

Sergipe is one of the 26 states of Brazil. Its territory is 21,910Km². Has approximately 2.2 million inhabitants and 1.6 million voters. It comprises 75 municipalities. Its capital is Aracaju.

The administration of the registration and the electoral process, as well as the judgment of electoral disputes and crimes, is the competence of 29 Electoral Zones, each with 1 judge, and Regional Electoral Court of Sergipe, made up of 7 magistrates, one of whom is the Director of Electoral Judiciary School of Sergipe.

The Director of Electoral Judiciary School of Sergipe presides the Local Commission to Combat Disinformation, which is part of the Permanent Program to Combat Misinformation established by the Superior Electoral Court.

In the project **Cooperation Against Electoral Disinformation in Sergipe**, the Judiciary School and the Local Commission have the collaboration of the General Management and the !9SE - Creativity and Innovation Laboratory.

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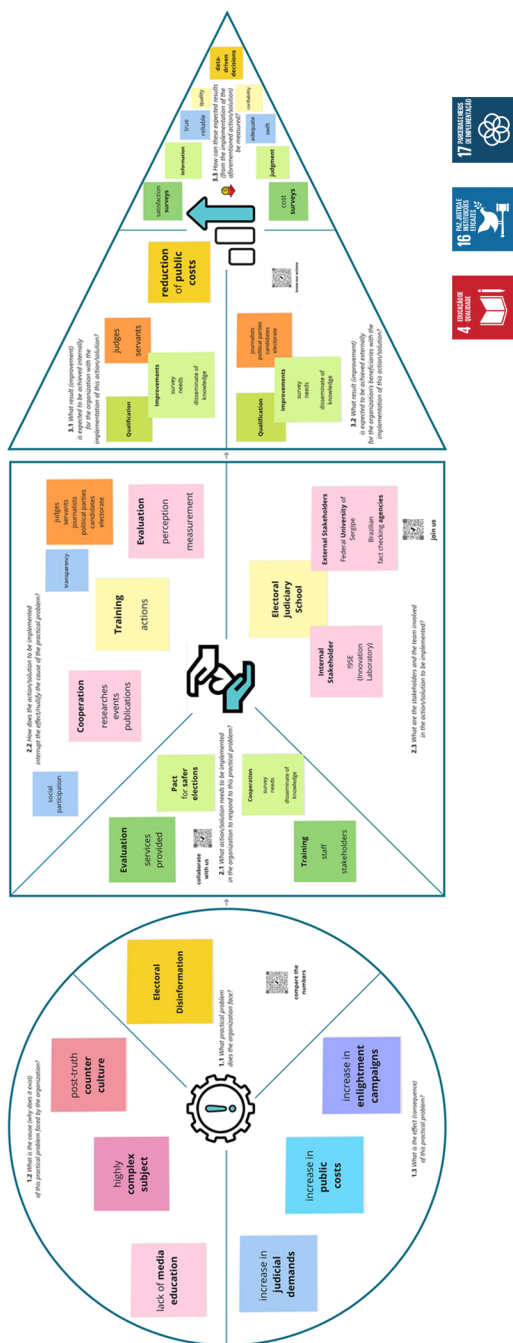
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Cooperation Against Electoral Disinformation in Sergipe

RESULT

SOLUTION

PROBLEM



The phenomenon of disinformation, enhanced in a context of post-truth, counterculture and disorder of digital media, disqualifies people, discredits institutions and delegitimizes results.

In the electoral system, its effect is broad and deleterious, as it increases litigiousness and undermines the legitimacy of those elected by popular vote.

This has been happening at the international level since the 2016 US elections and at the national level from the 2018 Elections in Brazil.

In the Brazilian case, it was observed, first way, the disinformation directed to the disqualification of political opponents and an exponential increase in judicialization in the 2020 Elections, and, second way, disinformation aimed at discrediting the Electoral Justice and a raised exponential budget of the 2022 Elections.

The second aspect entailed the highest volume of expenses, resulting from the rental of printers and a larger space for carrying out the tests and hiring an external audit and filming of the procedure.

At the end of the work on the 2022 Elections, no incidents of violation of the systems were recorded, repeating the results of previous elections, both the tests, which began in 2010, and the systems themselves, which have been used and improved since 1996.

However, we are not satisfied and we intend to go further, as the phenomenon of disinformation is complex and the fear persists that it will take on new facets.

To face it, we will continue to rely on local and national partners and, on this occasion, we present ourselves to the international community with the firm purpose of establishing fruitful collaboration.

Indicators

Electoral budget for auditing ballot boxes

Election	Value (US\$)	Variation
2022	\$20.203,41	625,55%
2020	\$2.784,55	6,78%
2018	\$2.607,72	7,10%

Judicializations on electoral disinformation

Election	Amount	Variation
2022	231	-5,33%
2020	244	293,55%
2018	62	-6,06%

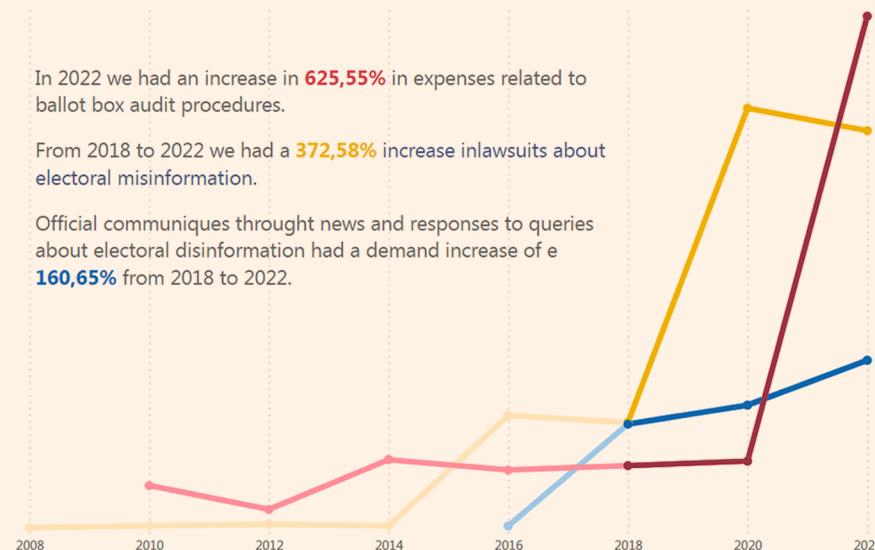
Official communiques on electoral disinformation

Election	Amount	Variation
2022	98	36,11%
2020	72	18,03%
2018	61	2950,00%

In 2022 we had an increase in **625,55%** in expenses related to ballot box audit procedures.

From 2018 to 2022 we had a **372,58%** increase in lawsuits about electoral misinformation.

Official communiques through news and responses to queries about electoral disinformation had a demand increase of **160,65%** from 2018 to 2022.



In this second episode, the increase did not come from a real need to improve the election process itself, but from a fallacious suspicion of irregularity of the compliance process for voting and counting systems.

The institutional response followed two lines: qualification and intensification of information and tests of integrity and authenticity of the electronic voting and counting systems.

In the first aspect, at the local level, we rely on the valuable collaboration of the Department of Social Communication of the Federal University of Sergipe, and, at the national level, Fact-Checking Coalition coordinated by the Superior Electoral Court.

Get to know our work and join us, contributing to the Collaborative Elaboration of a **Pact Against Electoral Disinformation in Sergipe** and manifesting your Interest in Cooperating with us in **training actions, research grant, fact-checking and/or exchange**.



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