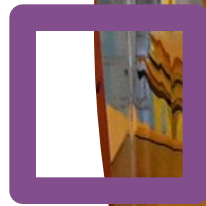


Voting in a Pandemic: Lessons from Malaysia

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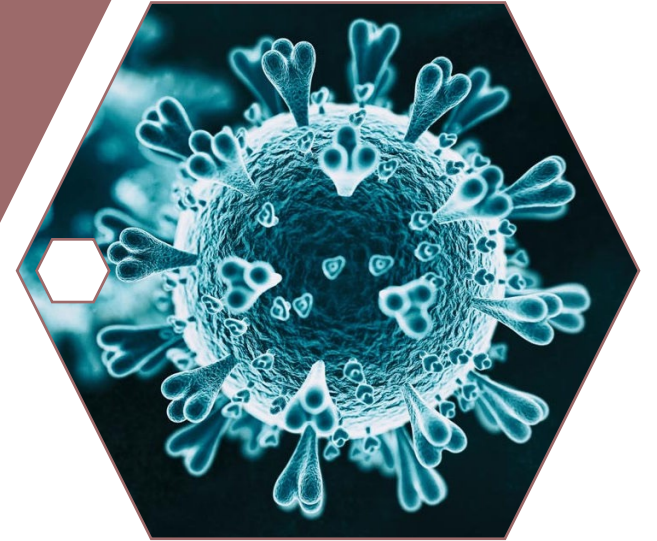


