

Annual 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 and Situational Context

Since 2000, La'o Hamutuk ("Walking Together" in English) has worked to monitor, analyze, and report on development processes in Timor-Leste, particularly the programs and policies of the national government and international agencies operating in the country. We are an independent, local non-governmental organization and 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.

2019 marked the 20th anniversary of the Popular Consultation, in which the Timorese people bravely voted for and achieved their long-fought struggle for independence. In August, coinciding with the anniversary, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison visited, and both countries put into force the Maritime Boundaries Treaty that had been agreed in 2018, ending decades of foreign occupation of Timor-Leste's undersea petroleum resources - another important milestone for Timor-Leste. Unfortunately, the treaty does not require Australia to repay Timor-Leste about \$5 billion that it collected from oil extraction since 1999 in territory that it now acknowledges belongs to Timor-Leste. Under the new treaty, Timor-Leste is now receiving 100% of Bayu-Undan government revenues, but the field is nearly empty and the remaining 4% of its revenues will end by 2022.

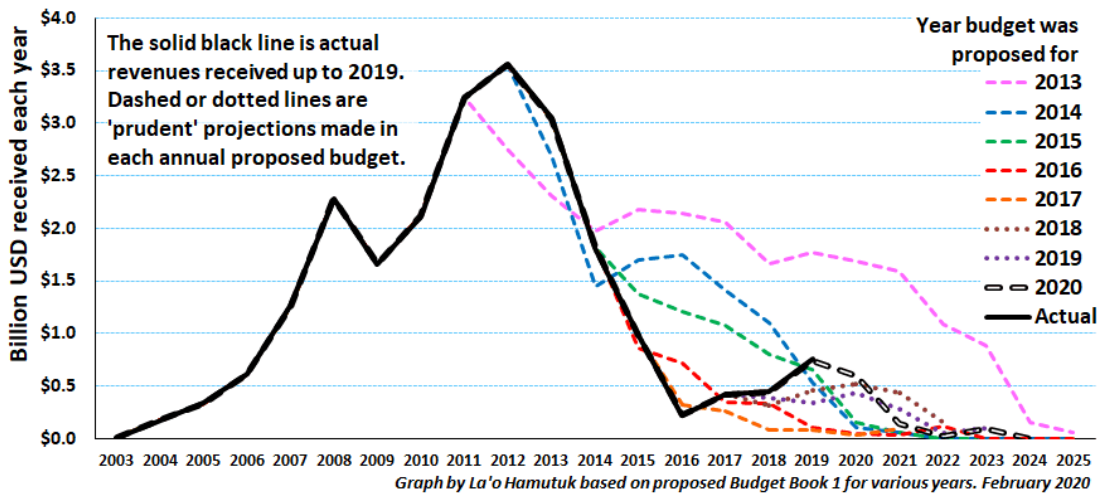
The productive sectors of agriculture and manufacturing have not grown since 2003,¹ and government funding for large infrastructure projects is still much larger than support for productive sectors which could provide livelihoods for the majority of the population and lead to sustainable and equitable economic development. Approximately two-thirds of the population live in rural areas, and most work in subsistence agriculture. Adequate attention to this sector could help many people escape from poverty, create jobs for the young population, reduce dependency on imports, improve food security and sovereignty, and reduce malnutrition.

Instead, dubious mega projects such as the Tasi Mane petroleum infrastructure project on the south coast are framed as the key to the nation's future, although there has not been an independent, objective analysis of its costs, risks, and benefits. We estimate that Timor-Leste's share of the capital costs of the Tasi Mane project will be \$15-\$20 billion, which is unlikely to be recovered from its financial and economic returns. This cost, equal to Timor-Leste's entire Petroleum Fund, threatens the financial security of the country and could exhaust savings which were expected to underwrite government activities for current and future generations. In April 2019, as part of the implementation of the Tasi Mane project, the Petroleum Fund loaned \$650 million to the TimorGAP National Oil Company, circumventing the democratic budget process, to buy ConocoPhillips' and Shell's 57% share of the Greater Sunrise Joint Venture.

Seventy-eight percent of state expenditures in 2019 were financed from the Petroleum Fund; but 96% of revenues from producing oil and gas fields have already been received, and there may be no more petroleum income after 2022. La'o Hamutuk's analysis suggests that the Petroleum Fund could be entirely spent within a decade even if it is not raided for Tasi Mane. Unfortunately, the legal protections on petroleum operations and the Fund have been weakened over the last two years, with negligible public consultation and inadequate deliberation.

¹ After adjusting for inflation and population growth, according to National Accounts report from the General Directorate of Statistics.

Expected annual petroleum revenues



Since mid-2018, Timor-Leste has been governed by a coalition of political parties, the AMP, which is often at odds with President of the Republic Francisco 'Lu Olo' Guterres, who is from opposition party Fretilin. After the May 2018 elections, the President declined to swear in nine Ministers appointed by Prime Minister Taur Matan Ruak due to allegations of corruption. In protest, two others declined to take their posts, so 11 ministries are still headed by interim appointees. The President used his veto power to force revisions to the 2019 budget, and to block amendments which would have weakened the Petroleum Fund Law and Petroleum Activities Law.

In October 2019, the Government proposed a \$1.95 billion budget for 2020, which was withdrawn after widespread criticism. They proposed a smaller budget in December, although it did not pass Parliament as the largest party in the ruling coalition declined to support it. This resulted in the re-formation of the coalition with different political parties; Prime Minister Taur Matan Ruak submitted his resignation in February 2020. At this writing (early April 2020), he remains in office and it is unclear how long it will take to form a new government and enact a budget. In the meantime, state activities are funded through a monthly 'duodecimal' system based in the 2019 budget, and reduced public spending impacts the entire government-spending-dependent economy. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, a state of emergency is in effect, but partisan politics interact with outgoing government's efforts to confront the virus, and the future remains uncertain.

The following are some major results of our work during 2019:

- After consulting with La'o Hamutuk the President vetoed the proposed 2019 State Budget, citing many of the reasons we had raised with him, and Parliament removed \$650 million to buy into Greater Sunrise from the budget.
- La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor implementation of environmental licensing laws, the land registration system, and the development of anti-corruption legislation.
- We continued to monitor national economic indicators and state finances
- La'o Hamutuk was quoted or cited more than 200 times in national and international media.
- La'o Hamutuk's analysis was communicated effectively to a range of civil society, academic, community, and government groups, who expressed greater interest in sustainable economic development.
- Extensive discussion and debate on a hasty, ill-considered proposal to weaken the Petroleum Fund Law led to Presidential vetoes and the law not being enacted.

- La'o Hamutuk presented five papers at the Timor-Leste Studies Association conference, sharing our analysis with academics from around the world.
- 40 activists from around the world reconfirmed their commitment to support Timor-Leste and similar struggles at the August solidarity conference we organized.
- International journalists and diplomats who came to Timor-Leste in August better understood Timor-Leste's history and context, and articles in globally-circulated publications like *The Wall Street Journal* and *Bloomberg* were more accurate.
- Many people in civil society and Parliament increased their understanding of budget issues, and the unsustainable proposed 2020 state budget was withdrawn.
- The draft mining law, which lacks adequate environmental and community protections, did not pass.
- La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor and analyze data and reports from the Central Bank, the General Directorate of Statistics, the World Bank and other institutions, and their reporting was more timely and accurate due to our comments.

Program Activities

During 2019, La'o Hamutuk continued to be a consistent source of information for the Government, Parliament, President and other state institutions, as well as for citizens, academics, journalists, civil society, consultants, diplomats, NGOs, agencies and others.

