

**The Gateway Languages Strategy**

A gateway language is a language of wider communication through which second-language speakers of that language can gain access to content and translate it into their own language.

The gateway languages at the **world level** comprise the smallest number of languages through which content can be delivered to every other language, via translation by bilingual speakers.

At the **country level**, the gateway languages of a given country are the fewest languages of wider communication required for bilingual speakers in every minority language native to the country (not located there due to immigration) to gain access to content.

The strategy of the unfoldingWord project is to "push" Biblical content, exegetical materials, training resources, and technology tools as rapidly as possible into every gateway language of the world, with the goal of enabling the Church in every people group to "pull" it from a language they understand, into their own language that they understand fully.

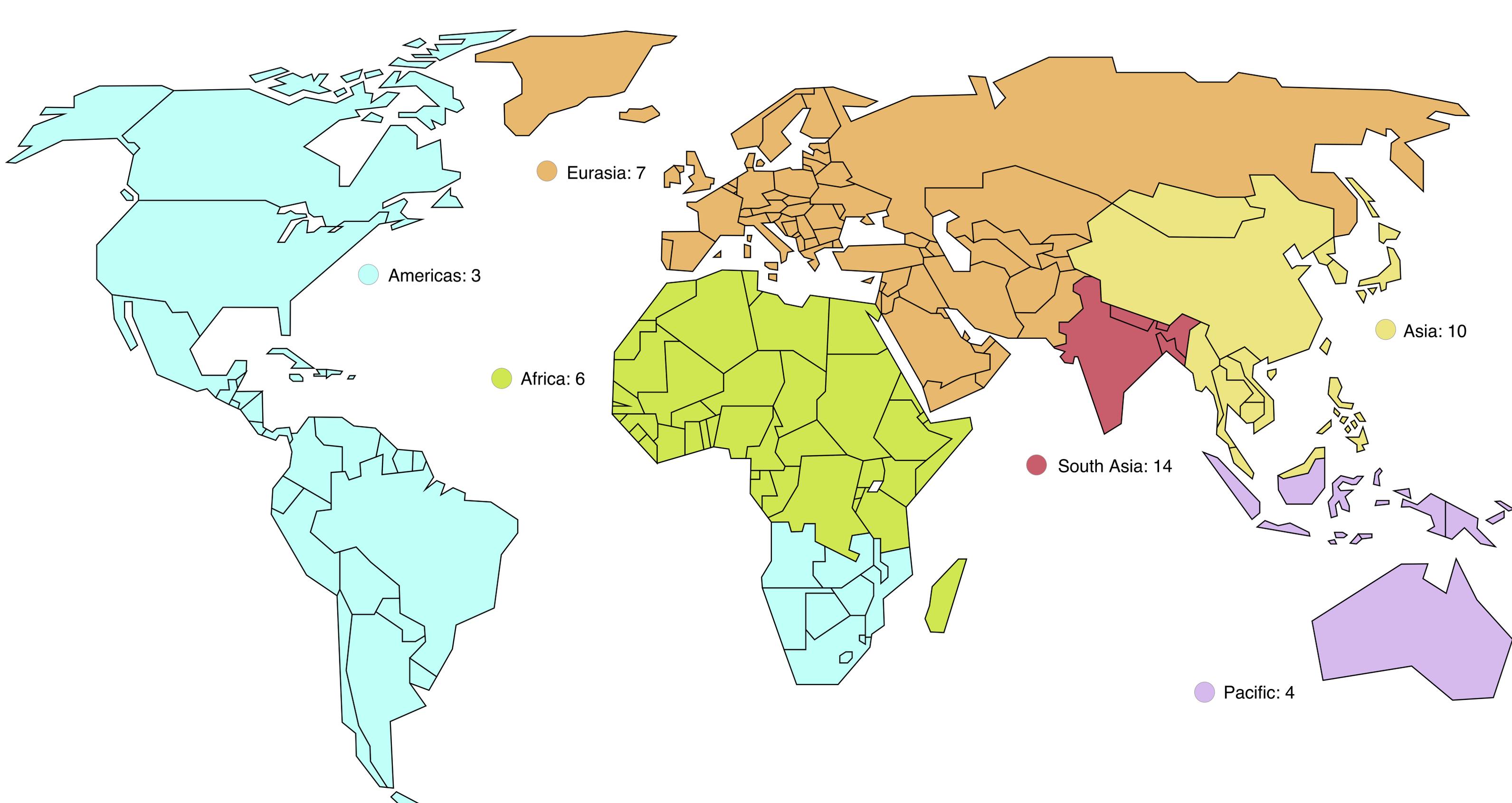
Note: Countries with multiple gateway languages only display new ones not used elsewhere. Lists of gateway languages in world areas only include gateway languages for which that world area is considered the primary. Note also that, due to their different characteristics, Sign Languages are not covered in this strategy.

# World Gateway Languages

Revision 24 — DRAFT

total gateway languages: 44

current version online: <https://unfoldingword.org/gateway>



Six World Regions