What is Open Data?

It is data generated by governments, business, researchers, citizens, for use by anyone - for any purpose, without restrictions.
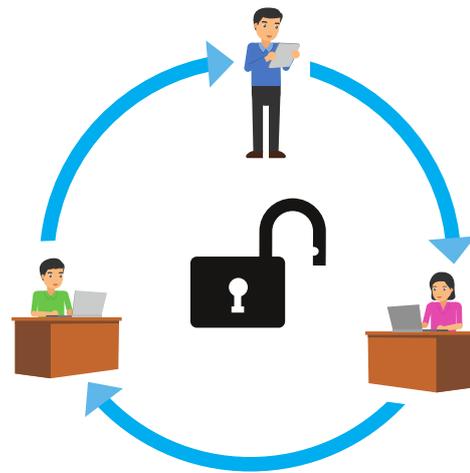
Journalists identify key points to share.

Citizens take action to inform policy and hold government and business accountable.

Open Data Survey

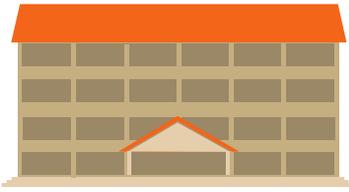There are many producers and users of data.

A healthy open data 'ecosystem' has a 'supply' and 'demand', as well as an underlying infrastructure.

The Open Data Survey team reviewed data that is produced in Cambodia, and how it is used. This included an extensive review of websites and many interviews.

Cambodia has strong demand; only 20% of survey respondents produce data. Few actively share.
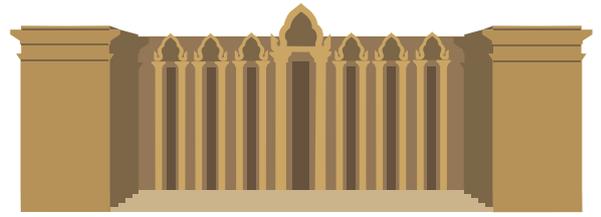
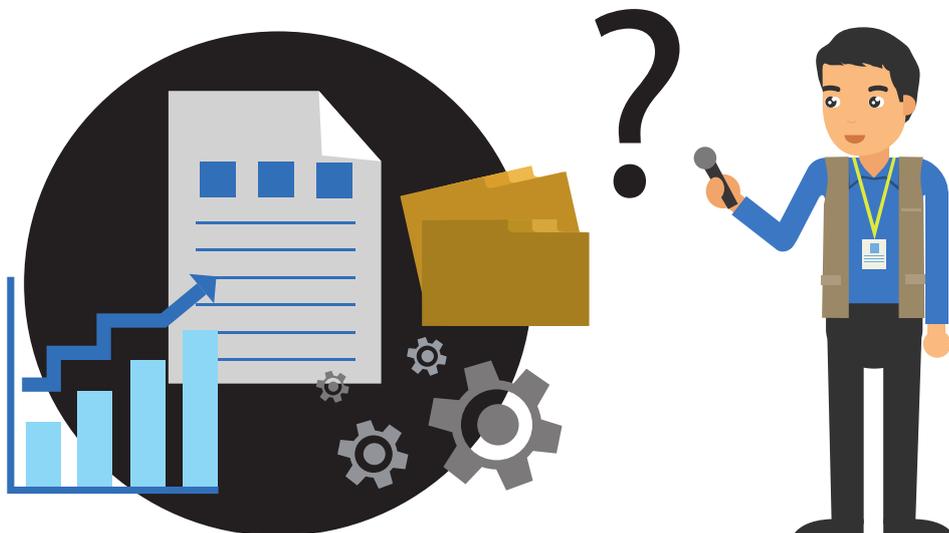UNIVERSITIES collect data, but few produce/share it.

CIVIL SOCIETY produces data largely for internal project use.

GOVERNMENT sources provide information but not raw data.

And there is no strong centralization.

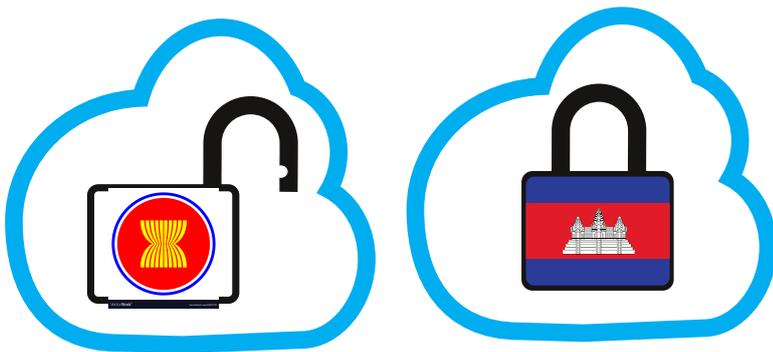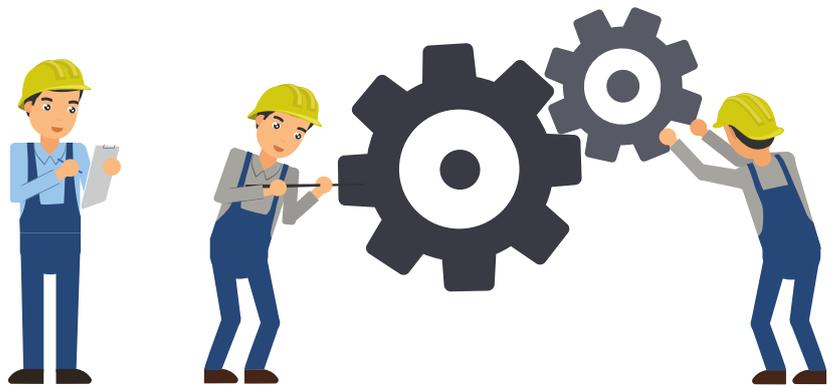Main uses of open data in Cambodia are research, reports and projects.

Journalists are largely not familiar with the use of data for stories.

Few respondents understand what 'open data' or 'metadata' is. Respondees note information gaps, unreliable data and poor metadata as key challenges.

More Open Data would provide clearer metrics for Cambodia's work on development challenges.

Many countries in ASEAN are prioritizing Open Data and investing in their infrastructure.
Will Cambodia join them? Some upcoming projects present some promise.