A large number of organizations worldwide use open data to improve governance. They are primarily nonprofits that use open data to monitor budgets, spending and elections, evaluate the performance of public projects, and conduct issue-based advocacy. The most used types of open data include government operations, legal, health, and demographic and social.

**HOW ORGANIZATIONS USE OPEN DATA**

In many countries, organizations:

- Utilize data on budgets and spending to expose and prevent mismanagement and corruption
- Monitor government contracting and procurement
- Use demographic and voter data to improve voter registration and representation, as well as to provide information on polling stations
- Use open data for issue-based advocacy and citizen engagement more generally; for example, organizations use spending and performance information on health or education to reveal and deter corruption that can keep institutions from getting the funds they’re entitled to

**USE CASES**

**Budget Stories**

*Budget and government transparency in Moldova*

**URL:** [http://www.budgetstories.md/](http://www.budgetstories.md/)

**Country:** Moldova

**Impact:** Provides analyses and tools accessible to a political layperson on Moldova’s budget and policies

**Data Used:** Budget data from Moldova’s Ministry of Finance, economic, energy and environment data from the National Bureau of Statistics

**De Olho nas Metas**

*Platform for monitoring the progress of municipal projects in São Paulo, Brazil*

**URL:** [http://deolhonasmetas.org.br](http://deolhonasmetas.org.br)

**Country:** Brazil

**Impact:** Helps civil society monitor municipal projects in their community

**Data Used:** Education data from the Brazilian Ministry of Education and Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística, government operations data from the municipality of São Paulo

**Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections**

*Website that features visualizations of past elections according to voter trends based on gender, voter representation in Parliament, etc.*

**URL:** [http://www.lade.org.lb/](http://www.lade.org.lb/)

**Country:** Lebanon

**Impact:** Promotes electoral transparency and reform in Lebanon

**Data Used:** Demographic and electoral data from Lebanon’s Ministry of the Interior and Municipalities (MoIM), the Directorate General of Personal Services (DGPS), and [www.elections.gov.lb](http://www.elections.gov.lb) website

**TOP APPLICATIONS OF OPEN DATA FOR THE SECTOR**

**TOP 5 DATA TYPES USED FOR THE SECTOR**

- Advocacy: 165 organizations
- Development of Products/Services: 72 organizations
- Organizational Optimization: 25 organizations
- Research: 1 organization
- Government Operations: 107 organizations
- Legal: 25 organizations
- Health: 25 organizations
- Demographic and Social: 24 organizations
- Education: 18 organizations