

Voting in a Pandemic: Lessons from Malaysia

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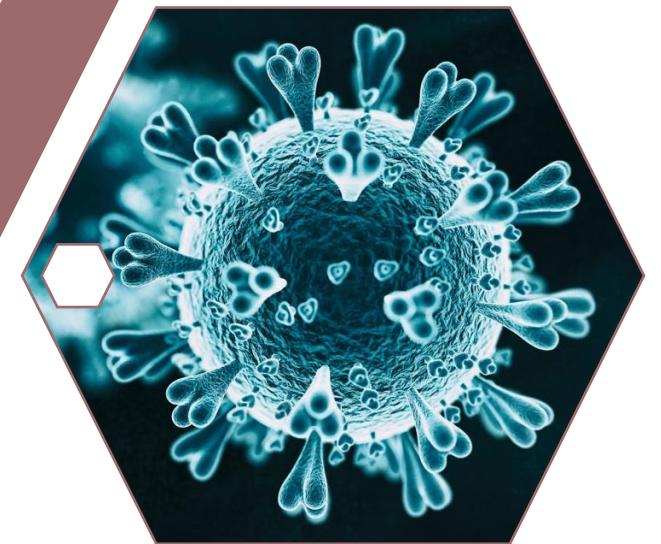


Double Whammy Crisis



Political
Turmoil

Covid19



Voting in a Pandemic: Key Facts

Held 2 by-elections, 4 state elections

Postponed 4 by-elections

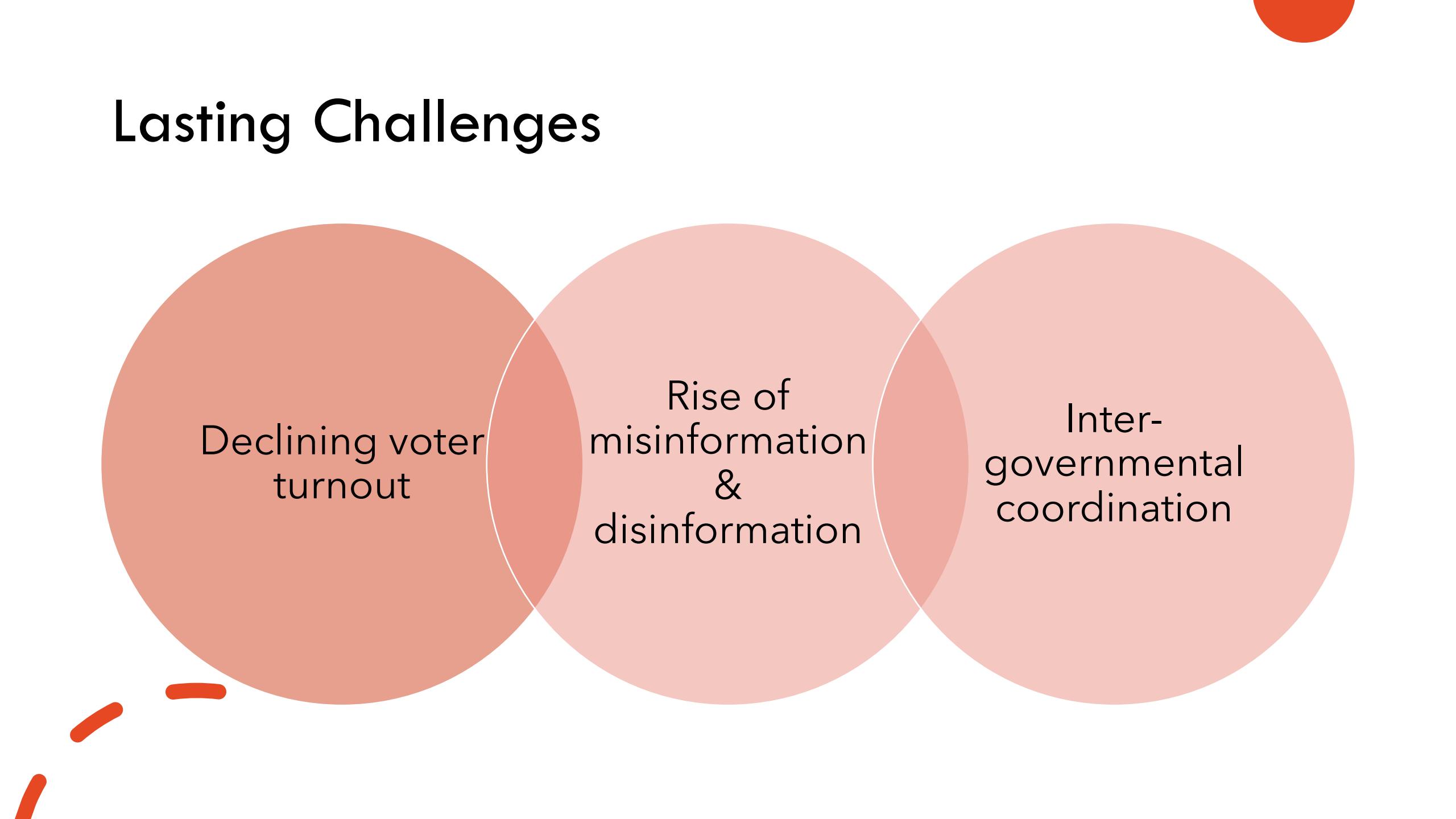
New election SOPs

