OPEN DATA FACT SHEET
GOVERNANCE

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 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

TOP APPLICATIONS OF OPEN DATA FOR THE SECTOR

USE CASES

Budget Stories
Budget and government transparency in Moldova
URL: 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
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.
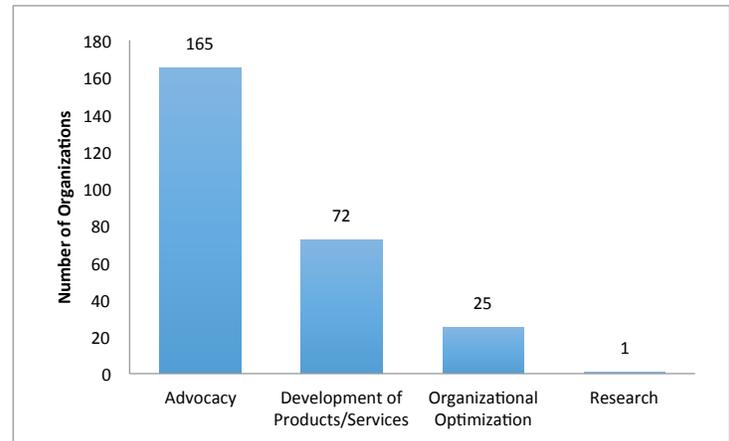**URL:** http://www.lade.org.lb/
Country: Lebanon
Impact: Promotes electoral transparency and reform in Lebanon
Data Used: Demographic and electoral data from Lebanon's Ministry of the Interior and Municipalities (MoIM), the Directorate General of Personal Services (DGPS), and www.elections.gov.lb website

TOP 5 DATA TYPES USED FOR THE SECTOR