## OPEN DATA FACT SHEFT

# **MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA**

This fact sheet is based on data from the Open Data Impact Map, a public database of organizations that use open data from around the world. 7 organizations from the region were assessed to develop these findings. To learn more, visit: <a href="http://OpenDataImpactMap.org/mna">http://OpenDataImpactMap.org/mna</a>

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.

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

#### **SUMMARY**

Organizations in the <u>Middle East and North Africa</u> 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.

They 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:** Ministry of the Interior and Municipalities (MoIM), the Directorate General of Personal Services

(DGPS), www.elections.gov.lb website

URL: <a href="http://www.lade.org.lb/">http://www.lade.org.lb/</a>

## **GeoPostcodes**

Provides a search engine for ZIP/postal codes for over 250 countries

**Country:** United Arab Emirates

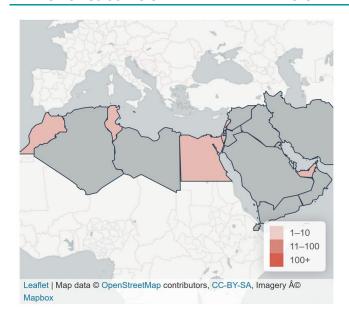
**Impact:** Provides reliable geographical information

Data Used: Codes from National statistics offices from all

countries and U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics

URL: http://www.geopostcodes.com/

#### # OF ORGS USING OPEN DATA IN THE REGION



### TOP 5 SECTORS USING OPEN DATA IN THE REGION