Higher cost
↑40-50%

One outbreak
148% increase
in cases

Lower turnout

Lasting Challenges

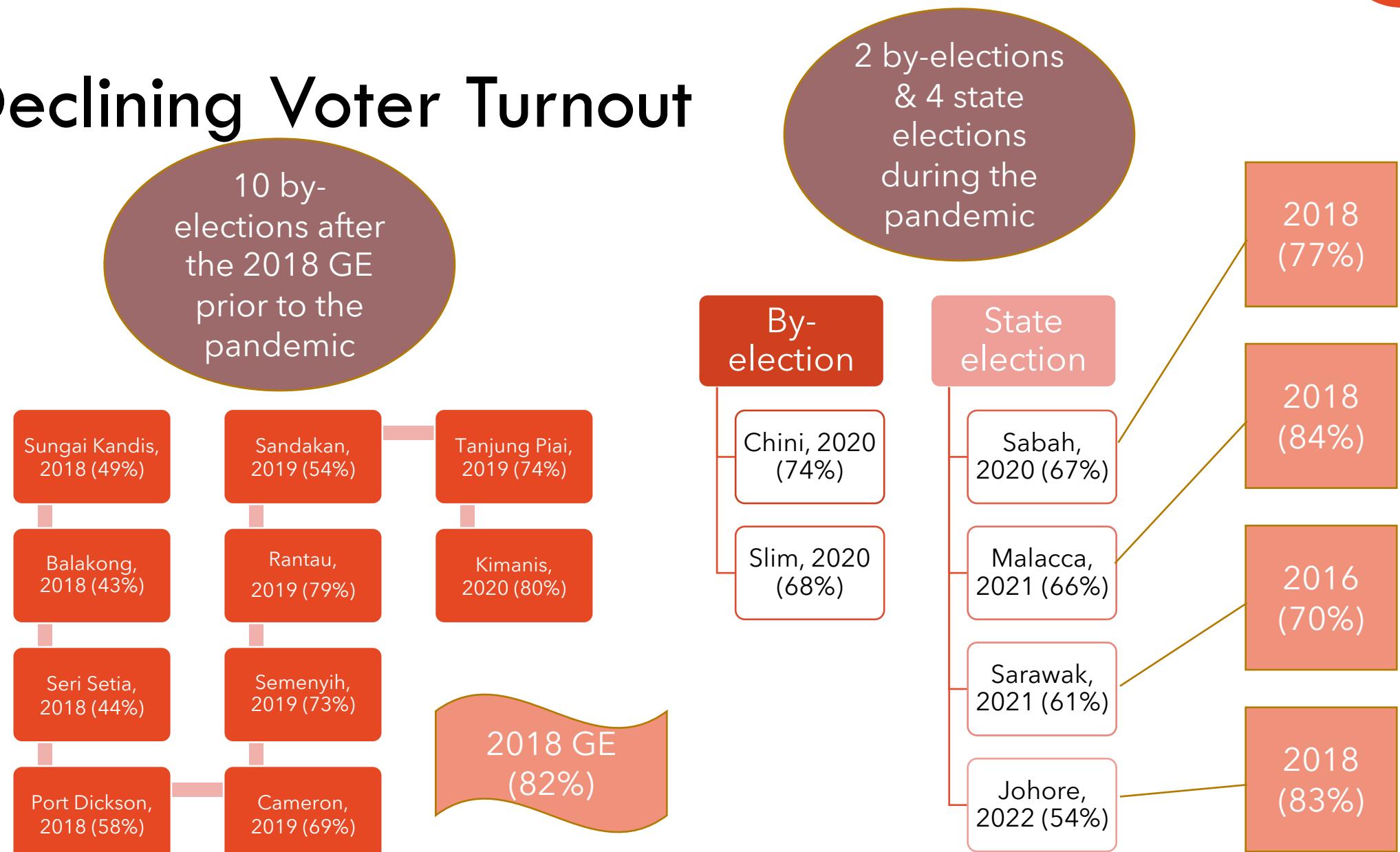


Declining voter turnout

Rise of
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Inter-
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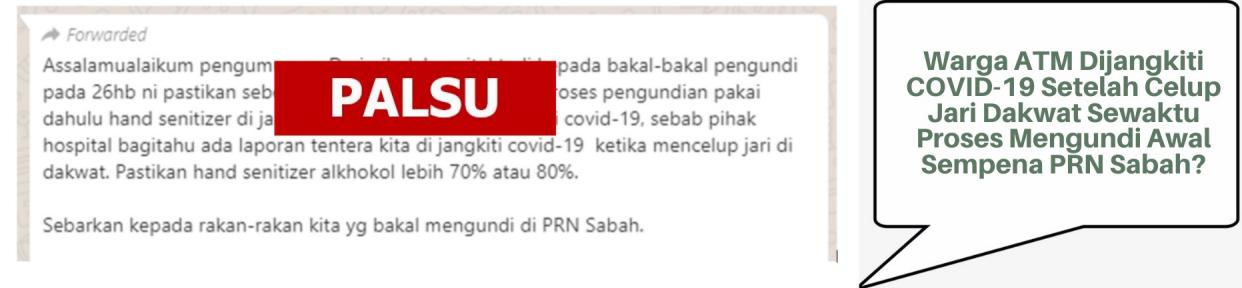
