

Mid-Year Report

La'o Hamutuk

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La'o Hamutuk's Vision

The people of Timor-Leste, women and men, of current and future generations, will live in peace and contentment. They will control a transparent, just and sustainable development process which respects all people's cultures and rights. All citizens will benefit from Timor-Leste's resources, and will accept the responsibility for protecting them.

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Mission & Situational context

La'o Hamutuk ("*Walking Together*" in English) was established in 2000 by Timorese and international solidarity activists involved in the struggle for Timor-Leste's independence. It is an independent Timor-Leste non-governmental organization which monitors, analyzes and reports on development processes in this country, including those conducted by international institutions in Timor-Leste and by our own Government.

La'o Hamutuk facilitates communication between people in Timor-Leste and decision makers, as well as establishing solidarity links with communities in other countries to explore alternative development models. As a resource center, we also provide materials on development experiences and practices. We believe that the full participation of all communities in the country's development decision making can help ensure that the people of Timor-Leste will benefit the most from their resources, and provide enough space for them to control and take a role in development process, as well as assuming the responsibility of protecting their natural resource wealth.

During 2013, Timor-Leste Government assumed sole responsibility to lead the country and to ensure national security and stability, as the United Nations Integrated Mission (UNMIT) left the country in December 2012. We can be glad no major violent incidents occurred, but many challenges remain such as ensuring everyone can have enough food to eat, adequate health services, effective education enabling a better future, and can live free of fear of arbitrary eviction and joblessness. Our Government is beginning to recognize the problem posed by our dependence on transient oil revenues, and has made efforts to increase civil society participation in discussions related to Timor-Leste's State Budget. However, we will need strong political will and creative alternative ideas to adopt a truly sustainable development model, economically sound, responding to people's needs and respectful of our vulnerable and small island environment.

During these six months, La'o Hamutuk's work produced significant results, including:

- ★ Twelve of the 16 recommendations made by the Parliamentary Finance Committee on the 2013 State Budget followed La'o Hamutuk suggestions,¹ showing that our analysis for Timor-Leste's economy is influencing policy makers.
- ★ UNESCAP invited La'o Hamutuk to participate as a panelist in the Dili launch of their annual Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific.²
- ★ The National Statistics Directorate incorporated La'o Hamutuk's suggestions in their revised methodology and reporting on the Consumer Price Index
- ★ Journalists, Provedoria staff and civil society increased their knowledge about sources of information available³, the Procurement Portal⁴, the State Budget, Petroleum relations between Timor-Leste and Australia and the Tasi Mane project by attending trainings given by La'o Hamutuk
- ★ The NGO Forum asked La'o Hamutuk to draft and present on the "Economic Strategic Sectors" to the Timor-Leste and Development Partners Meeting, indicating that our perspectives are shared by civil society organizations.⁵

¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE13/ComCOGE28Jan2013pt.pdf>

² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/ESCAP/ESCAPScheiner18Apr2013en.pdf>

³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/training/LHFOTI22Apr2013en.pps>

⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/portal/ProIndex.htm>

⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/13TLDPM/AprezFongtilEconEn.pdf>

Program Activities

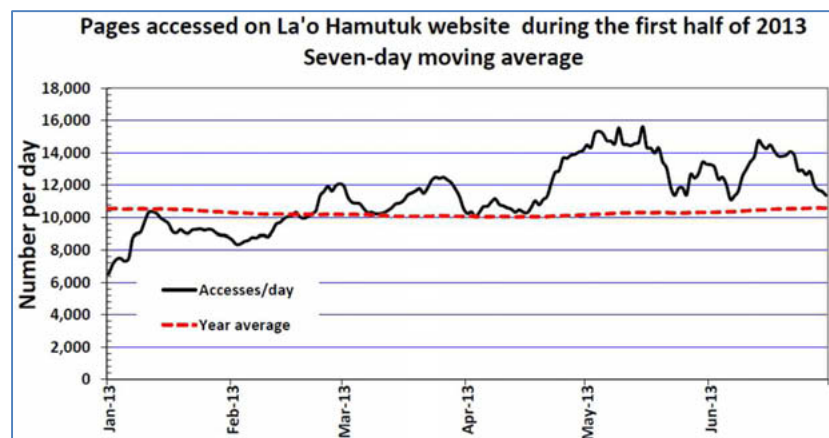
La'o Hamutuk's main work is to research and report on policies, institutions and systems which affect people here. Our materials are used by Government officials, Parliament, civil society and community groups, journalists, policy-makers, development organizations, consultants, students, academics, diplomats and the public. Every week, people consult La'o Hamutuk on a broad range of topics.

We often write for local media and meet with local or international journalists. During the first half of 2013, we were quoted or cited in media more than 70 times, some of which are listed in Appendix 2.

We coordinated the Oxfam-supported "GROW" Fair and national campaign to promote local food and small producers.

We gave many briefings and trainings, often at others' request, which we linked to from a new web page which lists more than two dozen La'o Hamutuk presentations.⁶ Appendix 3 lists 20 briefings, trainings and presentations given by La'o Hamutuk during the reporting period.

Our Tetum/English website <http://www.laohamutuk.org> includes our own research and analysis as well as government and other documents unavailable through official channels. Many web pages are "briefing books," with background information, analysis from La'o Hamutuk and others, and links to related material. During the first six months of 2013, usage of our website averaged 11,500 page accesses per day, slightly higher than the first half of 2012 (when the 10th Independence anniversary and three elections boosted international interest). Many online journals, media, Facebook users and blogs repost information from our web pages, so readership is larger.



During the first half of 2013, we added or extensively updated many of our web pages; our home page or "updates" page have more comprehensive lists. Here are a few:

- ★ 2013 and proposed 2014 General State Budgets, with analysis and documents⁷
- ★ Maritime Boundaries⁸ and the Australian Parliamentary Inquiry⁹
- ★ The Tasi Mane South Coast petroleum project¹⁰ and the Suai Supply Base¹¹
- ★ Pending Public-Private Partnerships for Dili airport and Tibar port¹²

⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/pres.htm>

⁷ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE13/12OGE13.htm> and <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE14/13OGE14.htm>

⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/2013/CMATSImplications11Feb2013.htm>

⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/ParlIng/13AustParlInquiry.htm>

¹⁰ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/TasiMane/11TasiMane.htm>

¹¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/TasiMane/13SSBen.htm>

¹² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/PPP/PPPIndex.htm>

- ★ Timor Leste and Development Partners Meeting, including all presentations and many documents¹³
- ★ Consumer Price Index revision¹⁴ and other Government statistics reports¹⁵
- ★ Interesting information on Timor-Leste's Procurement Portal¹⁶

Our bilingual blog <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com> highlights upcoming events and short, timely articles. During the first half of 2013, we wrote 25 entries and people viewed blog pages 14,726 times. Postings on our blog often create debates picked up by the media, such as on the CMATS Treaty and Tasi Mane Project.

