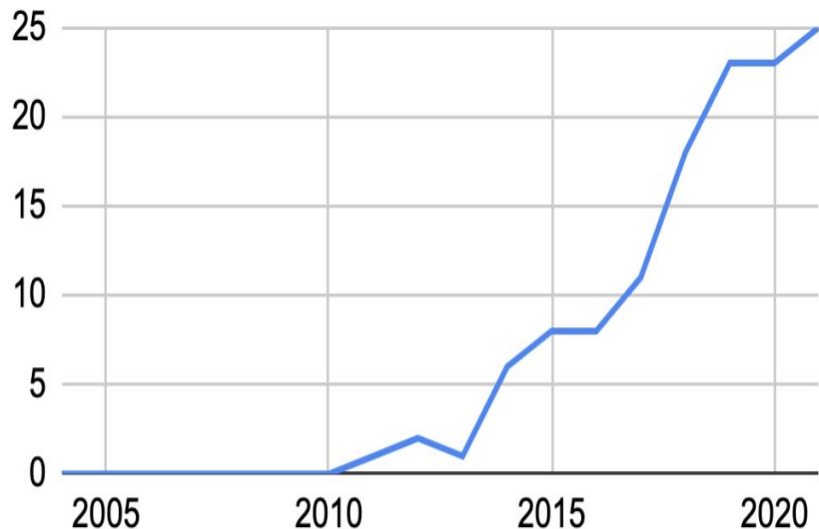- Sophisticated documentation

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# Challenges & Opportunities for Editors

- Internet connectivity more than the cost of data
- On-going support though cross-border mentorship
- Pathways that offer responsibility for professional skills

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# Affiliates are Growing

## 25 Affiliates and counting!



Since our meeting in Abuja 2019, we have welcomed 2 new affiliates in the region, in:

- Wikimedia Community User Group Sudan
- Dagbani Wikimedians User Group

We also have five (5) more community groups working towards affiliation:
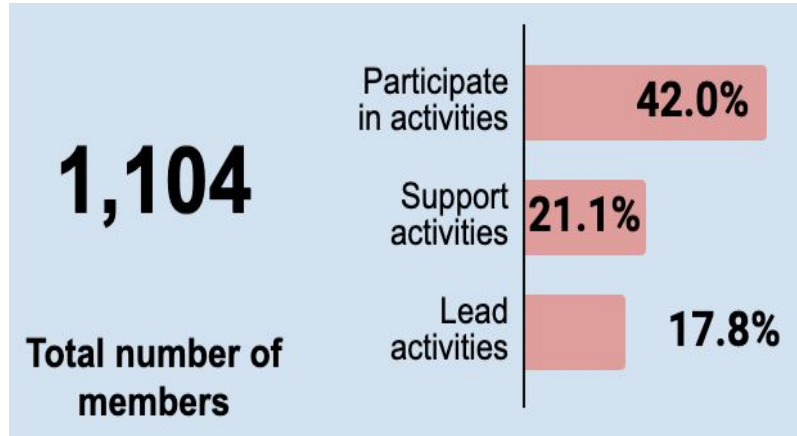
- Naijá Wikimedians User Group
- Wikimedia User Group Rwanda
- Nigerian Pidgin Wikimedians User Group
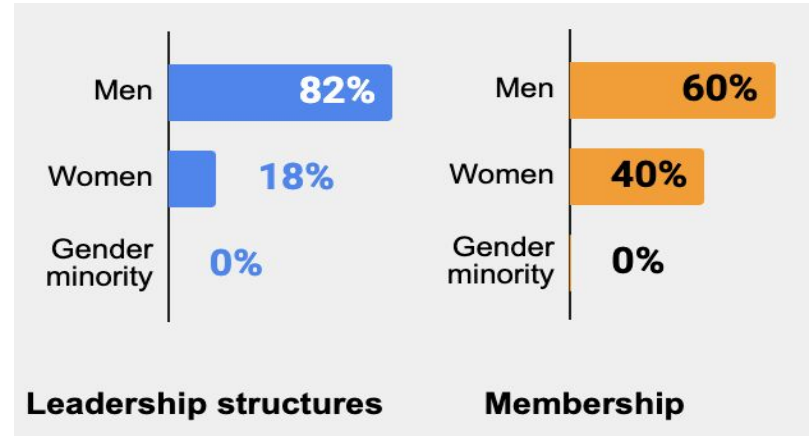- Planning Wikimedia Kenya
- Wiki in Africa

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# Affiliates Need to Grow Diverse

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However, affiliates need to work harder to attract a more diverse demographic into our rank and file.