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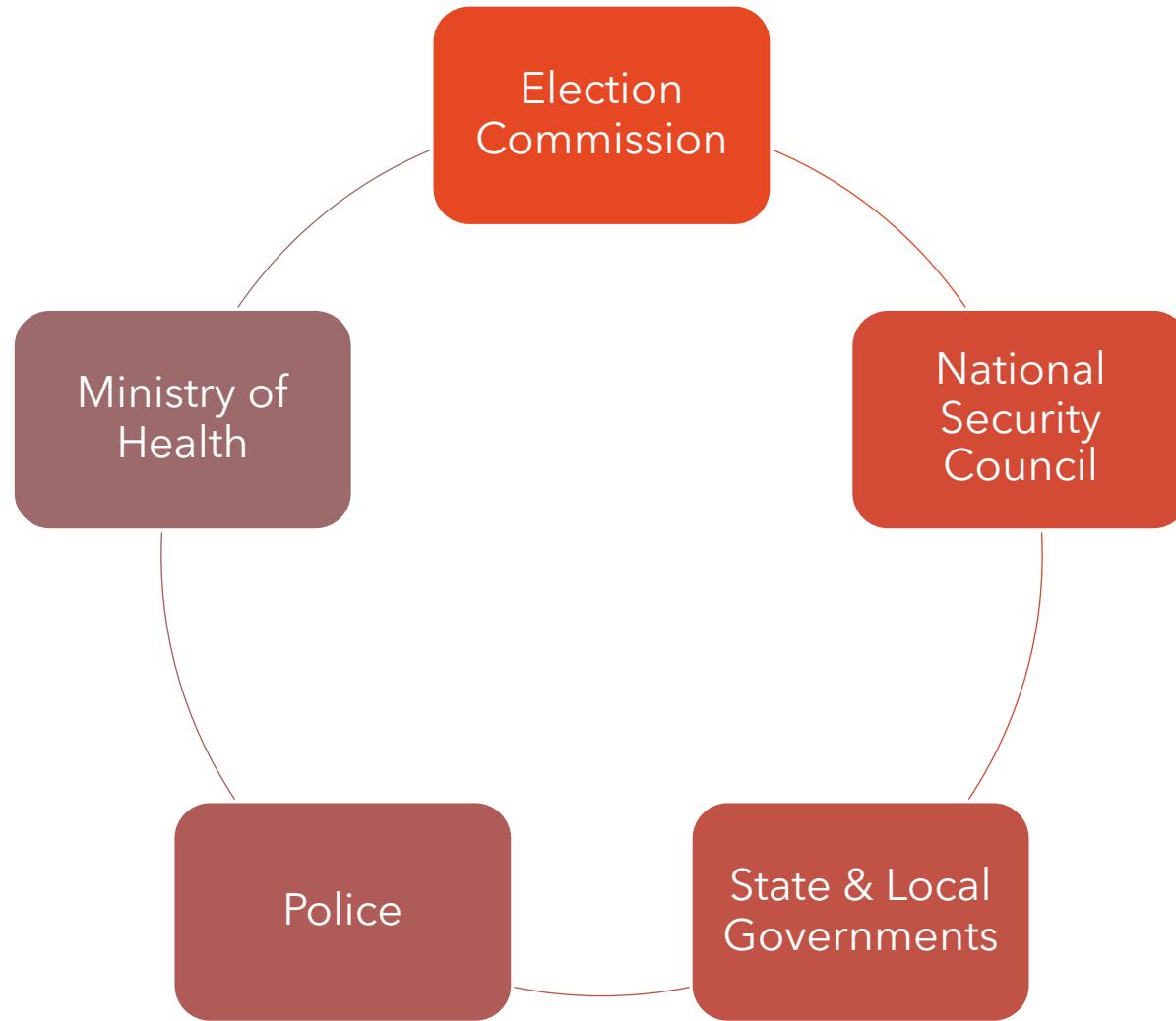


'Senior citizen are not allowed to vote for fear of contracting Covid19'



'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

Effective Covid19 control

Effective public communication

Inter-governmental cooperation

Strong civic duty



Terima Kasih...

Thank you...