We produced a new edition of our Reference DVD, including additional documents and links to make web materials available without requiring difficult and expensive internet access.¹⁷ The DVD includes La'ó Hamutuk's website, key documents, and the websites of the Ministry of Finance, Central Bank, National Statistics Directorate, Official Gazette, National Petroleum Authority and IADE business directory. We distribute the DVD free to local NGOs, while selling it to internationals for \$20.

Unfortunately, our radio program was not broadcast during the reporting period. However we still believe radio is an important mean to diffuse our information to rural communities, and hope to resume regular programming soon.

We did not publish *Bulletins* during the reporting period, but prepared for the July publication of our first *Bulletin* since 2010.

During the reporting period, we also researched and prepared papers to present at the Timor Leste Studies Association and UNTL-Victoria University Food conferences which were held in Dili in July.

Analysis, Monitoring and Research

Agriculture

Food sovereignty

La'ó Hamutuk continued to monitor and research the Ministry of Agriculture (MAF) and Australian Aid program "Seeds of Life" (SoL), exploring the long-term benefits and disadvantages to farmers of using "improved" seeds compared with the local ones they currently use.

Voluntary intellectual contributions from activists and academics here and abroad helped us advocate for seed policy which respects Timor-Leste's traditional systems and farmers' rights. We continued to participate actively in the Seed Policy Working Group (SPWG) drafting Timor-Leste's Seed Policy and wrote a second submission¹⁸ to express concerns and suggest alternatives. We monitored academic and national workshops in Dili and enriched debates by mobilizing key people and distributing basic information about Seed Policy.

Haburas Foundation asked us to give a presentation on Seed Policy and sustainable agriculture issues, increasing local organizations, farmers and academics' knowledge.

¹³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/13TLDP/13TLDPIndex.htm>

¹⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/inflation/LHsubDBECPI21Nov2012.htm>

¹⁵ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2013/06/understanding-timor-lestes-context.html>

¹⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/portal/ProIndex.htm>

¹⁷ The index and links to the DVD are also on our website in Tetum and English:

<http://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexEn.htm> and <http://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexTe.htm>

¹⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/seeds/LHSubmissionSeedPolicy6Mar2013.pdf>

The Sustainable Agriculture Network HASATIL recognized La'ó Hamutuk's continuing work to strengthen its members by choosing La'ó Hamutuk staffer Mariano Ferreira to chair their General Assembly and to coordinate the first Timor-Leste GROW campaign. This fair promoting local products was attended by officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, the Secretary of State for Environment, international agencies, NGOs, farmer groups and academics, and it enlarged public awareness and policy dialogue on food sovereignty and sustainable agriculture.

Land rights

In 2013 La'ó Hamutuk continued as a principal source of information, advocacy and education regarding the three proposed land laws. We play a key role in the Rede ba Rai coalition (RbR), of which La'ó Hamutuk's Inês Martins is often the spokesperson.

President José Ramos-Horta vetoed the three land laws in March 2012 and sent them back to the National Parliament for revision,¹⁹ and new Government elected four months later began to revise them. However, the substance of the land laws has not been changed, and still does not respond to the political issues raised by local community members.

During the second round of consultations carried out by the current government, La'ó Hamutuk wrote another submission²⁰ to the Ministry of Justice in the name of RbR. We explained that the Land laws still need to address vulnerable and poor people's concerns, and to resolve cases of unjust land confiscation during the colonial and occupation periods.

We continue to monitor the land law process and lobby policy makers, advocating for vulnerable and poor people's rights to land.

The NGO KSI asked La'ó Hamutuk to disseminate information to remote communities in Betano about how the current development model will impact their socio-cultural lives.

As the Government is planning to expand Dili airport, we met with the Anin Fuik and Beto Tasi communities to share information about the project and the draft Expropriation law.

In June, La'ó Hamutuk's staffer Inês Martins was invited by Australian National University to be a guest speaker at a Canberra academic conference on Pacific Issues, where she presented on the impacts of land policy on social life, highlighting current land use trends in Timor-Leste, such as commoditization and individual land use.

Environment

As our human resources are limited, La'ó Hamutuk does not prioritize work on environment and climate change, but we sometimes try to fill a gap that Timor-Leste civil society does not address.

In March, the Secretary of State for Forestry invited us to participate in a consultation on a draft Decree-law on Establishment and Management of Protected Areas. Our first submission²¹ raised issues including the risks posed by delegation of power and the need for consistency with existing legislation. The draft was substantially improved, and we wrote a second submission in June,²² appreciating the changes and reiterating our remaining concerns.

¹⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/land/2012/12PNpassPRveto.htm>

²⁰ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/land/2013/SubRbRMJust15Fev2013.pdf>

²¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/EnvLaw/2013/SubLHbaLeiAreaProtejidaEn.pdf>

²² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/EnvLaw/2013/Sub2LHLeiAreaProtejida14Jun2013en.pdf>

We continued to gather and share information on environmental impacts of projects like Tasi Mane, including the Suai Supply Base. In April 2013, the State Secretariat for Environment (SEMA) shared the Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) for the Suai Supply Base and the "Strategic EIA" for the Tasi Mane project with La'o Hamutuk, and we web-posted the documents²³ and discussed their limitations with all involved. SEMA issued an environmental license for the Suai Supply Base in June, responding to political pressures, and we expressed concern that many planning and legal requirements had not been met.

Economics

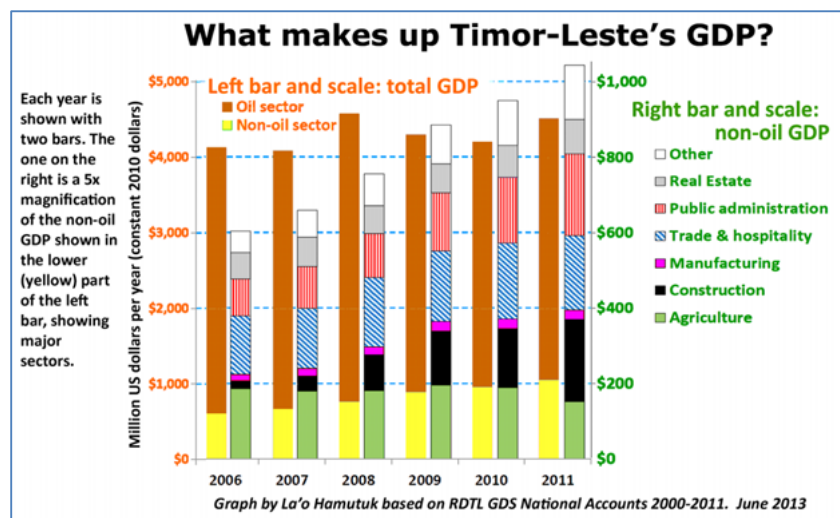
La'o Hamutuk's analysis and publications on Timor-Leste's economic situation are widely seen as a more objective alternative to politically-influenced government forecasts and the self-censorship of multilateral agencies. We are often contacted by delegations from foreign capitals or organizational headquarters, journalists, academics and other researchers. As Timor-Leste moved deeper into the "resource curse," La'o Hamutuk advocated strengthening the productive, non-oil economy.