Many organizations rely on La'o Hamutuk for independent, factual information, and we receive requests from civil society organizations, international agencies, and diplomatic groups seeking our perspective on Timor-Leste's economic and social situation. We participated in several public consultations by public and private agencies, and also provided feedback on draft articles, papers and reports by academics and international journalists and development agencies.

During 2019, La'o Hamutuk staff gave many interviews to local and international journalists, appeared as panelists and moderators on television debates, and contributed to online and print publications. We also continued to monitor coverage of the topics we follow, and tried to correct misinformation spread via print, broadcast, online and social media.

La'o Hamutuk was quoted or cited nearly 200 times in national and international media, as listed in Appendix 2.

Public meetings, trainings, presentations and testimonies

During 2019, La'o Hamutuk organized eight public meetings, and our staff gave more than 31 presentations, briefings and testimony to Government, Parliament, academic researchers, foreign diplomats, international agencies, students, civil society and others. Some of the most important examples are listed below, and a more complete list can be found in Appendix 3. Most of these are also on our website as Power Points and PDFs.²

- Presentation at Timor-Leste Intensive at Flinders and Swinburne Universities in Australia, on '*Timor-Leste's Petroleum-Dependent Economy and State Budget.*'
- Presentation at Conference on Natural Gas for Economic Transformation and Inclusive Growth in Mozambique, on '*Can a Sovereign Wealth Fund Prevent the Resource Curse? The case of Timor-Leste.*'

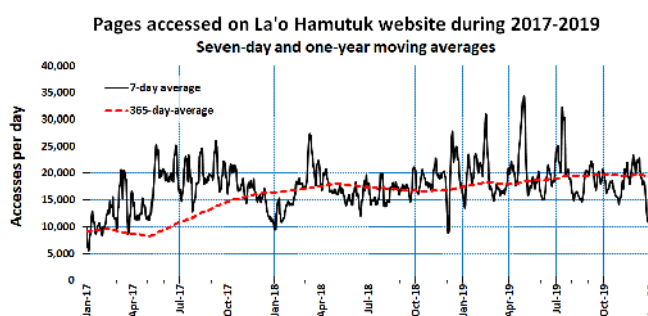
² www.laohamutuk.org/pres.htm

- Five presentations at the Timor-Leste Studies Association conference in Dili:
 1. Land Registration in Timor-Leste: Analysis of the impact of SNC
 2. Challenges and Potential of Small-scale Agricultural Processing Industries
 3. Implications of Recent Changes to Timor-Leste's Petroleum Fund
 4. Implications of the Greater Sunrise and Tasi Mane Projects for the Sustainability of State Finances
- Testifying to Parliament three times, on Draft Anti-Corruption Bill, state budgets for 2020 and water policy in Timor-Leste.
- Presentation at Publish What You Pay Asia-Pacific regional meeting in the Philippines on *Land and Environmental Rights of Communities in TL*.
- Joint Declaration at the global solidarity event in Dili celebrating 20 years of Referendum of the People of Timor-Leste during International Solidarity Festival.³

Website, blog and email lists

La'o Hamutuk's website (www.laohamutuk.org), in Tetum and English, continues to be a primary source for reliable, independent information and analysis on many issues relating to Timor-Leste, including the state budget and government finances, large scale infrastructure projects, private investment, petroleum and extractive industries, land laws, maritime boundaries and sustainable development.

During 2019, 6,000 people visited our website on an average day, 10% more than during 2018. They accessed more than 19,300 pages per day. People also read 80,000 articles on our blog during the year, an average of 219 per day. Many online journals, media, blogs and social media repost our information, so readership is larger than these numbers indicate.



La'o Hamutuk's web pages serve as a resource center, as we collect and publish documents from many different sources, and combine them with our analysis. We continued to update existing pages and added new ones during 2019. We also continued to post materials to our reference page.⁴

The following are some of the web pages we created or significantly updated during 2019:

- Timor-Leste buys into the Sunrise Oil and Gas Project⁵
- 2019 General State Budget⁶
- Timor-Leste and the Millennium Challenge Corporation⁷
- Bobby Boye: Convict, Advisor and Fraud⁸
- The CAFE Project / Portuguese Language Reference Schools⁹

³ www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2019/DeclarHumanRts29Aug2019.pdf

⁴ www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexEn.htm or www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexTe.htm

⁵ www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Sunrise/18SunriseBuyout.htm

⁶ www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE19/18OGE19.htm

⁷ www.laohamutuk.org/econ/MCC/10MCC.htm

⁸ www.laohamutuk.org/econ/corruption/Boye/14BoyeCase.htm

⁹ www.laohamutuk.org/educ/CAFE/18CafeTeEn.htm

- 2020 General State Budget¹⁰
- Draft Anti-Corruption Law¹¹
- Petroleum Fund¹²
- Maritime boundary with Australia¹³

We published blogs in English and Tetum, including:

- Misinformation and facts about the Greater Sunrise project¹⁴
- Solidarity Prize to Saskia¹⁵
- Proposed 2020 State Budget¹⁶

Radio programs

During 2019, we produced five Tetum-language radio programs¹⁷ which were broadcast on seven community radio stations across the country. Our radio programs are an important medium for sharing information with rural communities who cannot access online materials and public presentations. The programs are listed in Appendix 5.

Bulletin

During 2019, we published the La'ó Hamutuk *Bulletin* in Tetum.¹⁸ The Bulletin is intended to reach rural communities who may not have access to our website, blog or public meetings. All our *Bulletins* have been distributed extensively to NGOs, academics, national and international researchers, members of government and published on our website.

We published in August during the international solidarity festival, which we hosted to celebrate 20 years after the Timor-Leste's popular consultation. The main articles included:

- It has been 20 years where is justice?
- How to guarantee Timor-Leste's Petroleum Fund's future
- Analysis of the draft pesticide law
- Popular education on environmental protection
- Analysis of the new draft Anti-Corruption Law.

¹⁰ www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE20/190GE20.htm

¹¹ www.laohamutuk.org/econ/corruption/11AnticorruptionLaw.htm

¹² www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/05PFIndex.htm

¹³ www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/18ConcilTreaty.htm

¹⁴ laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2019/01/misinformation-and-facts-about-greater.html
laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2019/02/informasaun-sala-no-faktu-sira-kona-ba.html

¹⁵ laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2019/09/premiu-solidariedade-ba-saskia.html

¹⁶ laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2019/11/proposta-orsamentu-jeral-estadu-ba.html

¹⁷ www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm

¹⁸ www.laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2019/Aug/BulletinAug2019te.pdf

Research, Analysis and Advocacy

State Finances and Economy

During 2019, La'o Hamutuk continued to advocate for financial sustainability and increased public spending on health, education and water by analyzing budgets and national accounts reports and by engaging with Government, media, civil society and the public.

Enactment of the 2019 State Budget extended into 2019 because of delays in 2018. La'o Hamutuk and other civil society groups met with the President in January to express our concerns over the pending budget, particularly in regard to financial sustainability and allocations to basic sectors. The President vetoed the budget at the end of January, citing many of the concerns that we had raised. The following week, Parliament removed the contentious \$650 million to buy ConocoPhillips' and Shell's shares of the Greater Sunrise Joint Venture (this was later done by direct investment by the Petroleum Fund into TimorGAP, the national petroleum company). The President promulgated the amended budget, and the 2019 State Budget came into force in February 2019.

In June, the Ministry of Finance presented three options for the 2020 budget ranging from \$0.7 to \$1.6 billion, and each contained predictions for how long the Petroleum Fund would last. La'o Hamutuk gave several presentations about the proposed 2020 budget to civil society and journalists, testified in Parliament and presented two written submissions.¹⁹ Many of our concerns were echoed in Parliamentary Committee reports and, in response, the Government's first budget proposal was replaced by one which was 14% smaller.

