OPEN DATA FACT SHEET
MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

There are few organizations using open data in the Middle East and North Africa.* The organizations that use open data do so primarily to improve governance.

* Regions and country income levels reflect the World Bank geographic regions and income-level classifications.

SUMMARY

Organizations in the Middle East and North Africa are using open data to work on issues such as election monitoring, social justice, and local economic development. Several others use open data for geospatial mapping and analysis.

The smaller number of organizations in this region primarily use geospatial and topographic data, as well as data on government operations. However, across the region organizations are limited by the amount of open government data available.

USE CASES

Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections
Website that features visualizations of past elections according to voter trends based on gender, and voter representation in Parliament
Country: Lebanon
Impact: Promotes electoral transparency and reform in Lebanon
Data Used: Demographic and electoral data from the Ministry of the Interior and Municipalities (MoIM), the Directorate General of Personal Services (DGPS), and www.elections.gov.lb website
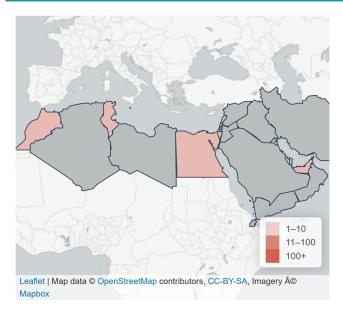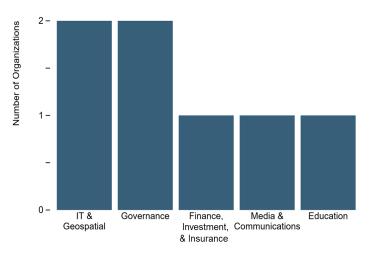**URL:** http://www.lade.org.lb/

GeoPostcodes
Provides a search engine for zip/postal codes for over 250 countries
Country: United Arab Emirates
Impact: Provides reliable geographical information
Data Used: Codes from national statistics offices from all countries, and the U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics
URL: http://www.geopostcodes.com/

OF ORGS USING OPEN DATA IN THE REGION

1–10
11–100
100+

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TOP 5 SECTORS USING OPEN DATA IN THE REGION

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