In the first half of 2013, we researched and analyzed key issues to understand and explain the current economy and where it is going. We have developed a strong relationship with the Directorate-General for Statistics (DGS) in the Ministry of Finance, based on their recognition of La'o Hamutuk as an informed and interested user of their reports. Our advocacy helped them overcome political

reluctance and belatedly publish the 2011 Household Income and Expenditure Survey (albeit with the poverty calculation deleted). DGS also incorporated many of our suggestions when they revised the Consumer Price Index.

La'o Hamutuk analyzed the annual UNDP Human Development Report, which showed a misleading improvement in Timor-Leste Human Development index due to increased state oil revenues.²⁴ Our findings about Timor-Leste's state-dependent economy, unequal petroleum wealth distribution and limited oil and gas resources have raised awareness, helping citizens and policy-makers understand that this second-most petroleum-dependent country in the world needs to change direction.

La'o Hamutuk has been advocating for fiscal sustainability for many years, and in May, the Ministry of Finance took their internal discussion public. We attended two Ministry of Finance workshops on fiscal sustainability, publishing their documents.²⁵



²³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/TasiMane/13SSBen.htm#EnvLic>

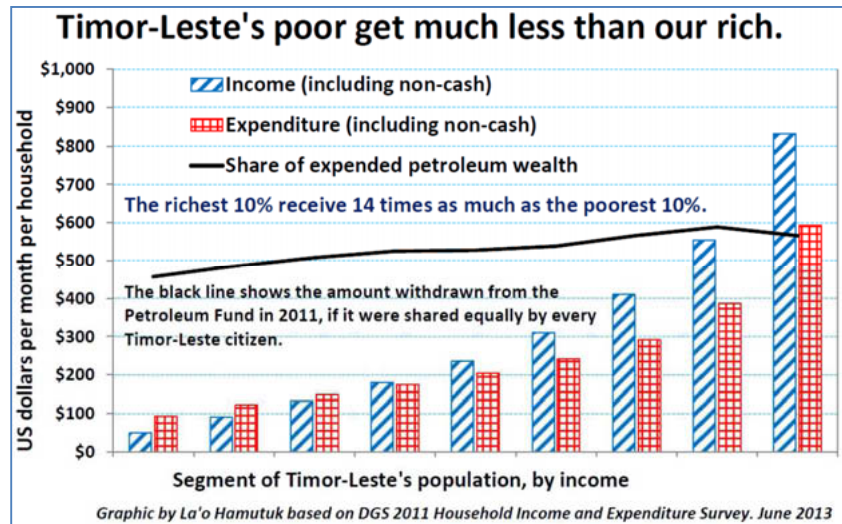
²⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/HDI10/2013/13HDI.htm>

²⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE14/13OGE14.htm>

We updated our macroeconomic model on how long Timor-Leste's oil money will last, based on a spreadsheet which can explore a range of assumptions. A detailed version of the model was presented to the Timor-Leste Studies Association conference in July.²⁶

We analyzed and published²⁷ the newly released 2011 Business Activity Survey, 2000-11 National Accounts and 2011 Household Income and Expenditure Survey. We underscored that 81% of our \$5.8 billion Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2011 came from extracting oil and gas. Even worse, about half of the "non-oil GDP" was from state spending, of which 94% is oil revenues.

Although four-fifths of our economy runs on exporting petroleum wealth which belongs to everyone, a small upper class gets most of the benefits. The richest 10% of our population receives 14 times as much income as the poorest 10%, even when subsistence farming and barter is included. Half of Timor-Leste's people survive on less than \$1.33 per person per day, which is the approximate poverty line.



State budget, Petroleum Fund and transparency

La'o Hamutuk continued to update our web site on the Petroleum Fund and companies' overdue taxes,²⁸ and it remains the global reference for this information.

The 2013 State Budget estimates the Estimated Sustainable Income (ESI) at \$787 million, significantly more than the \$665 million estimated for 2012. The higher number comes from unduly optimistic assumptions about world market oil prices. We graphed the volatility of oil prices and explained that prudent planning must consider that Timor-Leste's future oil revenues will drop, as the Ministry of Finance has begun to explain."²⁹

As in past years, La'o Hamutuk was the principal source of information on the proposed 2013 State Budget, which was not enacted until early this year, and we published documents and analysis.³⁰ We testified and gave written submissions to Parliament



²⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/model/13PFSustainability.htm>
²⁷ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2013/06/understanding-timor-lestes-context.html>
²⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/tax/10BackTaxes.htm>
²⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE13/LHSubCom18Jan2013en.pdf>
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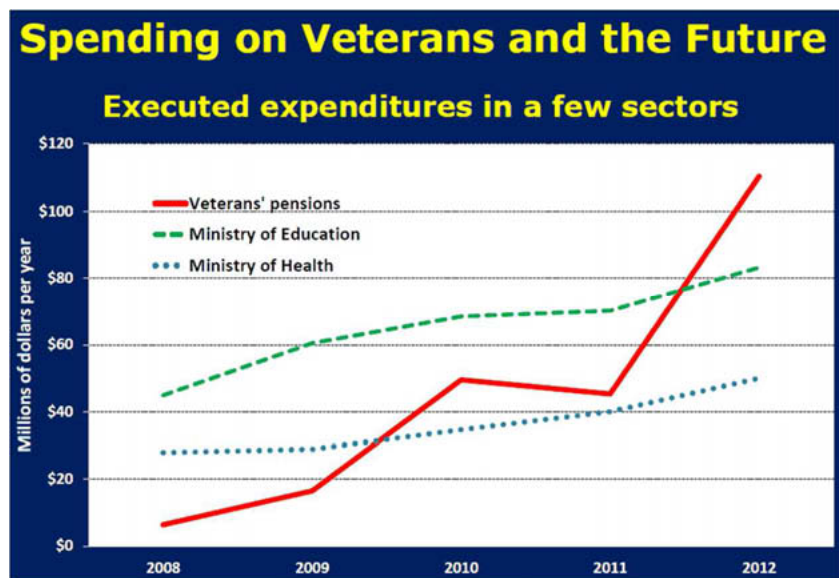
Committees C and D, pointing out the budgetary impacts of Tasi Mane and other multi-annual projects, veterans' pensions and electricity; soaring inflation increasing hunger and poverty; and neglect of human resources. We were pleased that 12 of Committee C's 16 recommendations followed our suggestions.³¹ The final 2013 budget is the first in five years not to spend more than the Estimated Sustainable Income (ESI) from the Petroleum Fund, although this temporary respite was possible because of the large unspent withdrawal in 2012.

When Parliament decided to move the budget debate from a televised plenary to a closed-door "ad hoc committee" and adopt the budget by consensus, we warned that the lack of transparency and open discussion violated people's right to know and undermined democracy.³²

President Taur Matan Ruak wrote a letter to Parliament³³ expressing many of the same concerns as La'o Hamutuk, including about budget execution rates, expensive speculative projects, inflation, low allocation for human development, the Tasi Mane project and unemployment. We obtained and published his letter.