Throughout 2019, we gave many presentations on Timor-Leste's state finances and continued to update information on our web page, including the presentation on Rights and Sustainability.²⁰ We were asked to brief visiting university groups, embassy staff, foreign delegations, and international and local NGOs (see appendix 3). We also ran training workshops to encourage civil society to engage with state finances.

In addition, we participated in several workshops on gender-responsive budgeting. In August, La'o Hamutuk worked with the women's network Rede Feto in August to develop budget analysis and recommendations based on the findings of the National Women's Congress.

As we have for many years, La'o Hamutuk continued to collect and analyze information about current and future petroleum production and revenues, international trade, economic growth, employment, inflation and other econometrics measures. We engaged with the compilers and publishers of this data to inform them of anomalies and better understand their methodologies. This evidence – including an alarming decline in private sector employment and the stagnation of agriculture sectoral production – informs our advocacy, publications and discussions with policy-makers, influencers and others, helping them understand the true nature of Timor-Leste's state-spending-dependent economy, which factors are outside of the country's control, and which need to be addressed.

Greater Sunrise, the Tasi Mane Project, petroleum and extractive industries

In January, Parliament began to debate overriding the President's veto of revisions to the Petroleum Activities Law which would undermine safeguards on petroleum operations and allow the Petroleum Fund to be invested within Timor-Leste. Building on our previous work, La'o Hamutuk analyzed and explained these complex issues, including observing Parliamentary

¹⁹ www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE20/parl/LHSubOJE2020-30Oct2019en.pdf
www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE20/second/LHSubOJE2020_10Jan2020en.pdf

²⁰ www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/RightSustainCurrentEn.pps

debates. We warned about the dangers of weakening the legal framework for petroleum, such as reduced transparency, financial risk, fewer checks and balances, corruption and financial sustainability. Nevertheless, Parliament overrode the veto, and the changes survived a court challenge from the Parliamentary opposition.²¹

These revisions enabled the Petroleum Fund to loan \$650 million to TimorGAP in April to purchase ConocoPhillips' and Shell's 57% share of the Greater Sunrise Joint Venture, a prospective offshore gas and oil project. To address widespread inaccurate reporting, we researched many documents on the topic, engaged with journalists and officials, wrote and updated *Misinformation and Facts about the Greater Sunrise Project*,²² and presented at a public meeting organized by the NGO Forum.²³ We made two related presentations to the June Timor-Leste Studies Association (TLSA), as described below.

Australia and Timor-Leste had agreed to ratify the Maritime Boundary Treaty by 30 August, and in July the Government proposed a packet of legislative amendments to the Petroleum Fund Law, the Petroleum Activities Law, the Tax Law, the law establishing TimorGAP, and laws on labor and migration. La'ó Hamutuk explained that the Treaty did not require revising the Petroleum Fund Law or Petroleum Activities Law. In a July submission to Parliament,²⁴ we argued that these changes should not be rushed through with inadequate consultation, undercutting Parliament's ability to carry out its Constitutional mandate. Although Parliament passed the suite of amendments and President Lú Olo promulgated the Treaty, he delayed promulgating the changes to the Petroleum Fund and Activities Laws.

La'ó Hamutuk and other civil society representatives met with the President in early August and urged him to veto the amendments. After the Court of Appeal advised the President that some of the changes were unconstitutional, he vetoed the revisions on August 28. In October, Parliament passed slightly different laws to get around the veto, and in November, the President vetoed the changes to the Petroleum Fund Law and promulgated the changes to the Petroleum Activities Law. The current legal situation remains confused, as we described in a paper for the TLSA proceedings.²⁵ Throughout this process, we frequently updated our website.²⁶

During 2019, we continued to monitor the evolution of the Tasi Mane project, presenting to the TLSA conference on the potential costs and impacts of the Beaçu LNG plant²⁷ and continuing to advocate for the government to undertake an objective, independent analysis of the costs, benefits, and risks of the project before committing Timor-Leste further. We met with local communities and authorities in Beaçu and Viqueque to understand their concerns and explain our views on the project, and we helped local and international journalists improve their understanding of and reporting on the Tasi Mane Project.

In July we met with the CEO of TimorGap to discuss the impacts faced by communities as a result of the south coast highway development that is part of the Tasi Mane Project, and how to avoid similar outcomes when highway construction continues in Same and Viqueque.

²¹ www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Sunrise/18SunriseBuyout.htm#veto

²² laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2019/01/misinformation-and-facts-about-greater.html
laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2019/02/informasaun-sala-no-faktu-sira-kona-ba.html

²³ www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Sunrise/2019/AprezSunrise1Feb2019.pdf

²⁴ www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/2019/TLRatify/LHSubKomCLeiFP15Jul19en.pdf

²⁵ www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2019/ChangesPetrolFund.pdf (presentation)
www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/2019/ImplicationsPetroleumFundFeb2020en.pdf (paper)

²⁶ www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/18ConcilTreaty.htm

²⁷ www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2019/ImplikasaunGSRStabilidadeTLSA.ppt (presentation)
www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2019/ImplikTMP-TLSA9Dec2019te.pdf (paper)

In October 2019, for the first time since 2006, Timor-Leste initiated a public bidding round for new oil and gas exploration contracts, inviting companies to compete for areas covering virtually the country's entire land and sea territory. La'o Hamutuk is concerned that new contracts may be signed without adequate transparency and consultation. In addition, onshore oil exploration in Covalima by a TimorGap/Timor Resources consortium is underway without a clear legal framework or adequate consultation.

In October, La'o Hamutuk wrote a submission to Parliament on the proposed Mining Law,²⁸ recommending clearer definitions of company responsibilities, improving the environmental licensing process to prevent conflicts of interest, and using the existing framework of the Petroleum Fund to manage state revenues.

Transparency and accountability

Throughout 2019, La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor transparency mechanisms and advocate for strengthening them. We stepped up our work with the International Budget Partnership, and two staff attended their training in Washington D.C. as primary Timor-Leste researchers for the Open Budget Survey. We completed the OBS questionnaire and will facilitate dissemination of the results when they are published in 2020. La'o Hamutuk also continued to advocate for broad transparency in extractive industry activities, researching and publishing newly signed Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) which replaced ones signed under the now-revoked 2002 Timor Sea Treaty.²⁹

We also continued to monitor Timor-Leste's participation in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). We supported the successful global campaign for EITI to include contract transparency in the new 2019 standard, and attended the EITI Global Conference in Paris, where the new standard was introduced. We participated in seminars, discussions and debates on transparency issues, and met with representatives of government to raise concerns about effective implementation of an EITI legal framework, publishing EITI reports on time, and repairing ongoing problems with the transparency and procurement portals. In November, we met with the Timor-Leste EITI board about new standards related to beneficial ownership.

In October, La'o Hamutuk staff participated in the Publish What You Pay (PWYP) regional meeting in Manila. PWYP is a global network that insists that extractive companies are transparent on their engagement with governments, to ensure that their revenues benefit citizens. La'o Hamutuk presented a paper on Land and Environmental Rights of Communities in Timor-Leste, and participated in discussions about the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and environmental impacts of various types of industry.³⁰

Issues of governance and transparency are complex, and so La'o Hamutuk engages with a range of local and international networks to further our research and advocacy. In January we met with representatives from CoST, the international Infrastructure Transparency Initiative and we joined in subsequent meetings hosted by OXFAM, the Ministry of Planning, and the UN. These meetings provided a platform for us to advocate for greater transparency in infrastructure planning, budgeting, and implementation.

Our participation in PWYP and EITI and our relationship with CoST helps La'o Hamutuk connect with groups in other countries who are working for transparency and economic justice in relation to extractive industries and infrastructure development, issues of great relevance to Timor-Leste today. Within Timor-Leste, we are part of strong networks working towards the same objectives, including the Core Group for Transparency (CGT).