Double Whammy Crisis



Political
Turmoil

Covid19



Voting in a Pandemic: Key Facts

Held 2 by-elections, 4 state elections

Postponed 4 by-elections

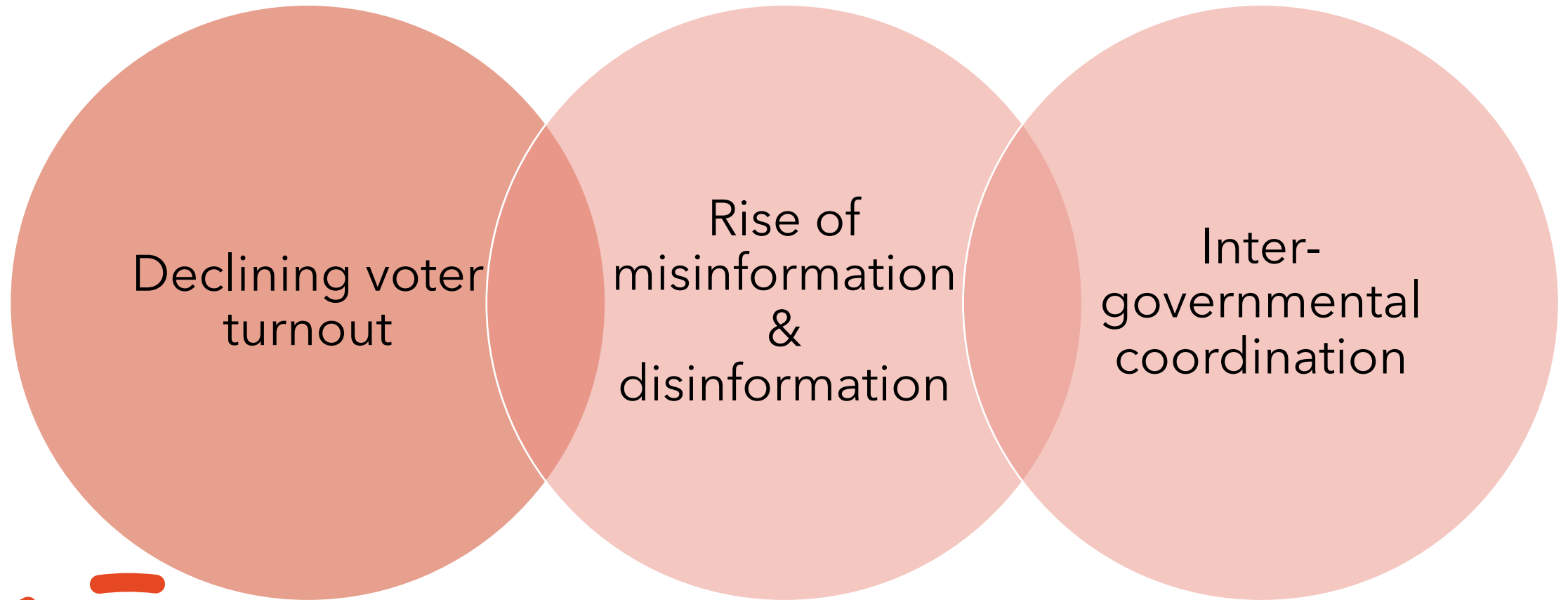
New election SOPs

Higher cost
↑40-50%

One outbreak
148% increase
in cases

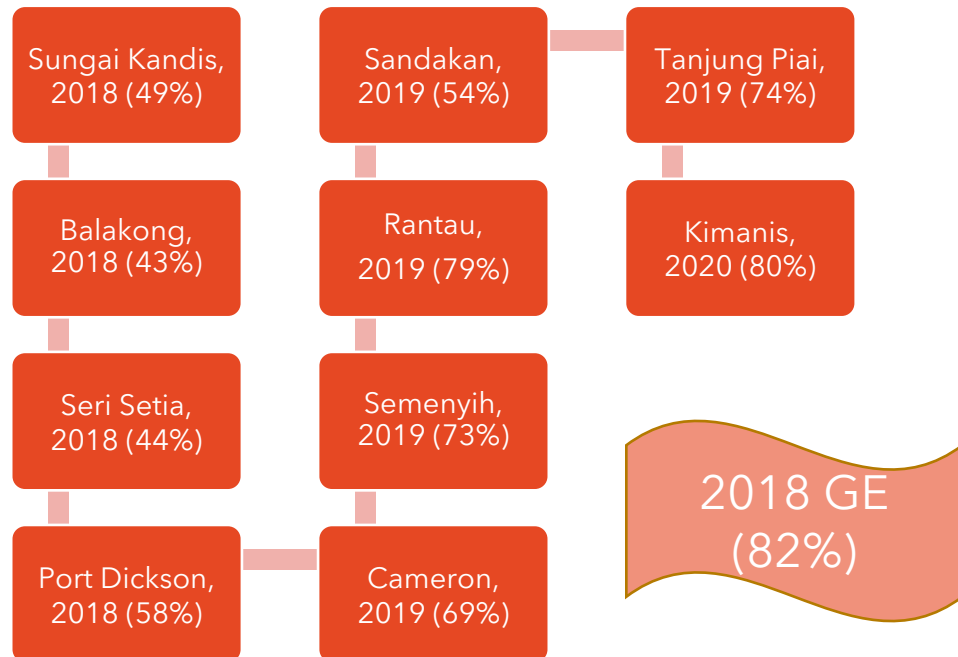
Lower turnout

Lasting Challenges

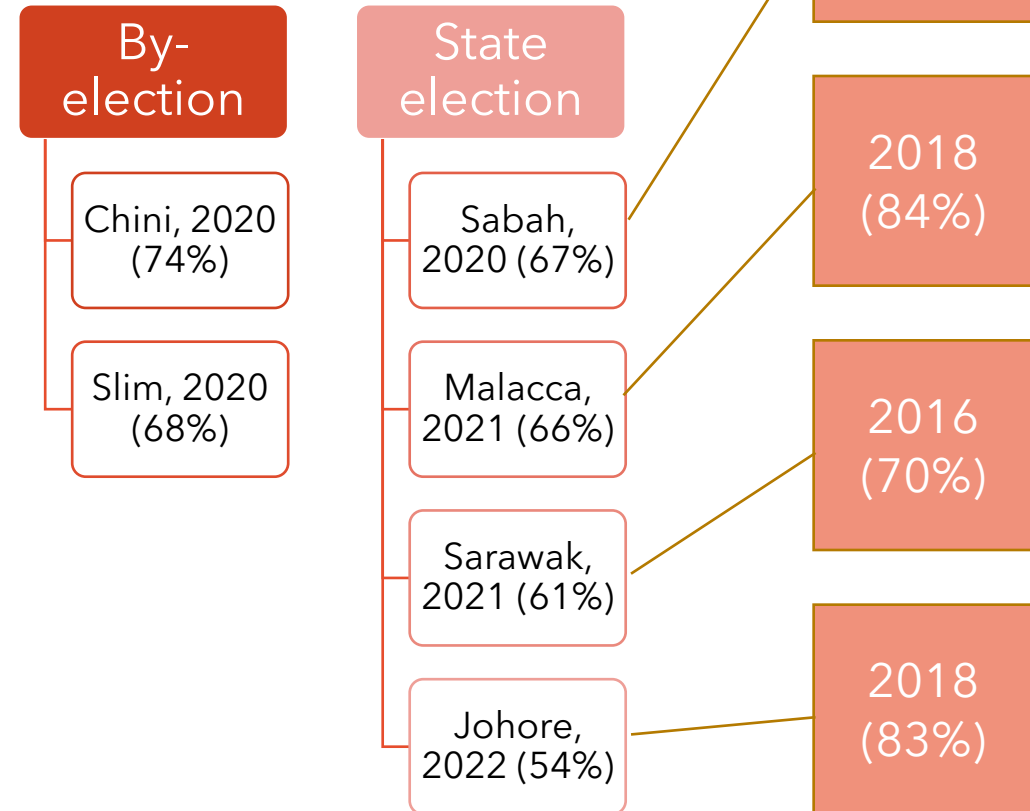


Declining Voter Turnout

10 by-elections after the 2018 GE prior to the pandemic



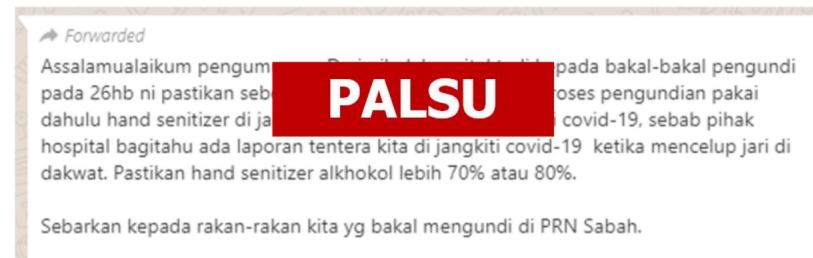
2 by-elections & 4 state elections during the pandemic