Veterans' pensions cost more than education or health care and will increase over time. Belun gave us a chance to bring this sensitive issue to public discussion, analyzing leaked presentations and public financial data.³⁴

La'o Hamutuk has established a good relationship with the National Procurement Commission (CNA), which has agreed that we can publish tender documents and responds to our questions about bidding processes.



We trained the Provedor (Ombudsman) staff on how to use the Procurement portal,³⁵ and gave briefings and trainings for NGOs and journalists on where to find information about Timor-Leste's reality. Together with the Provedor's office, we organized a July training by the Ministry of Finance to Provedor staff and civil society on procurement processes.

We continued to participate in transparency processes, making a submission on proposed changes to the global Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative³⁶ and engaging with researcher, participants and administrators of this process. La'o Hamutuk is part of the international Publish What You Pay (PWYP) coalition which campaigns for transparency in mining revenues, and staffer Juvinal Dias participated in a PWYP conference in Jakarta.

³¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGF13/ComCOGE28Jan2013pt.pdf>

³² <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2013/02/secret-committee-weakens-transparency.html>

³³ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2013/05/presidential-concerns-about-state-budget.html>

³⁴ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2013/03/tls-wealth-for-past-or-for-future.html>

³⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/portal/ProIndex.htm>

³⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/EITI/2013/LHEIT2Apr2013.pdf>

International assistance and aid effectiveness

Although annual donor assistance to Timor-Leste has declined to about \$200 million, it is still about 10% of Timor-Leste's Combined Sources Budget. As in previous years, La'o Hamutuk helped draft the NGO Forum submission to the annual Timor-Leste and Development Partners meeting. We wrote and presented on economic development,³⁷ emphasizing the need to escape from petroleum and import dependency and to adopt a sustainable development path, and shared our analysis widely, as well as publishing a web archive of all presentations and documents from the meeting.³⁸

We continue to urge donors and others to encourage decision-makers to invest in human resources, good management and wise policies aimed at sustainable and equitable development. We also ask them to help our Government support farmers to produce for our domestic market, including value-added processing.

Following her participation in a Civil Society g7+ conference on New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States in South Sudan in December 2012, La'o Hamutuk staffer Inês Martins presented to women's organizations and UN Women staff in Dili on Women and the New Deal.³⁹

Natural Resources

More than 96% of Timor-Leste's state revenues come from oil and gas exploitation, creating a *rentier* economy which inflicts the resource curse on this country. In addition, the disparity between the size and experience of Timor-Leste's regulators and transnational petroleum companies puts this country at a disadvantage. La'o Hamutuk monitors the extraction of oil and gas from under the Timor Sea, including contracting, taxes and revenue management, transparency, utilization of funds, policy decisions, agreements, and their impacts and benefits. Some of this is discussed under "Economics" above; this section focuses on petroleum-specific issues.

During the reporting period, we continued to update our webpage on the Petroleum Fund,⁴⁰ and it remains the global reference.

In March, the prestigious *Petroleum Economist* magazine wrote an editorial, "Going for broke"⁴¹ (borrowing the title from our blog⁴²) which used La'o Hamutuk's data and analysis. The RDTL Government spokesperson issued a press release attacking the magazine and La'o Hamutuk. We discussed this with our staff and board and wrote an internal briefing paper, but decided not to make a public response.

Maritime boundaries with Australia

Development of the Greater Sunrise gas and oil field remains stalled, due to disagreement between Timor-Leste and the oil companies who hold the contract about where the gas should be liquefied. The root of this problem is Australia's refusal to agree to a maritime boundary between the two neighbors, resulting in a series of petroleum-revenue-sharing agreements. The 2007 Treaty on Certain Maritime Arrangements in the Timor Sea (CMATS) passed a milestone in February 2013, after which either country could notify the other that it was suspending most of the treaty. Although neither has done so, Timor-Leste's government

³⁷ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/13TLDPM/AprezFongtilEconEn.pdf>

³⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/13TLDPM/13TLDPMindex.htm>

³⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/fragile/NewDealJeneruFev2013.pdf>

⁴⁰ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/05PFIndex.htm>

⁴¹ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2013/03/has-tl-become-problem-child.html>

⁴² <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2012/03/timor-leste-is-going-for-broke.html>

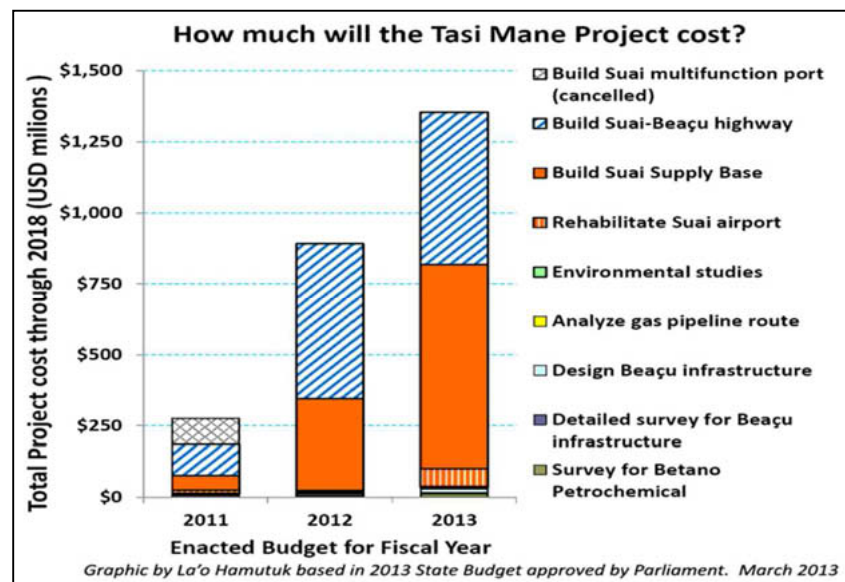
brought a case to arbitration, attempting to invalidate CMATS because Australia spied on Timorese officials while it was being negotiated.

La'o Hamutuk is a primary source on CMATS, collecting information and sharing it with overseas journalists and researchers, including on our web site.⁴³ We gave four interviews to Australian radio, wrote for local newspapers⁴⁴ and briefed journalists⁴⁵ to help improve the often erroneous coverage due to reporters' lack of knowledge or politicians' self-serving comments.