²⁸ www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/2019/LHSubKodiguMineiruOut2019te.pdf

²⁹ www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PSCs/10PSCs.htm

³⁰ www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/Land/2019/LHtoPWYP8POct2019.pdf

Environment and Major Projects

La'o Hamutuk continued to collaborate with the National Agency for Environmental License (ANLA) under the State Secretariat for Environment. ANLA oversees the implementation of environmental licensing laws and compliance (or lack thereof) by project developers. La'o Hamutuk remains concerned that poor implementation of environmental licensing, including impact assessment and management plans, makes communities and the natural environment vulnerable to negative effects from major projects. Throughout the year, we sought information on the progress of environmental licensing applications and promoted greater transparency and compliance.

In February, we were invited to participate in a United Nations Development Program public consultation on a zero plastic policy. We organized the Environmental Care Group to attend this consultation and shared our ideas with other experts and leaders in the field. In March, we gave a presentation at a World Water Day workshop in Metinaro, collaborating with local youth on environmental concerns in Timor-Leste's development process. We shared some of our analyses of the impact of development projects on the environment.

In April, we wrote to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples when she visited Dili, discussing the impact of the Tasi Mane project on the environment, community land rights, and the sustainability of communities' livelihoods.³¹ We also met the Special Rapporteur and her team to discuss the impact of the Tasi Mane project on local communities in Suai.

Various organizations asked La'o Hamutuk for presentations and briefings on environmental aspects of development, including the Association of Disabled Persons and student groups.

In November, La'o Hamutuk researcher Adilson participated in the U.S. government's Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) fellowship program in Washington, spending over a month with the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) to learn about research and public education on environmental justice in relation to major projects. He also shared La'o Hamutuk's experiences with advocacy and public education,³² and wrote an article on the Tasi Mane project which was published by the Wilson Center.³³

In December, we participated in a public meeting in Viqueque district organized by the NGO Forum (FONGTIL) presenting on negative impacts of the Tasi Mane Project on the sustainability of the Petroleum Fund, the environment and community land rights. More than 100 people attended the meeting, including representatives from local government, community leaders, university students, and representatives from each village in Beaçu - the proposed site of a future LNG plant.

Governance and Human Rights

Water and sanitation

Water and sanitation remain ongoing critical concerns for Timor-Leste. A quarter of the population cannot access clean water, and more than 40% don't have access to adequate wastewater sanitation. To better understand what has been achieved since the 2015 Census, we collected data from the Asian Development Bank, the National Platform for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (PNBESITL), and the Directorate-General of Water and Sanitation about improved water coverage in Timor-Leste. In September, we presented to the Association for Law, Justice,

³¹ www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/TasiMane/LHtoUNSRIP9Apr2019en.pdf

³² www.laohamutuk.org/Env/2019/LH%20Engagement%20in%20Policy%20Advocacy%20and%20Public%20Education.pdf

³³ www.newsecuritybeat.org/2019/12/enforcement-environmental-laws-petroleum-infrastructure-projects-timor-leste-cost/

and Human Rights on water and the state budget, which was attended by 30 participants from the water and sanitation sector. In September, La'o Hamutuk and PNBESITL made a submission to Parliament Committee E, encouraging them to bring water and sanitation systems up in the plenary debate. We collaborated with Care International on issues of gender and social inclusion, and with WaterAid on issues of water and sanitation.

Our human rights and government team looked at allocations for education, water and sanitation, and education in the 2019 and 2020 budgets and advocated for greater attention to these basic but critical areas. The revised 2020 budget proposal contained significant cuts to important sanitation projects that affect communities' health, livelihoods, and gender outcomes, as well as cuts to education infrastructure. We focused on these issues with Parliament and encouraged civil society to consider these issues during La'o Hamutuk's public events.

Education

We updated our article and website on the Portuguese language reference schools program (CAFE)³⁴, following a response from the CAFE Director to our original article. We continued to discuss the program with CAFE management and advocated for an independent review, fair student selection processes, and local food for students, to avoid a tiered education system by adequately funding all schools.

Corruption

Anti-corruption legislation is still yet to come into force in Timor-Leste, and in 2019 La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor and engage in discussions on the draft legislation to ensure a strong legal framework to deal with corruption. We updated our previous submission on the revised proposed Anti-Corruption Law,³⁵ presented our recommendations to Parliament Committee A and produced a radio program.³⁶ Our submission suggests ways to make the bill more effective, including considering prevention as a priority, improving definitions, providing protection for whistle-blowers, and providing greater disincentives. We also wrote an article for the La'o Hamutuk *Bulletin* about the proposed law. Since the development of anti-corruption legislation is relevant to all parts of civil society, we facilitated a discussion at FONGTIL about our own submission and gave feedback on FONGTIL's draft submission. We also worked with civil society and journalists, giving presentations and joining workshops to encourage cross-sectoral engagement to combat and prevent corruption.

We participated in meetings facilitated by the Anti-Corruption Commission (KAK) to discuss the Anti-Corruption bill, KAK's strategic plan, and Timor-Leste's national report on implementation of the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC); we also contributed to the civil society report as part of the UNCAC reporting process. We also met with KAK and UNDP to discuss the development of the KAK strategic plan. We gave a presentation at the Portuguese Embassy to Timorese journalists to improve their understanding of corruption issues.

Human Rights

La'o Hamutuk's human rights and governance team continues to engage in dialogue with the Human Rights Defenders Network (RDDU). We published a press release on the situation facing street vendors, and joined with street vendors from the Largo Lecidere area to meet with a Deputy Provedor to seek justice for rights violations they have faced in Dili. We presented a co-signed letter confirming our concerns about the arbitrary treatment of street vendors, whose legal situation La'o Hamutuk began researching in 2016.

³⁴ www.laohamutuk.org/educ/CAFE/18CafeTeEn.htm

³⁵ www.laohamutuk.org/econ/corruption/2019/SubLHLeiAntiKorupsaun1Mar2019te.pdf

³⁶ www.laohamutuk.org/media/2019/RadlgLeiAntiKorupsaunJul2019.mp3

Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)

During 2019, Timor-Leste continued to negotiate with the U.S. government to design a five-year, multi-hundred-dollar assistance program for water, sanitation, drainage and education which will be implemented by an MCC Compact to be signed in 2020. We continued to collect and publish documents on this process, and appeared on a TV Talk Show with the head of Timor-Leste's MCC team.³⁷

International solidarity festival

As discussed above, in 2019 Timor-Leste commemorated 20 years since the Popular Consultation vote that ended the Indonesian occupation. La'ó Hamutuk recognizes that international solidarity played an important role in the long struggle for independence, and that international solidarity efforts are still essential not only to Timor-Leste, but to movements worldwide. In June we presented at the TLSA conference on the Popular Consultation from the perspective of international election observers.³⁸

La'ó Hamutuk was also a key organizer for the international solidarity festival held to coincide with the anniversary on 30 August,³⁹ which was attended by 40 solidarity activists from ten countries who had contributed to Timor-Leste's struggle. They were joined by Timorese activists, political figures, students, and the general public. In addition to reflecting on the past, the group discussed contemporary issues including the Timor Sea justice campaign, freedom of expression, extractive industries and West Papua. The Festival's fair and concert were opportunities to read and gather signatures of support for West Papuan activists targeted by the Indonesian Government, and for other communities impacted by colonialism, violence, and oppression. In organizing the event, La'ó Hamutuk worked closely with ACBIT, KSI, HAK, CGT, MDI, Fokupers and Rede ba Rai. We hope that through this event, we can solidify international connections and pass on intergenerational knowledge to inspire young people.

