

Resourcing Movement Strategy

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DCW Leadership Development and Skills Infrastructure Plan



Deoband Community Wikimedia

Focuses & Goals

- Focuses on Muslim academia and scholarship across all languages.
- Aims at improving Wikipedia and its sister projects with related knowledge and information, at a global level, in any language.
- Plans to go beyond the Wikimedia ecosystem.

Established on **31 July 2021** and recognised by the AffCom on **16 January 2022.**

Core People, Advisors & Researchers

- Aaqib Anjum Aafi
- Munazza Anjum
- Monib Ahmad
- Sumaiya Laraib
- Zuhair Khan
- Ruhul Amin
- Namrah Shareef
- Affaf Nasir

How do we coordinate & get together?

- Regular Online Meetings
- Frequent Offline Meetups



Some Major DCW Projects

A view of Atyabul Masajid, Deoband

Heritage Lens

- Captures Muslim Heritage from all around the globe.
- First official iteration under this program was conducted in and around Deoband, in India, from 23 July to 25 July 2023.
- Based on learnings from DCW Bhopal Photo Event and the strategic recommendations of February 2023.
- Each iteration includes training sessions titled “Empowering Creatives” as well.
- Names coined by Munazza Anjum.

Wikipedia 101

- An online Wikipedia education set for beginners with 10 videos.
- A partnership project with Wikimedia Community User Group Turkey, Notre Dame English Club, and Istanbul Bilgi University RGB Studios.

DCW Conversation Hour

- A Monthly Open Conversation Hour.
- Each session has a different host.
- **Previous Speakers** include Dr. Ashraf Dockrat, Bilal Ali Ansari, Sam Walton, Nicole Scwhiter.
- **Upcoming Session:** 24 August 2023 with Prof Laurie Bridges.

Why MSIG Grant?

- The Need for Institutional Partnerships
- Need for Leadership and Training programs
- Need of Quality Based Trainers and Leaders

Leadership Development & Skills Infrastructure Plan

- Aims to produce a leadership and skills infrastructure (LDSI) plan for DCW's longer run and institutional partnerships.
- Furthering LDSI recommendations from Movement Strategy Initiatives.
- Prism of institutional building and collaboration.
- Preparing certain university-level courses for the DCW that the wider Wikimedia communities can use as well.
- The project is supported by a MSIG of 4,651.50 USD.

Project Outline

- Justifying the need.
- Reviewing existing LDSI materials by Wikimedia entities.
- Elaborating on LDSI facets aligned with knowledge-sharing vision.
- Creating courses compliant with Indian universities' CBCS.
- Offering leadership courses on WikiLearn for Wikimedia organizers.
- Defining Guidelines for Navigating in Non-Mission Aligned Institutions.

Core Members: Program Lead: Aaqib Anjum Aafi

Researcher: Affaf Nasir

Major Successes

- Professional support from various academicians from reputed institutions in helping us achieve our goals.
- Creating a strong volunteer support network and aiming at further support from the community.
- The Other Side of Wikipedia.
- The Digital Empowerment seminar.
- Conclusion of preliminary research.

Challenges & Next Steps

- Navigation into the non-mission aligned institutions.
- General lack of awareness amongst our target audience.
- Making of academic and creative courses.
- Creating a roadmap to approach the non-mission aligned institutions.

**MSIG
Paiwan Project
in Taiwan**

Kán Ūi-iū (iyumu)

My profile: Kán Ūi-iū (iyumu)

- From Chhautun, Lamtau, Taioan (Taiwan)
- Helped several **Taiwan indigenous languages wiki projects** while working at ALCD, NCCU, Taipak
- Facilitator in **Paiwan Wikimedians User Group** from 2021
- Steering committee member in **Wikimedia Language Diversity Hub** from 2021
- Cofounder of **Hopengiu Wikimedians User Group** (from 2022)

Paiwan Wikimedians User Group

- wikipidiya nua pinayuanan (pwn)
- Oral references (Commons and Wikisource)
- Paiwan lexemes (Wikidata)
- Paiwan Wiktionary (Incubator)

MSIG: Oral citation in Paiwan language

- Promotional events
- Community Survey
- Collection of oral references
- Workshops for introduction of the wiki projects to the community

Challenges of the project

- Lack of young contributors
- The diversity of the communities
- Who uses the Paiwan Wikimedia sites (pages)?