In May, La'o Hamutuk wrote a submission⁴⁶ to the Australian Parliamentary Inquiry into Australia's relationship with Timor-Leste. We argued for mutual respect for sovereignty and human rights, and encouraged both governments to establish a maritime boundary based on current international law and good-faith arbitration, negotiation, and legal processes. We published all submissions, responses and transcripts from this Inquiry, which may be continued by the next Australian Parliament, to our website.⁴⁷

Tasi Mane petroleum corridor

This multi-billion-dollar petroleum infrastructure complex at the core of Timor-Leste's Strategic Development Plan includes a supply base for offshore oil operations,⁴⁸ a refinery, an LNG plant and a highway along Timor-Leste's south coast. We gathered information from Government, affected communities and other sources, analyzed what we learned, and wrote a comprehensive web page on the Tasi Mane Project.⁴⁹ La'o Hamutuk and others doubt that the project is economically viable and worry about its environmental and social impacts.



After estimating its potential market base and studying its budgetary history, we presented to journalists, activists, NGOs and Presidential advisors. As budget appropriations and contract-signing advanced, we continued to reveal information and express concerns about the project and TimorGAP, the state-owned oil company which is leading it.

Although it is often ignored, Timor-Leste law defines preconditions and a process for granting environmental licenses for major projects. We worked with the National Environmental Directorate to obtain draft and 'final' Environmental Impact Assessments for Tasi Mane, and were encouraged that the Australian company which prepared them explicitly wrote that they lacked enough information to write an Environmental Management Plan for the Supply

⁴³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/CMATSindex.htm>

⁴⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/2013/CMATSImplications11Feb2013.htm>

⁴⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/2013/BriefingCMATS21Feb2013en.pdf>

⁴⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/ParInq/sub040LaoHamutuk.pdf>

⁴⁷ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/ParInq/13AustParlInquiry.htm>

⁴⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/TasiMane/13SSBen.htm>

⁴⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/TasiMane/11TasiMane.htm>

Base or Environmental Impact Assessments for the other components of the project. Nevertheless, a license was granted without any public consultation, and we are considering legal and other action to challenge it.

Governance and Democracy

Justice for Indonesia-Era Crimes

Fourteen years after Timor-Leste emerged from Indonesian occupation, no effective processes have held perpetrators accountable for crimes against humanity committed in Timor-Leste between 1975 and 1999. La'ó Hamutuk continues to engage with the UN and other agencies to encourage ending impunity, which can best be done via an international tribunal established by the Security Council. We work on our own and through the Timor-Leste National Alliance for an International Tribunal (ANTI).

In April, we commemorated the Liquiçá massacre, sharing with victims, community leaders, academics, members of Parliament, priests and others. We continue to raise justice issues and remind the UN of its unmet responsibility to end impunity in Timor-Leste.

In February we evaluated La'ó Hamutuk's Annual Action Plan and decided to temporarily reduce our priority to work for justice for crimes against humanity. We decided to focus more on current and future social and economic justice.

Corruption

Most oil-dependent countries are challenged by corruption, an element of the "resource curse." La'ó Hamutuk tries to prevent Timor-Leste from going down the same path. We don't monitor or analyze specific corruption cases, but advocate for policies and institutions which help prevent corruption by increasing transparency, accountability and checks and balances. We also collaborate with other institutions more focused on this area.

At the request of the Provedoria (ombudsman) for Human Rights and Justice (PDHJ), we showed their investigators how the government Procurement Portal could provide evidence or motivation for deeper investigation.⁵⁰ We continued to update the information developed for this training so that others could see some of the irregularities in procurement.

Following our October 2012 letter⁵¹ to the Anti-Corruption Commission (CAC) and other authorities explaining that official statistics show that Timor-Leste's Government purchased more fuel than the total amount of fuel imported to the country, CAC opened an investigation and two of our staffers testified.

The USAID anti-corruption program FOTI-Timor-Leste hired us to give a training for investigative journalists, and we will continue to cooperate with them.

United Nations

Since 2000, La'ó Hamutuk has monitored the activities of international organizations in Timor-Leste, including the United Nations. After the final peacekeeping mission (UNMIT) ended last year, we continued to monitor and interact with UN agencies in Timor-Leste.

We deconstructed the Timor-Leste data in UNDP's 2013 Human Development Report, discussing it with UNDP economists and writing an article.⁵² We joined World Bank, UN academic and Government speakers in a panel at the Dili launch of UN ESCAP's 2013

⁵⁰ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/portal/ProIndex.htm>

⁵¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trade/LHbaKAKPDHJ22Oct2012en.pdf>

⁵² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/HDI10/2013/13HDI.htm>

Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific.⁵³ We continue to share our analyses with UN agencies in Timor-Leste, staffers in New York, and others.

Solidarity

In solidarity with people of West Papua, we organized discussions for visiting Papuan leader Octovianus Mote in March, helping him share information about human rights violations in West Papua and continuing unpunished crimes committed by Indonesian police and military.

In April, we organized a march with students and human rights activists in front of the US Embassy, part of a worldwide day of action urging the United States Government to release prisoners in Guantanamo and delivering a letter for US President Barack Obama, asking him to close the illegal prison.⁵⁴

We coordinated the Timor-Leste Solidarity Movement for West Papua Independence and wrote a letter which was read during the National Papua Solidarity (NAPAS) Conference in Jakarta in May.



NGO Coalitions

To share information, strengthen advocacy and reinforce local and global civil society movements, La'o Hamutuk often joins with other organizations who focus on issues linked to our concerns. During the first part of 2013, we worked with the following:

Timor-Leste Coalitions

- ★ Rede ba Rai (Land Rights Network)
- ★ National Alliance for an International Tribunal (ANTI)
- ★ HASATIL (Sustainable Agriculture Network)
- ★ Mokatil (Timor-Leste Peasants Movement)
- ★ Rede Justisa Klimatika (Climate Justice Network)
- ★ Core Group on Transparency
- ★ FONGTIL (Timor-Leste NGO Forum)

International Coalitions

- ★ OilWatch, especially in Southeast Asia
- ★ Climate Justice Now! Network
- ★ International solidarity and human rights organizations, especially ETAN
- ★ Publish What You Pay (PWYP)
- ★ ASEAN People's Forum

⁵³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/ESCAP/13ESCAPlaunch.htm>

⁵⁴ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2013/04/timor-leste-people-tell-us-to-close.html>

Organizational Report

At the beginning of 2013, our staff included Inês Martins, Odete Moniz, Alexandra Arnassalon, Juvinal Dias, Mariano Ferreira, Celestino Gusmão, Adilsonio da Costa Junior, Charles Scheiner, three security people and one cleaner. We continue to seek qualified and motivated Timorese women to work with us.

Our office has a library/resource center, so we hosted three interns from the Dili Institute of Technology (DIT) for two months. This was an opportunity to share our knowledge and help educate Timorese students, while benefiting from the interns' support. We will continue such programs with DIT and other universities.

We continue to build the capacity of our staff, two of whom attended a US Embassy-supported training in Investigative Journalism early in the year, following up with a more in-depth one organized by FOTI-Timor-Leste. Two staff attended Lorosa'e English Language Institute, and another studied Portuguese at Escola Portugés Rui Cinatti. In March, two staff joined Trocaíre's two-week training on writing proposals and developing strategic plans. LH Board Member Pamela Sexton facilitated weekly writing and analysis training for four staff.