Food sovereignty and agriculture

In January 2019, the President of the Republic invited members of civil society including La'ó Hamutuk to provide input into the proposed 2019 budget, which as discussed above had been delayed during 2018. La'ó Hamutuk, FONGTIL, and other civil society organizations met with the President and raised questions over the failure of the proposed budget to prioritize the development of agriculture, basic services, and sustainable industries that could decrease our reliance on the Petroleum Fund.

On the release of the proposed 2020 budget, we once again analyzed what the budget means for the development of sustainable agriculture. We participated in hearings held by Parliament Committees C and D to hear the Ministry's presentation and discuss our concerns and ideas to reduce malnutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

La'ó Hamutuk is conducting ongoing research into small-scale agricultural industries in Timor Leste. In 2019, we built on field research by analyzing Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAP) policies from 2012 to 2018. In June 2019 we presented⁴⁰ at the Timor Leste Studies Association based on primary research in four districts, discussing limitations that restrict development of small-scale agricultural industries, and ways to provide better support and

³⁷ www.laohamutuk.org/econ/MCC/10MCC.htm

³⁸ www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2019/IFET-OPTLSA2019.pdf (presentation)
www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2019/IFETOP-TLSApaper2020.pdf (paper)

³⁹ laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2019/08/konvita-ba-konferensia-solidaridade-no.html
www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2019/DeclarHumanRts29Aug2019.pdf

⁴⁰ www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2019/TLSAPotensiaIndustriaKiik27Jun2019.pdf

policy frameworks. We were grateful to receive useful feedback and will conduct further field research in 2020 before producing the final report. This research is an important contribution to policymaking in Timor-Leste, and we hope that it can provide evidence to better support the development of sustainable small-scale industries.

Throughout the year, we participated in meetings held by KONSSANTIL, the National Council for Food Security, Sovereignty and Nutrition. KONSSANTIL is a cross-ministerial platform, and its meetings give La'ó Hamutuk the opportunity to comment on food sovereignty and promote diversification of agriculture to reduce malnutrition and promote positive health outcomes. La'ó Hamutuk contributes new ideas and provides a local perspective in discussions with Directors-General, government agencies, and international NGOs. In September, KONSSANTIL invited La'ó Hamutuk to discuss the theme for the national celebration of World Food Day, and the KONSSANTIL members agreed that this year's focus should be on diversifying local food production to promote healthy diets. La'ó Hamutuk and networks such as HASATIL continue to use such events as opportunities to engage in advocacy and strengthen campaigns.

In October, La'ó Hamutuk released a statement on World Food Day, which included a critical analysis of the food aid programs supported by UN agencies, and the USAID program implemented by Care International and Mercy Corps. We raised our concerns with the implementing organizations, and brought these issues to our networks to engage in joint advocacy efforts.

La'ó Hamutuk continues to monitor agricultural mechanization, pesticide use and regulation, and implementation of agricultural policies. In March, we participated in a workshop held by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Food and Agriculture Organization to express our concerns about pesticide use, and wrote a second submission to the Ministry on the proposed decree law.⁴¹ We wrote an article for the La'ó Hamutuk *Bulletin* to communicate these concerns to a wider audience. Now is a critical time for in-depth discussions about the implications of pesticides on communities, animals, the environment and biodiversity. La'ó Hamutuk is advocating for alternatives to prevent widespread dependency on pesticides, which will threaten both livelihoods and the environment.

All of these activities, were aided by good working relationships with the RDTL Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization. These bodies regularly engage with La'ó Hamutuk in discussions and incorporate our ideas to strengthen policies and legal frameworks.

Land Rights

La'ó Hamutuk continued to research and monitor the implementation of the 2017 land laws and registration processes. This is critical in Timor-Leste because, after decades of occupation and colonial land systems followed by national upheaval, property rights are often unclear. A national registration system was introduced to respond to the lack of a clear national system of land titling.

In May, La'ó Hamutuk and other members of the land rights network Rede ba Rai finalized our report on the national land registration system (SNC).⁴² This follows extensive research that looked at implementation of the registration system in eight districts, finding that implementation is failing to uphold important aspect of the Land Law (27/2017), particularly in relation to protection for vulnerable groups, provision of public information, and dispute resolution. We had reached out to the Ministry of Justice, the Secretary of State for Land and Property, the National Land Registration System, and the Ministry of Legislative Reform and

⁴¹ www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/pesticide/LHCommentPesticideLawMar2019en.pdf

⁴² www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/land/2019/RBR2019_RejistrasaunRai_TET.pdf

Parliamentary Affairs to discuss the draft findings. The Secretary of State for Land and Property, as well as the Land Registration System office engaged in discussion and provided some feedback, but other ministries did not attend.

The Rede ba Rai report finds that although land laws grant property rights to women, the public education conducted about the new system often failed to adequately engage women and vulnerable groups, and this has meant that they are less likely to apply for land titles when they are eligible. We spoke regularly to the media and engaged in broader advocacy efforts put a temporary halt to implementation of the SNC until these problems are resolved.

In June, La'o Hamutuk, representing Rede ba Rai, presented the final report and made a presentation detailing its findings. We often spoke for Rede ba Rai to the media, explaining the report and advocating for fairer access to land registration, and also presented at the TLSA conference on vulnerable groups' access to land registration processes.⁴³

Following the release of our report on land registration, La'o Hamutuk met with the National Directorate of Judicial Affairs to find out about supplementary laws that the Ministry of Justice will create to complement the land law promulgated in 2017. Although the Ministry of Justice has developed several decree-laws, they have not been circulated to civil society for input. The land law system is complex, which is why civil society participation is essential, and we will continue to advocate for greater public participation.

Networking and Coalitions

To broaden our information and advocacy, La'o Hamutuk participates or relates to many national and international coalitions and networks, including:

National Timor-Leste networks

- Rede ba Rai (Land Network)
- HASATIL (Sustainable Agriculture Network)
- Core Group on Transparency
- National Alliance for an International Tribunal (ANTI)
- Street Vendors' rights solidarity group (informal)
- FONGTIL (Timor-Leste NGO Forum)
- MKOTT (Movement Against the Occupation of the Timor Sea)
- Human Rights Defenders Network
- Klibur Hadomi Ambiente
- Feminist Group Timor-Leste
- Rede Feto
- Advocacy Network for Education

International networks

- International Budget Partnership
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- International solidarity and human rights organizations, including ETAN, APCET, IKOHI, TAPOL, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch
- Timor Sea Justice Campaign, Australia
- Timor-Leste Studies Association (TLSA)
- OilWatch (especially in Southeast Asia)
- Publish What You Pay (PWYP)

⁴³ www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2019/TLSALandRejistrasaunSNC.ppt

Organizational Report

At the beginning of 2019, La'ó Hamutuk staffers were Mariano Ferreira, Adilson da Costa, Berta Antonieta, Celestino Gusmão, Charles Scheiner (part time in New York), Carly Munnely (part time in London), Marta da Silva, Febe Gomes, Ricarda Martins, Martinha Fernandes, three security staff and one cleaner. In May, we hired Bree Ahrens from Australia.

We welcomed two interns in 2019: Baptiste Fondin from France, who finished in June, and Hannah Westfall from the USA who joined us for the second half of the year. Carly's contract ended in June. Charles is often part-time in the U.S., but he worked full-time in Dili for six weeks in May-July. Maxi Tahu re-joined the team in October after finishing a sabbatical during which he earned his masters degree in the UK. At year's end our staff consisted of eight research staff, two administrative staff, and four support staff.

We continued to increase our capacity through trainings and language courses: in May, one staff took a Portuguese course from Instituto Camoes. Two finance staff attended an online course offered by CCBS on financial management, and Adilson joined the YSEALI fellowship program in Washington DC.