Future Plans

- Conference on Paiwan Wikimedia Projects
- The usage of the collected oral references
- Cooperations with the local organizations
- Reach out to more “Paiwan classes”

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Thank you

MS Recommendation #38

(Content initiatives in underrepresented communities)

Shared Knowledge

(Macedonia)

**Capacity development for
underrepresented communities**

Shared Knowledge

- User group from March 2014
- Established in Macedonia
- Yearly grants from beginning
- Macedonian language projects
- More than 30 members
- One of the most active in the CEE Region

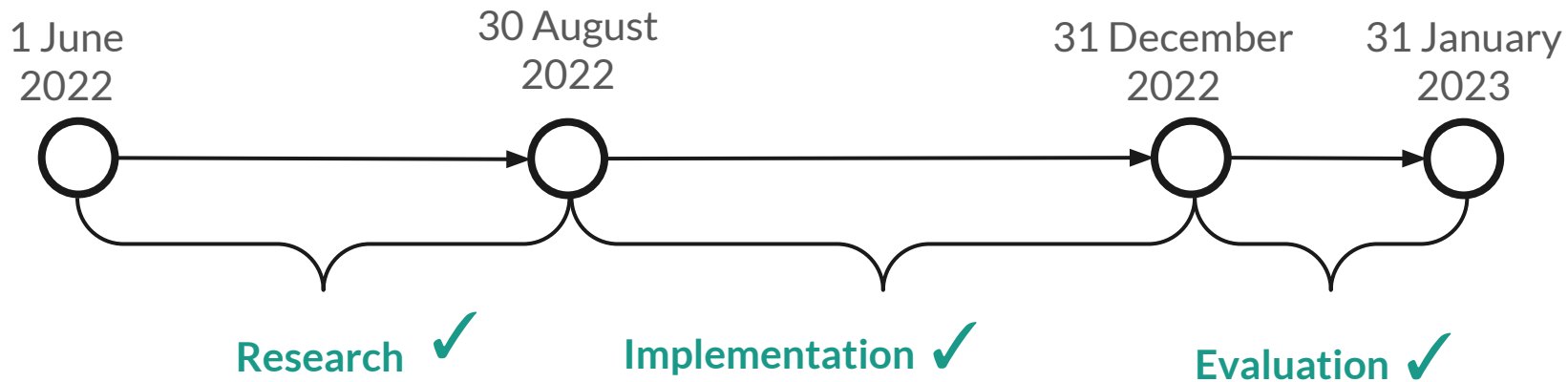


Which underrepresented communities?

- 1) speakers of endangered minority languages
 - a) Aromanian community
 - b) Romani community
- 2) users of sign languages
 - a) Macedonian Sign Language



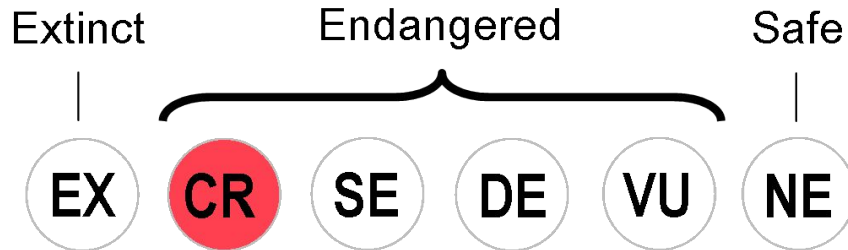
Development of the project





Challenges

- 1) Community building for underrepresented communities
- 2) Identifying resources in underrepresented languages
- 3) Experimenting with new methods of community engagement





Evaluation phase

During this phase we summarised the learning and assessed the impact of the project.

- Aromanian Language: 15 editors and ~100 articles
- Romani Language: 1 editors and ~5 articles
- Macedonian Sign Language: 25 editors and ~20 videos



Ongoing and future plans

- Aromanian-speaking community
 - Further integration into CEE Region (CEE Spring and representative on the CEE Meeting) ✓
- Romani-speaking community
 - Collaboration with their NGOs for writing article about Romani people, but on Macedonian Wikipedia ✗
- Macedonian Sign Language community
 - Producing videos documenting scientific terminology ...

Movement Charter conversation in local communities in Indonesia.

by user: Arcuscloud

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Let's Discuss!

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