In February 2013, we reviewed our 2012-2014 strategic plan and developed our Annual Action Plan with La'ó Hamutuk staff and Board.

We met regularly with our Board and Donors, updating them about activities and discussing our financial sustainability. Two of La'ó Hamutuk's three long-term donors (Irish Trocaíre and Canadian Development and Peace) recently stopped working in Timor-Leste, so we began approaching potential new funders including the Norwegian Embassy in Jakarta and the German Catholic organization Misereor. We hope to maintain our longstanding policy of not accepting contributions from institutions with a significant vested interest in Timor-Leste. We also increased our earned income, giving paid trainings to other institutions.

During the reporting period, we began looking for a new auditor to conduct our 2013 external financial audit, as our internal policy requires changing auditors every five years.

Appendix 1. Financial Report

This report is being written before the end of financial year 2013. The final annual report will include more information and will be submitted for external audit. The figures below are preliminary and may differ from the final version. All amounts are in U.S. dollars, on a cash basis.

La'o Hamutuk's funding is in transition, as two of our historic donors have departed Timor-Leste and gave their final support during 2012. During the first half of 2013 we did not receive any general support funding, although we made progress toward securing donors for 2014. In addition to spending \$5,200 in grant money received in 2012 but allocated for future years, we withdrew \$10,000 each from our Sustainability and Operational reserve funds. We also spent down our unrestricted cash balance by \$24,153.

Balance sheet

A more detailed and comprehensive balance sheet will be included in our annual report, with details on reserve funds and cash flow during the entire year.

Date	Cash & bank balances (including salary advances)	Receivables (salary & program advanced)	In reserve or committed	Unrestricted funds on hand
31 December 2012	\$281,626	\$3,215	\$197,440	\$84,186
Income during Jan-Jun 2013	\$6,373	\$1,615 prog.adv.	\$2,051	\$4,322
Expenses during Jan-Jun 2013	\$56,762	\$145 sal. repaid	\$28,287	\$28,475
30 June 2013	\$231,237	\$4,685	\$171,204	\$60,033

Revenues

As two of our previous funders decided not to stay in Timor-Leste, we are negotiating with new donors, although their financial support will not begin until 2014. Our deficit during 2013 is being covered with funds received in prior years.

Category	Budget 2013	Half Budget	Actual	Difference	Explanation
Donations	100	50	0	-50	
General support grants	142,000	71,000	0	-71,000	Some will be received during the second half of 2013, and some in 2014.
Bank interest	500	250	358	108	
Project grants	0	0	4,485	4,485	Trocaire provided funding for capacity-building from their phasing-out allocation
Sales	300	150	80	-70	
Earned by LH	6,000	3,000	1,450	-1,550	LH gave two trainings to other institutions, fewer than planned.
Total	148,900	74,450	6,373	-68,077	

Expenditures

The following are the principal categories on which we spent money during the first half of 2013. We have tried to reduce or defer many expenses, given our diminished revenues.

Category	Budget 2013	Half Budget	Actual	Difference	Explanation
Auditor	1,500	750	0	-750	Audit done in July
Bulletin	2,000	1,000	0	-1,000	No <i>Bulletins</i> published; we did one in July and will do another this year.
Capital equipment	3,600	1,800	883	-917	
International conferences	1,000	500	0	-500	
Office building	1,500	750	1,036	286	Principal repairs planned for this year are completed.
Operations	8,000	4,000	2,531	-1,469	
Personnel	110,000	55,000	40,111	-14,889	No new staff hired.
Public meetings	3,800	1,900	732	-1,168	
Radio/TV production	3,000	1,500	0	-1,500	Radio program off-air
Rent	7,200	3,600	4,200	600	Paid for seven months
Research	3,500	1,750	194	-1,556	Field research deferred to dry season
Resource Center	1,300	650	382	-268	
Surat Popular	800	400	0	-400	None published
Telephone and Internet	9,000	4,500	4,845	345	Internet speed & usage increased
Training for staff	900	450	980	530	Trocaire grant covered some training
Transportation	1,400	700	751	51	
Miscellaneous expenses	800	400	118	-282	
Total	\$159,300	\$79,650	\$56,763	-\$22,887	

Appendix 2. Media coverage of La'ó Hamutuk

During the first half of 2013, La'ó Hamutuk was quoted or cited in more than 70 local and international media articles and organizational reports, including these:

Title	Date	Medium	Authors	URL	Comment
The forming of the health system in East Timor: a retrospective view	3 Jan	ET Law & Justice Bulletin	Matthew Libbis		Cites LH as a reference
Kuidadu ho Konflitu Rai	15 Jan	Tempo Semanál			Interview Ines Martins
Maubere oan iha Direitu Na'in ba rai	15 Jan	Tempo Semanál			Interview Ines Martins
Dadus Kazu Rai Iha Dili Ne'ebé Tempo Semanál Rekolla	15 Jan	Tempo Semanál			Uses information from LH
Lei Rai Benefisia ba Povu Ou Lae?	15 Jan	Tempo Semanál			Interview Ines Martins
Australian troops leave East Timor to begin crafting its new beginning	19 Jan	Melbourne Age	Lindsay Murdoch	http://www.theage.com.au/world/australian-troops-leave-east-timor-to-begin-crafting-its-new-beginning-20130118-2cyzn.html#ixzz2IQS065h5	Quotes Charlie Scheiner on TL economic sustainability, etc.
With UN Gone, Timor Faces Up to Economic Challenges	20 Jan	Jakarta Globe (AFP)	Angela Dewan	http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/international/with-un-gone-timor-faces-up-to-economic-challenges/566506	Quotes Charlie Scheiner on lack of realism in SDP
Se Loos, Na'in ba Rai..?	24 Jan	Tempo Semanál			Interview Ines Martins
La'ó Hamutuk husi Governu atu luta ba negosiasaun Maritima	30 Jan	RTL			Interview Juvinal Dias
Projeitu Autoestrada sei la fo benefisiu ba povu	30 Jan	RTL			Interview Juvinal Dias
Investimentu husi Rai Li'ur: Oportunidade no Dezafiu ba Timor	31 Jan	Independente			Guteriano Neves takes information from LH
Inflasaun as iha 2012, Hatodan ema kiak	4 Feb	Independente			Uses information from LH
Timor-Leste in new numbers	4 Feb	Diak la Lae blog	Alex Tilman	http://www.diakalae.com/2013/02/timor-leste-in-new-numbers.html	Cites LH analysis of CPI calculations
Governu foti Billaun USD 1.2 husi Fundu Petroliferu	5 Feb	Timor Post			Uses information from LH website
Evikasaun Komunitade iha Timor plaza nia oin	6 Feb	RTL			Interview Ines Martins
Aprova Orsamentu Tenke iha Koñesimentu ba Proposta	6 Feb	Timor Post			Interview Juvinal Dias
Alokasaun OJE 2013: \$1,797.50	7 Feb	Timor Post (Special Report)			Uses graphics and commentary from LH
Xanana Gusmão rekoñese o problema da inflacao em Timor	8 Feb	Independente			Uses information from LH
Númeru Dezempregu Governu Kontráriu	9 Feb	Timor Post			Interview Charles Scheiner
Debate OJE 2013 la transparente	11 Feb	Timor Post			Interview Juvinal Dias
Terminasaun Tratadu CMATS nia implikasaun ba Timor-Leste	11 Feb	Independente	Juvinal Dias		
Terminasaun Tratadu CMATS nia implikasaun ba Timor-Leste	11 Feb	Timor Post	Juvinal Dias		