Results of La'ó Hamutuk's Work in 2019

As La'ó Hamutuk's work involves working for fundamental social and economic justice over the long-term, it is inherently difficult to quantify. However, we and our donors have established specific indicators to measure some results from our work, as follows:

Indicator	Examples of results (more in the text and appendices)
Key policymakers who accept LH ideas and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President of the Republic on 2019 budget, changes to the Petroleum Activities Law and Petroleum Fund Law ▪ Parliament on first proposal of the 2020 budget ▪ Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on food sovereignty and agriculture policy ▪ Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Land and Property on land rights ▪ Anti-Corruption Commission on its strategic plan and the anti-corruption bill ▪ ANLA on environmental licensing
Alternative proposals/policies are reviewed considered and/or adopted by officials in Government, Parliament and international agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prime Minister ▪ President of the Republic ▪ Parliament Committees A, C, and D ▪ Ministry of Finance ▪ Ministry of Public Works ▪ Ministry of Justice (Land Law) ▪ Central Bank (Petroleum Fund balance) ▪ The Asia Foundation ▪ Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries ▪ Directorate-General for Statistics (Business Activity Survey and National Account Report) ▪ State Secretariat for the Environment ▪ Millennium Challenge Corporation ▪ Petroleum Fund Consultative Council ▪ World Bank (fiscal sustainability, budget, debt risk) ▪ UN Women (GRB training) ▪ EU (State Budget monitoring and corruption prevention) ▪ ADB (economic diversification, sustainability, Water PPP) ▪ IMF (fiscal sustainability, budget, debt risk) ▪ Members of Parliament (Petrol. Fund, ESI, Mining and Anti-Corruption Laws) ▪ Provedor for Human Right (environmental licensing and good governance)

Indicator	Examples of results (more in the text and appendices)
Number of people who participate in LH trainings, presentations and other public events	<p>Appendix 3 lists more than 30 events, which were attended by more than a thousand people in total. Events which drew at least 50 participants included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 50 at “Greater Sunrise Project” presentation organized by FONGTIL. ▪ 65 at “Dreams and Reality for the Education Sector in Timor-Leste” presentation organized by FONGTIL on the state budget. ▪ 500 at the Int’l Solidarity Festival and Exhibition on Maritime Boundary ▪ 50 at “CSO Contributions to Political Decisions in the Public Sphere,” part of corruption and state budget training for journalists organized by PFMO ▪ 100 at public meeting on the impact of the Tasi Mane Project on the Petroleum Fund and economic sustainability organized by FONGTIL ▪ 500 at climate justice rally and joint declaration in Dili, in collaboration with environmental organizations, academic students, environmental activists, artists and government institutions ▪ 200 at public meeting to launch our research report on land registration ▪ 120 at presentation at the National Forum on Food Security and Nutrition ▪ 75 at the presentation on “Why does Timor-Leste continue to face food insecurity? Realities and Challenges,” at FONGTIL’s World Food Day event ▪ 150 at a public meeting on the 2020 state budget organized by FONGTIL ▪ 50 at “Solidarity in the Field: Observing Timor-Leste’s Popular Consultation,” at the Timor-Leste Studies Association conference ▪ 57 at “Land Registration in Timor-Leste: Analysis of the Impact of SNC,” at TLSA ▪ 50 at “Challenges and Potential of Small Agricultural Processing Industry in Timor-Leste,” at TLSA ▪ 50 at “Implications of Recent Changes to Timor-Leste’s Petroleum Fund,” at TLSA ▪ 45 at “Implications of the Greater Sunrise and Tasi Mane Projects on the Sustainability of State Finances,” at TLSA ▪ 80 at “History of La’o Hamutuk over 19 years,” presentation at the La’o Hamutuk’s anniversary celebration ▪ 150 at “Can a Sovereign Wealth Fund Prevent the Resource Curse? The case of Timor-Leste,” presentation at the Conference on Natural Gas for Economic Transformation and Inclusive Growth in Mozambique <p>We also were guests on several nationally broadcast TV programs, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Debate on Parliament Inquiry on project contracts, on RTTL and TVE ▪ Execution of the 2019 State Budget RTTL ▪ <i>Cafe Dadeer</i> on RTTL ▪ Debate on “Economic Development in the Next Five Years” on RTTL ▪ Millennium Challenges Corporation (MCC) in Timor-Leste debate on GMN TV
Number of organizations, policy makers and journalists who request LH’s expertise	LH staff and/or research are referenced in over 200 local and international news articles/television programs, as listed in Appendix 2. We responded to many more requests for information on background, and many thousands of paper read our printed and online materials.
New funding sources are accessed	Signed new funding agreements with MISEREOR, CCFD, HIVOS and The Asia Foundation

In our funding proposals and Annual Report for 2018, we identified new and quantifiable activities to accomplish during 2019, as follows

Activity?	Implemented?
Continue as the Timor-Leste researcher for International Budget Partnership’s Open Budget Survey.	Yes
Continue to collect and analyze data on petroleum revenues, trade, inflation, employment and other economic statistics, engaging with analysts and producers of these reports.	Yes
Monitor and advocate on the draft Anti-Corruption Law	Yes

Activity?	Implemented?
Conduct field visits to research agricultural programs, cooperatives and other grassroots economic activities in the districts.	Yes
Continue to monitor the implementation of environmental licensing in relation to large-scale infrastructure projects, and publish documents related to environmental licensing.	Yes
Deepen our research and analysis on the Tasi Mane project, maritime boundary treaty, petroleum legislation and other major private and public infrastructure projects, and report about their economic, social and environmental impacts.	Yes
Monitor, educate and advocate on the implications, risks and legal machinations for Timor-Leste to buy into and develop the Greater Sunrise project.	Yes
Monitor the revenues, investments and spending of the Petroleum Fund, and their implications on the sustainability of state finances.	Yes
Deepen gender analysis on our topics and continue to host "Feto no Peskiza" seminars to discuss related research with academics, CSOs, journalists and others.	Partially. Although we did not host "Feto no Peskiza," we worked with CSOs to deepen their gender analysis of state budgets, and discussed important gendered aspects in several of our reports.
Provide input to and feedback on internationally-supported projects in Timor-Leste, as well as written updates for diplomatic representatives.	Yes. We did not produce written updates for diplomatic representatives, but met with many diplomatic officials and made our public reports available.
Write at least ten submissions and letters to decision makers in government and international agencies on proposed legislation and policies.	Almost. Nine submissions and open letters, as listed in Appendix 4. This was partially influenced by the end 2019 and 2020 budget processes, which limited government activity in other areas.
Organize at least five public meetings to share information and alternative perspectives with the public, media, government and civil society.	Yes, we organized and participated in 9 public meetings
Give at least two paid trainings to other organizations, plus eight free or at-cost trainings and presentations for students, journalists, civil society or local communities.	Yes, we conducted 8 paid training sessions, 5 unpaid training sessions, and presented 10 conference papers.
Post at least eight new webpages, 20 updated webpages and 20 new blog entries.	Partially - we only wrote five new blog entries but updated pages on the website 172 times. Most of our work expanded on issues we were already address and fit into existing topics, so we only had two new web pages.
Produce at least one edition of La'o Hamutuk's <i>Bulletin</i> .	Yes, one
Produce at least five radio programs.	Yes, five
Present at least four papers at the Timor-Leste Studies Association Conference.	Yes, five
Recruit at least one new international researcher.	Yes, one
Organize an international event to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the independence referendum.	Yes
Move to a new office.	No. We looked for other options, but couldn't find an affordable one and decided to remain at our present location for at least three more years.