Rise of Misinformation & Disinformation



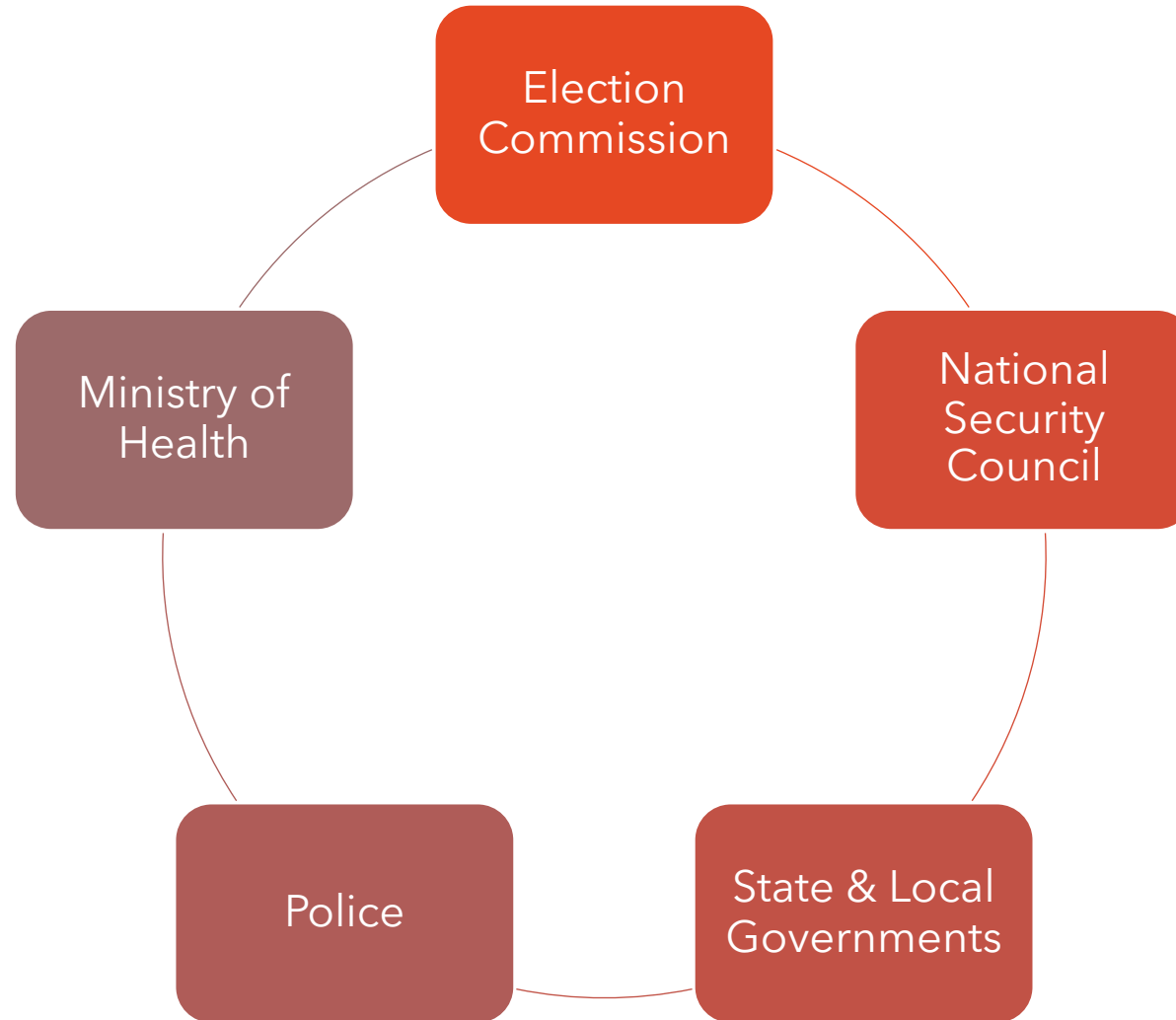
'Senior citizen are not allowed to vote for fear of contracting Covid19'



Warga ATM Dijangkiti COVID-19 Setelah Celup Jari Dakwat Sewaktu Proses Mengundi Awal Sempena PRN Sabah?

'In early voting, voters contracted Covid19 after dipping their fingers in the indelible ink'

Inter-governmental Coordination



Lessons Learned

Adaptable electoral framework


Availability of adequate
means and resources

Inter-governmental
cooperation

Effective Covid19
control

Effective public
communication

Strong civic duty



Terima Kasih...

Thank you...