Title	Date	Medium	Authors	URL	Comment
Timor Gap fa'an mina Timor La' o Hamutuk husu Governu Klarifika	13 Feb	Diario Nasionál			Interview Juvinal Dias
ETimor ponders future of resource sharing pact with Australia	13 Feb	ConnectAsia ABC radio	Liam Cochrane	http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/radio/program/connect-asia/etimor-ponders-future-of-resource-sharing-pact-with-australia/1088182	Interview with Charlie Scheiner
Doubts raised on accusations against Pires	15 Feb	Di'ak ka Lae blog	Alex Tilman	http://www.diakkalae.com/2013/02/accusations-against-minister-emilia.html	References Juvinal Dias's FB posting asking what laws Emilia Pires violated
Eviksaun komunidadade iha Timor Plaza nia oin	15 Feb	RTL			Interview Ines Martins
Information about the Treaty between Australia and Timor-Leste on Certain Maritime Arrangements in the Timor Sea (CMATS)	18 Feb	Independente			Take information from LH web page
OJE 2013 ba setór Edukasaun no saúde 12%, LH: sei la Rezolve Problema	18 Feb	Dili Weekly			Interview Juvinal Dias
Pensaun ba Veteranu sei hamate Fundu Petrolíferu	18 Feb	Dili Weekly			Interview Juvinal Dias
LH Sujere PN, tenke halo Analiza ba risku Dívida públiku	18 Feb	Dili Weekly			Interview Juvinal Dias
Get the facts right on Timor Sea!	21 Feb	Di'ak ka Lae blog	Alex Tilman	http://www.diakkalae.com/2013/02/get-facts-right-on-timor-sea.html	Quotes Charlie responding to media misinformation
Is Australia bullying East Timor out of its fair share of resources?	21 Feb	"Hack" on TripleJ ABC Radio		http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/triplej/hack/daily/hack_thurs_2013_2_21.mp3	Interview with Charlie Scheiner
Fundu Petrolíferu sei la benefisia jersaun foun	25 Feb	Dili Weekly			Interview Juvinal Dias
Australia ilegalmente Okupa Tasi Timor	25 Feb	Timor Post			Interview Juvinal Dias
Speculation continues over Greater Sunrise gas negotiations	25 Feb	ConnectAsia on ABC Radio	Liam Cochrane	http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/radio/program/connect-asia/speculation-continues-over-greater-sunrise-gas-negotiations/1093250	Interview with Charlie Scheiner
Going for Broke?	25 Feb	Di'ak Ka Lae blog	Alex Tilman	http://www.diakkalae.com/2013/02/going-for-broke.html	Cites LH as raising points before <i>Petroleum Economist</i>
Australia holding back East Timor	28 Feb	The Australian	Tom Clarke	http://www.theaustralian.com.au/opinion/world-commentary/australia-holding-back-east-timor/story-e6frg6ux-1226587171600	LH provided information and suggestions to the author.
Going for Broke	March	Petroleum Economist	Damon Evans	http://www.petroleum-economist.com/Article/3159297/Going-for-broke.html	Based on and cites LH information
What Fracking Means for Southeast Asia	7 Mar	The Diplomat	Luke Hunt	http://thediplomat.com/2013/03/07/what-fracking-means-for-southeast-asia	Quote Charlie Scheiner on lack of political risk in TL today regarding Sunrise.
Correction of Inconsistencies in international media regarding oil and gas	12 Mar	Gov't press release (also in Tetum and Portuguese)	Agio Pereira	http://timor-leste.gov.tl/?p=7901&lang=en	Attacks La'o Hamutuk for <i>Petroleum Economist</i> editorial and various other false allegations
Improper Maritime Borders	13 Mar	2SER community radio, Sydney	Friday Daily program	http://www.2ser.com/shows/friday-daily/podcasts/the-daily-15th-march-2013-improper-maritime-borders	Interviewed Charlie Scheiner on CMATS

Title	Date	Medium	Authors	URL	Comment
East Timor a "Failed State-in-Waiting"?	18 Mar	Global Voices Online	Mong Palatino	http://globalvoicesonline.org/2013/03/18/east-timor-a-failed-state-in-waiting/ (also in Spanish at http://es.globalvoicesonline.org/2013/03/19/timor-oriental-un-estado-fallido-en-espera/)	Links to LH blog on <i>Petroleum Economist</i> editorial
Searching for Conflict Related Missing Persons in Timor-Leste: Technical, Political and Cultural Considerations	21 Mar	Security: International Journal of Security and Development	Naomi Kinsella and Soren Blau	http://stabilityjournal.org/article/view/sta.au/49	Cites LH on Maternus Bere case
Briefing orsamentu sensivel jéneru ba Komisaun F, GMPTL, CAUCUS & Fokupers	26 Mar	Bulletin Semestral Caucus			Briefing by Juvinal Dias
Government rebuffs Petroleum Economist and La'o Hamutuk	26 Mar	Di'ak Ka Lae? blog	Alex Tilman	http://www.diakkalae.com/2013/03/government-rebuffs-petroleum-economist.html	Calls attack on LH "unjustified and ridiculous."
Deklarasaun hamutuk entre ANTI no AMNESTI internasionál komemorasaun loron 12 Novembru 2012	26 Mar	Loriku Lian			Uses information from LH
It's Tiny, Poor, And Very Possibly Not Going To Take It Anymore	28 Mar	The Global Mail	Hamish McDonald	http://www.theglobalmail.org/feature/its-tiny-poor-and-very-possibly-not-going-to-take-it-anymore/583/	Many links to LH website; cites LH on resource curse
Timor-Leste People Protest for Release of Guantanamo Prisoners	2 Apr	PeaceJam website	Kate C	http://www.peacejam.org/news/Timor-Leste-People-Protest-for-Release-of-Guantanamo-Prisoners-863.aspx	Excerpts LH blog on Guantanamo demo
Hanoin badak ida kona-ba Projetu Auto-Estrada iha Pakote programa Dezenvolvimentu Tasi Mane	2 Apr	Timor Post			Based on information from LH
Klibur Solidariedade TL husu taka prizaun Guantanamo	8 Apr	Radio Liberdade Dili			Uses information from LH
Timorese solidarity calls for closing down Guantanamo prison.	April	Cuban embassy website		http://www.cubadiplomatica.cu/timorleste/EN/Home/tabid/22831/ctl/Details/mid/34765/ItemID/26915/Default.aspx	
Klibur Solidariedade TL Husu Taka Prizaun Guantanamo	April	CNRT party website		http://partidocnrt.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2284:klibur-solidariedade-tl-husu-taka-prizaun-guantanamo&catid=32:nasional&Itemid=47	
Timor Leste Proven it's Suspicious of Australia Woodside Company	9 Apr	Tempo Semanál			Based on information from LH
Exploring issues in Timor-Leste: Nino Konis Santana National Park.	April	Donegal News	Rosie Nic Cionnaith		Quotes Juvinal Dias & Charlie Scheiner on ecology, sustainability
Exploring issues in Timor-Leste: Nation-building	April	Donegal News	Rosie Nic Cionnaith		Quotes Juvinal Dias & Charlie Scheiner on conflict recovery
What's the Point of Transparency	April	Report commissioned by Open Society Institute	Diarmid O'Sullivan	http://publishwhatyoupay.org/sites/publishwhatyoupay.org/files/What%27s%20the%20point%20of%20transparency%20April%202013.pdf	Discusses LH's role, references LH resources