Plans for 2020

During 2020, La'o Hamutuk will continue research, public education and advocacy on the topics discussed above, as most of these issues are ongoing. Specific plans include:

- Continue as the Timor-Leste researcher for International Budget Partnership's Open Budget Survey, and disseminate results of the 2019 survey in Timor-Leste.
- Continue to collect and analyze data on petroleum revenues, state finances, trade, inflation, employment and other economic statistics, engaging with analysts and producers of these reports.
- Monitor and advocate on legislative processes for the Anti-Corruption Law, as well as laws related to mining, petroleum, and land rights.
- Finish our research into small-scale agricultural processing industries.
- Continue to monitor environmental licensing for large infrastructure projects and publish documents related to environmental licensing.
- Deepen our research and analysis on petroleum-related policies, prospects plans and legislation, as well as other major private and public infrastructure projects, and report about their prospective financial, economic, social and environmental impacts.
- Monitor, educate and advocate on the implications, risks and legal machinations for Timor-Leste to buy into and develop the Greater Sunrise and Tasi Mane projects.
- Monitor the revenues, investments and spending of the Petroleum Fund, and their implications for the sustainability of state finances.
- Write at least ten submissions or letters to decision-makers in government and international agencies on proposed legislation and policies.
- Organize at least five public meetings to share information with the public, media, government and civil society, including at least two meetings outside of Dili.
- Give at least two paid trainings to other organizations, plus eight free or at-cost trainings or presentations to students, journalists, civil society or local communities.
- Post at least 20 updated webpages and 12 new blog entries.
- Produce at least one edition of La'o Hamutuk's *Bulletin*, and one edition of Surat Popular.
- Produce at least six radio programs.
- Recruit at least one new Timorese researcher.

Appendix 1. Financial Report

All amounts are specified in U.S. dollars. La'ó Hamutuk's fiscal year is the calendar year.

The organization has a flat wage structure; local and international staff received take-home salaries of \$800 per month from January to August and has increased 4% in September. According to Timor-Leste Law, 10% of pre-tax salaries must be paid into the government's social security program: the organization pays 6% and the employee pays 4%. International staff receives one return airfare from their home country, as well as a readjustment allowance of \$200 for each month worked up to the end of their first year, payable after they finish working with La'ó Hamutuk. According to Timor-Leste's Labor Code, Timorese staff who have worked for more than one year are entitled to severance pay when they leave. Staff members who must move to Dili to work at La'ó Hamutuk receive \$200/month toward house rental costs.

Our work in 2019 was supported by Misereor, the Norwegian Embassy in Jakarta (administered by Hivos), Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD) and The Asia Foundation. We also raised money with fundraising activities and received donations from individuals that support La'ó Hamutuk mission. In order to ensure that everyone perceives La'ó Hamutuk as independent, we maintain our long-standing policy of not accepting contributions from institutions with a significant interest in Timor-Leste: the UN and its agencies, the World Bank, ADB, IMF, major multilateral and bilateral donors to Timor-Leste, the Timor-Leste government, and transnational corporations operating here.

Balance sheet

This table indicates our total cash and bank account balances at the start and end of 2018 and 2019, including amounts owed to La'o Hamutuk.

Calendar year	2019	2018
Cash and bank accounts at start of year	58,194	52,701
Receivables (salary and program advances) ⁴⁴	21,212	23,332
Total assets at start of year	79,406	76,033
Income during year	204,058	203,399
Expenditure during year	165,470	200,026
Cash and bank accounts at end of year	93,419	58,194
Receivables at end of year	24,576	21,212
Total assets at end of year	117,994	79,406

Some funding we received in 2019 was intended for 2020, as our contract with our current donors run through 2020 (2022 for Misereor). These accounts also includes Severance fund, readjustment allowance and health insurance for national and international staffs.

Readjustment and severance

The following table includes future obligations that La'o Hamutuk will have to pay in severance, social security and readjustment when staff leaves the organization. These depend on length of service, and are required by law (for Timorese staff) and by policy (for internationals). At the end of each year, these accrued obligations were:

2017	2018	2019
\$18,500	\$13,090	\$18,852

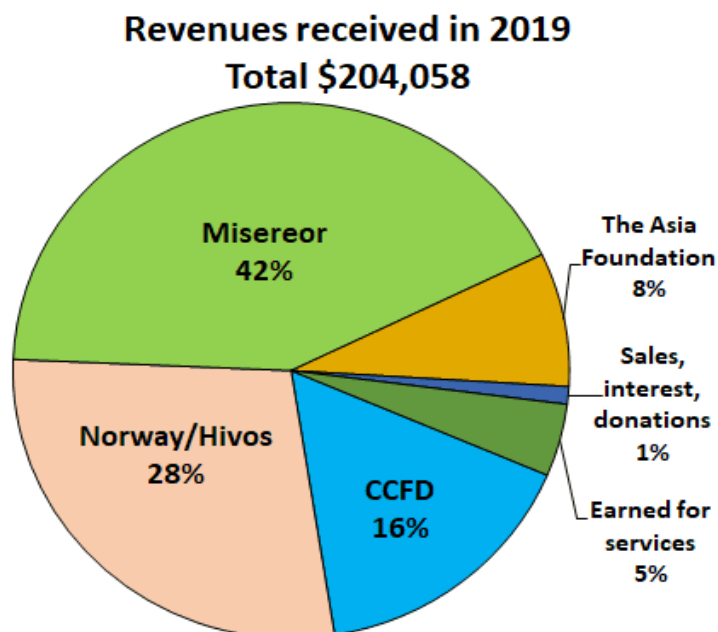
The following table allocates our cash and bank accounts by donors, not counting receivables and liabilities:

	Cash & bank balances	General support donors	Project donors (Misereor)	LH assets
Assets 31 Dec 2018	79,406	4,500	23,431	51,475
Income Jan-Dec 2019	204,058	106,861	86,104	11,093
Expenses Jan-Dec 2019	165,470	84,994	79,510	965
Assets 31 Dec 2019	117,994	26,367	30,025	61,603

⁴⁴ This includes \$15,492 that was misappropriated by a former staff person that a court has ordered her to repay to La'o Hamutuk. Although she has made some repayments, we might not receive the entire amount.

Revenues

This table shows revenues received by La'o Hamutuk during 2019 from the Norwegian Embassy (through Hivos), The Asia Foundation (TAF), Comité Catholique Contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD) and Misereor, totaling \$204,058.



Source	Budget	Actual	Difference	Explanation
Grant from Norway/HIVOS	32,500	57,488	24,988	Support through July 2020
Grant from CCFD	34,000	32,873	-1,127	
Grant from The Asia Foundation	7,500	16,500	9,000	Support through January 2020
Project grant from Misereor	95,900	86,104	-9,796	Some was already received in 2018
Grants from other donors	2,800		-2,800	Not sought
Grant for Solidarity event	7,000		-7,000	Funding did not go through LH budget
Earned for services	3,000	8,923	5,923	Paid for presentations, Open Budget Survey
Interest, donations and sales	2,100	2,171	71	Bank interest, donations, and sales of La'o Hamutuk t-shirts and recycled bags
Total	184,800	204,058	19,258	

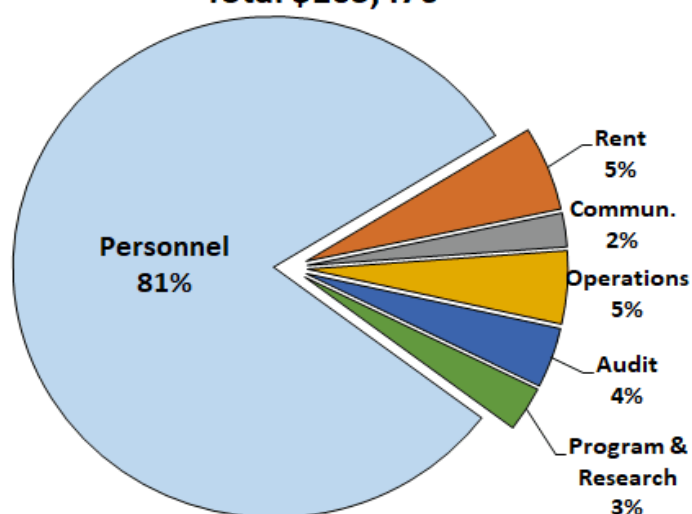
Expenditures

During 2019 we spent \$165,470, of which \$85,960 was from general support funds and \$79,510 was for the Misereor-supported project.