1,104
**Total number of members**

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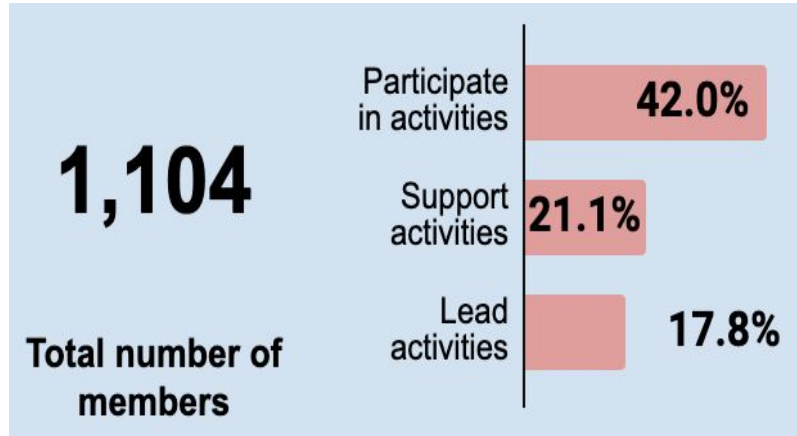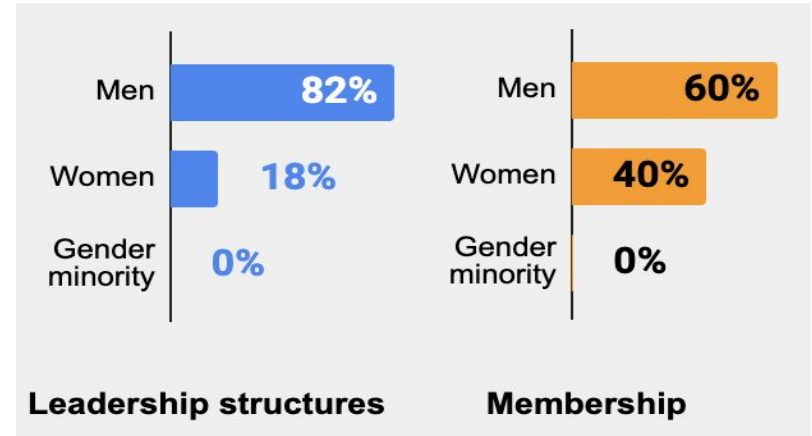
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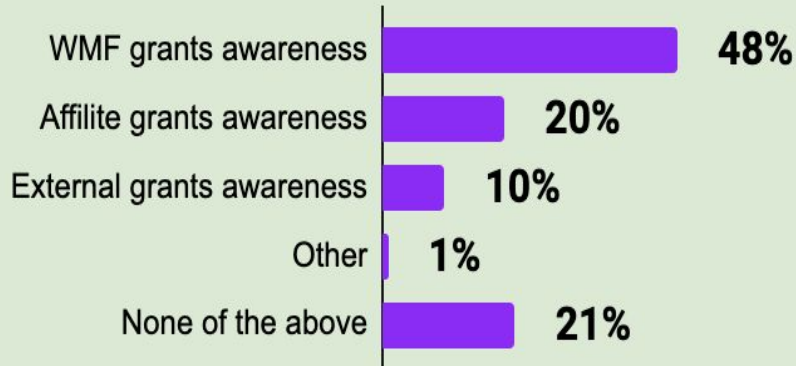| Leadership structures | | Membership | |
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# Affiliates Need to Plan for Growth

African affiliates have explore all types of available resources and plan for growth.

By looking at their programmatic focus and capacity needs.

**Awareness of grant resources:**

| | |
|---|---|
| WMF grants awareness | 48% |
| Affilite grants awareness | 20% |
| External grants awareness | 10% |
| Other | 1% |
| None of the above | 21% |

**Top 3 Capacity needs:**

1. **Contributor Development** — 29%
2. **Communications and Media Relations** — 16%
3. **On-wiki Technical Skills** — 14%

**Top 3 Program types focused on:**

1. **Meet-ups** — 27%
2. **Content Editing activities** — 22%
3. **Photo-Upload activities** — 15%

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# Emerging Communities

- Professional communities / communities of practice (Librarians & Archivists, journalists)

- Communities & editors by country (The Gambia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Somalia, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia)

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# Partnerships are Prospering

# Thank You
## See you under the next African Tree