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2025 Impact Report

The Organization for Responsible Governance
Empowering Voices, Advancing Change

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Be the Change!



The Organization for Responsible Governance (ORG) is leading a movement to build a more transparent, participatory, and resilient Bahamas, **one where every voice matters.**

Over the past nine months, with the support of dedicated partners and community allies, ORG has **empowered hundreds of Bahamians and Civil Society groups** to *get informed and get involved*, advancing civic engagement, accountability, environmental stewardship, and youth leadership.

We invite you to join us. Your support—whether through a donation, partnership, or shared expertise—can help **amplify citizen voices and strengthen democracy across our islands.** Together, we can shape a Bahamas where good governance and active citizenship thrive.

ORG 2025 **IMPACT** as of 8/2025

- **114 citizens trained in Freedom of Information advocacy**
- **320+ participants in Be Clear Bahamas civic and budget workshops**
- **31 youth leaders trained in climate action & budget oversight**
- **5 Family Islands engaged in Marine Protected Area consultations**
- **6 policy reports/briefs influencing debate in Parliament**
- **70+ national media features spotlighting governance reforms**
- **4 major regional/global forums representing Bahamian priorities**



Be Clear About Your Future

Behind every school, hospital, road, and job program, there's a budget.



Our Shared Impact Stories

Civic Empowerment & Public Participation

FOIA Advocacy

ORG published a landmark **FOIA Position Paper** that shaped the national conversation on transparency, being cited widely in the media. Eleven educational sessions trained **114 participants across five islands**, while the launch of the **FOIA Resource Hub**, with explainer videos and a letter-writing tool, enabled citizens to directly contact Members of Parliament. Over 50 civil society organizations joined the campaign, proving that **Bahamians are ready to demand accountability**.



Civic Literacy – Be Clear Bahamas

ORG launched **Be Clear Bahamas** - a national civic education and budget transparency initiative. To date, more than **320 citizens have participated in workshops** across the islands. A new Be Clear Toolkit equips communities with financial literacy, digital literacy, and budget monitoring skills, while the Be Clear website offers **simplified budget summaries and interactive content**. Two nationally-broadcast budget forums further expanded public dialogue, and participants are now calling for advanced training in procurement, taxation, and sector-specific spending.



Policy & Anti-Corruption Reform

ORG produced benchmark reports on the **Independent Investigations Committee and Protected Disclosures (Whistleblowers) Acts**, frequently referenced during Parliamentary debates. Policy briefs were also published on the Escazú Agreement and the **importance of transparent, consistent consultation in national development projects**, ensuring citizens' rights and voices are considered in policymaking.



Our Shared Impact Stories

Sustainability & Youth

Youth Leadership – Climate & Budget Oversight

The second cohort of the **Youth for Climate Action** program trained 16 University of The Bahamas students to **analyze the national budget** through a climate justice lens. Students toured the New Providence Ecology Park to connect climate action with waste management and carbon reduction strategies before presenting their own recommendations for **strengthening national climate resilience**.



Environmental Stewardship – Marine & Coastal Engagement

Through the Builder's Initiative Project, ORG partnered with the Bahamas National Trust to **engage fishers and community leaders across five islands**, shaping a **Stakeholder Engagement Framework** now guiding conservation efforts. With the Bahamas Mangrove Alliance, ORG also led community dialogues on environmental permitting and policy to **ensure local voices inform environmental decision-making**.



Our Shared Impact Stories

Local & Global Partnerships

Digital Innovation – Map4Good

Through Map4Good, ORG is **mapping the 1,400 registered nonprofits and faith-based organizations** across The Bahamas. To date, 500 organizations across four islands have been engaged through onboarding workshops and capacity-building sessions, with the platform on track toward full national coverage. Map4Good **builds visibility, fosters collaboration, and underscores the vital role of civil society** in advancing national development, sustainability, and resilience.

Regional & Global Advocacy

ORG **represented Bahamian civil society in regional and international forums** hosted by the OAS, the Caribbean Policy Development Center, the Carter Center, and the United Nations. These engagements advanced Bahamian interests in **climate financing, human rights, and anti-corruption**, while fostering regional and global alliances for sustainable development.





Looking Ahead

In the coming months, ORG will:

Continue pushing for **full enactment of FOIA** and stronger transparency measures.

Promote **public consultation** to **advance policy reform on anti-corruption**, including **revising the Public Disclosure Act**.

Expand **Be Clear Bahamas** into a long-term civic education platform.

Deepen **public consultation** and community engagement on **coastal conservation**.

Collaborating across all sectors to **promote voter education** and participation with the launch of **Path to the Polls**.

Launch **Map4Good** phase 1 and expand **capacity-building training** to local not-for-profit organizations and faith-based organizations .



ORG's work is proving that when citizens are informed, engaged, and united, real change follows. But we can't do it alone.

Your support today can expand our reach, sustain vital community programs, and build the foundations for a more inclusive and accountable Bahamas. Join us in turning awareness into action—and help ensure that every Bahamian has the tools, knowledge, and confidence to lead our nation forward.

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