Title	Date	Medium	Authors	URL	Comment
Questions over East Timor land for petroleum development	1 May	ABC radio Australia	Karen Snowdon	http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/radio/program/asia-pacific/questions-over-east-timor-land-for-petroleum-development/1124490	Interviews Charlie Scheiner on SSB profit & land
Hanoin badak ida kona-ba Projetu Auto-Estrada iha Pakote programa Dezenvolvimentu Tasi Mane	2 May	Tempo Semanál			Based on information from LH
Timor-Leste: Stability at What Cost?	8 May	International Crisis Group report		http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/publication-type/media-releases/2013/asia/timor-leste-stability-at-what-cost.aspx	Contains nine references to LH materials
East Timor ups Ante with eye on Timor Sea deal	10 May	Natural Gas Daily (Interfax)	Robert Sullivan	http://interfaxenergy.com/natural-gas-news-analysis/asia-pacific/east-timor-ups-ante-with-eye-on-timor-sea-deal/	Quotes Charlie Scheiner and adapts La'o Hamutuk map
Mobiliza Massa Hapara "Miss Timor"	24 May	Timor Post			Includes LH as part of movement critical of Miss Timor project
Australia Hatudu Mal-Vontade Rezolve CMATS	4 Jun	Independente	Raimundo s Oki		Interviews Charlie Scheiner on CMATS, maritime boundaries
Australian inquiry into East Timor relations ignores local experience	4 Jun	The Conversation	Clinton Fernandes	http://theconversation.com/australian-inquiry-into-east-timor-relations-ignores-local-experience-14581	Cites & quotes "East Timor's most insightful and accurate think-tank, Lao Hamutuk," submission to Parliamentary inquiry
Kampaña Ai han lokál no soberania ai han	4 Jun	TVTL			Interview Mariano Ferreira
Kampaña Ai han lokál no soberania ai han	5 Jun	RTL			Interview Mariano Ferreira
Grow Lansa Kampaña Han Ai han Lokál	5 Jun	Timor Post			Interview Mariano Ferreira
Australia's East Timor relations inquiry slammed as 'rubber stamp'	7 Jun	Radio Australia Connect Asia	Joanna McCarthy	http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/radio/program/connect-asia/australias-east-timor-relations-inquiry-slammed-as-rubber-stamp/1142048	Quotes Clinton Fernandes that LH should be invited to address hearings
ASEAN entry TL's "game changer"	12 Jun	Independente		http://www.facebook.com/pages/ornal-Independente/231008046963525?ref=stream&hc_location=timeline	Cites La'o Hamutuk on TL's limited oil and gas resources
Advocates of double-digit growth miss bigger picture	24 Jun	Independente			Quotes Ines at TLDPM on poverty growing while GDP increases

Appendix 3. Presentations and programs by La'o Hamutuk

During the first half of 2013, La'o Hamutuk organized and provided speakers for many events and conducted several trainings. Most of the PowerPoint presentations are on our website.

Topic	Date	Speaker(s)	Event or Audience
Energy policy and public investment	9 January	Juvinal	Parliamentary seminar on State Budget
Proposed Timor-Leste General State Budget for 2013	18 January	Juvinal, Charlie and Adilson	Hearing of Committee C, RDTL National Parliament
Agriculture sector in State Budget for 2013	23 January	Mariano	Hearing of Committee D, RDTL National Parliament
2013 General State Budget	25 January	Charlie	La'o Hamutuk briefing for civil society
2013 General State Budget	1 February	Charlie	La'o Hamutuk briefing for media
Women and the New Deal (aid effectiveness)	February	Ines	La'o Hamutuk presentation to women's organizations
Implications of terminating the CMATS treaty with Australia	21 February	Juvinal and Charlie	La'o Hamutuk briefing for media
National impact of veterans pensions	5 March	Juvinal	Presentation to BELUN national conference
Interesting items on Timor-Leste's Procurement Portal	6 March	Charlie and Adilson	Briefing for staff of Provedor for Human Rights and justice
Plans for Dili airport expansion	23 March	Charlie	Presentation to community meeting in Anin Fuik
The impact of Tasi Mane Project for Timor-Leste's economy	26 March	Juvinal	Fulan Naroman discussion
Development policy: the impact on social and cultural life	5 April	Ines	Presentation in Betano for Selehasan Community (organized by KSI)
The Tasi Mane project	6 April	Juvinal and Charlie	Briefing for Fundasaun Mahein
UN ESCAP's 2013 Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific	18 April	Charlie	Panelist at UNDP-organized report launch
Sources of information in Timor-Leste	22 April	Charlie and Juvinal	Presentation to FOTI-TL Journalism training
Plans for Dili airport expansion	11 May	Charlie and Ines	Presentation to community meeting in Beto Tasi
Land registration and land justice in Timor-Leste	24 May	Ines	Presentation to local and international NGO and government officials on behalf of Rede Ba Rai
Implications of the Tasi Mane project	28 May	Juvinal and Charlie	Presentation to advisors of the President of the Republic
Economic strategic sector	19 June	Ines	Presentation to 2013 Timor-Leste and Development partner meeting
National seed policy	26 June	Mariano	La'o Hamutuk briefing for HASATIL Board and other organizations

La'o Hamutuk also wrote submissions to official consultations during the reporting period, all of which are on our web site:

Topic	Date	Recipient
2013 General State Budget	18 January	Parliament Committee C
Proposed land laws	15 February	Ministry of Justice (LH wrote submission from Rede ba Rai)
Seed Policy	6 March	Ministry of Agriculture / Seeds of Life Program
Protected Areas Decree-Law	26 March	Protected Areas Dept., Secretary of State for Forestry
Australia's Relationship with Timor-Leste	28 March	Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade; Australian Parliament
Revision of the EITI standard	2 April	Global secretariat of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
Protected Areas Decree-Law	14 June	Protected Areas Dept., Secretary of State for Forestry