Personnel costs are the largest component of our expenses because the research, analysis and advocacy that form the core of our work rely on our human resources.

Expenditures during 2019

Total \$165,470



Category	2019 budget	Actual			Difference	Explanation
		General	Misereor project	Total		
I Non-recurrent expenditure						
Capital Equipment	500	906	575	1,481	-981	Bought two laptops
Move to new office	3,000	-	-	-	3,000	We did not find a suitable new office; will rehabilitate current one
II Staff costs						
Personnel	135,200	69,988	62,963	132,951	2,250	Salary, wage tax, social security, health ins., housing, int'l airfare.
Training for Staff	500	965	-	965	-465	Unreimbursed costs for IBP training
III Project activities						
Bulletin	2,000	-	240	240	1,760	Produced in 2019 but paid in 2020
Public Meetings	2,700	350	-	350	2,350	Costs covered by co-organizers
Radio Programs	1,700	-	780	780	920	
Research	3,500	567	504	1,071	2,429	Many costs covered by other networks
Resource Centre	1,000	225	596	821	179	
Event for 20th Anniversary	7,000	903	-	903	6,097	Funded through another channel
International Conferences	1,500	609	-	609	891	Participation in EITI and PWYP
IV Project administration						
Operations & Supplies	4,300	3,556	1,772	5,327	-1,028	
Office Rent	10,500	3,450	5,550	9,000	1,500	We stayed in our current office
Transportation	500	210	311	521	-21	
Telephone and Internet	5,000	1,639	1,964	3,603	1,397	Reduced internet costs
Audit	5,400	2,200	4,200	6,400	-1,000	Includes payment for audit done in 2018
Misc. Expenses	500	393	55	448	52	
Total	184,800	85,960	79,510	165,470	19,330	

Projected Budget for 2020

This is for all of La'o Hamutuk's activities and operations. Misereor's funding is for the project on 'Economic diversification and sustainability'. Fund-raising and other donors fund the rest of our work.

Category	Misereor project	Other	Total	Explanation
I Non-recurrent expenditure				
Capital Equipment	300	200	500	Laptop
II Staff costs				
Personnel	87,100	70,000	157,100	Salaries, wage tax, social security tax, health insurance, housing allowance, international staff air fare and visa fees. We will add one national staff in 2020.
Training for staff	300	200	500	
III Project activities				
Bulletin	1,100	1,100	2,200	
Public meetings	1,200	1,200	2,400	Space rental, publicity, refreshments
Radio Programs	1,200	500	1,700	Production and fuel for community radio stations.
Research	2,900	300	3,200	Travel and accommodation for field research in Timor-Leste
Resource center	800	500	1,300	Books, videos and other materials
Int'l conference		1,500	1,500	Non-reimbursed costs to attend international conferences
IV Project administration				
Operations & Supplies	2,300	2,000	4,300	Electricity, supplies, bank charges, photocopying, etc.
Office rent	6,300	4,200	10,500	
Transportation	300	200	500	Transport and motorcycle maintenance in Dili and nearby
Communication	3,100	2,500	5,600	Telephone, internet and website
Auditor	2,900	2,700	5,600	Two audits for the Misereor project and one for the whole organization
Miscellaneous	300	200	500	
Total	110,100	87,300	197,400	

Projected revenues to be received during 2020

During 2019, La'o Hamutuk received payments from multi-year grant contracts that are allocated to be spent during 2020, including \$20,384 from Misereor. As we may have similar balances carried forward between 2020 and 2021, they are not included in the following table.

If expenses for the Misereor-funded project exceed the amount of the grant from Misereor, we will pay the difference with funds from other sources.

Source	Amount	Explanation
Norway (Hivos) grant	45,000	\$20,000 is from 2019 contract that continues until July 2020. The remainder is expected, although we have not yet signed a contract.
CCFD grant	34,000	Contract agreed upon but not yet signed
The Asia Foundation grant	1,000	Balance of 2019 contract
Misereor project grant	110,100	Part of three-year contract
Earned for services	4,900	
Sales, interest, donations	2,400	
Total revenue	197,400	

Appendix 2. Media Coverage

La'o Hamutuk is frequently asked by Timorese and international journalists to comment on current events or to share findings from our research and articles, and our online information is accessed and cited regularly by journalists and academic researchers.

The following table lists some of the coverage of La'o Hamutuk's work in international and local media during 2019, as well as citations of our work in academic journals, and articles written by La'o Hamutuk and published elsewhere. It leaves out most publications not in English or Tetum, and does not include many of our articles or releases which were copied or referenced by journals, online publications or websites.

Title	Date	Publication	Authors	URL	Comment
Veta! Governu Bele Aplika Rejime Duodesimu	7 Jan	Timor Post	Ino		Interviews Celestino
Australia has pocketed millions in revenue from Timor Sea oil and gas projects	7 Jan	ABC Radio Australia, AM.		www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/am/australia-refusing-to-pay-back-timor-oil-and-gas-revenue/11364986	Charles interviewed
Lao Hamutuk husu Avalia Estudu GS no Projetu Tasi Mane	17 Jan	Timor Post	Oro		Interviews Celestino
OJE 2019 Ba Irigasaun Laiha, MAP: Fo Impaktu Ba Produsaun	18 Jan	Dili Weekly online news	Paulina Quintão, TDW	www.thediliweekly.com/tl/noticias/dezenvolvimentu/16629-oje-2019-ba-irigasaun-laiha-map-fo-impaktu-ba-produsaun	Interviews Mariano
Sunrise sales process back on	18 Jan	Upstream	Russell Searanck e	www.upstreamonline.com/live/1678556/sunrise-sales-process-back-on	Cites LH on President promulgating changes to Petrol. Act. Law
Fundu Mina-rai Bele Hotu Molok Dezenvolve GS	21 Jan	Timor-Post	Oro		Interviews Celestino
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Voices: Tasi Mane Petroleum Project Brings Concern, Optimism to Timor-Leste's Southern Coast	11 Mar	Earth Journalism Network	Bernardo Costa Maia	earthjournalism.net/stories/voices-tasi-mane-petroleum-project-brings-concern-optimism-to-timor-leste2019s-southern-coast	Cites LH on land to be used by Suai Supply Base
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Tiru gas lakrimojeniu ba manifestante krime	4 Apr	GMN	Oly	gmtv.tl/en/justica-e-seguranca/2019/04/tiru-gas-lakrimojeniu-ba-manifestante-krime/	Quotes civil society press conference, LH
NGO Kondena Atuasaun PNTL (Lei Haruka PNTL Atua)	4 Apr	STL	Augusto Costa/ Madalena Horta/ Guilhermina Franco		Quotes Civil Societies Press Conference, led by Celestino
Maintenance of trees in Dili	Apr	RTTL Radio Fokus berita bahasa Indonesia			Quotes Mariano
Australia accused of 'siphoning' millions in Timor-Leste oil revenue	16 Apr	The Guardian Australia	Helen Davidson	www.theguardian.com/world/2019/apr/16/australia-accused-of-siphoning-millions-in-timor-leste-oil-revenue	Cites LH on what the money could have been used for
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Australia taps East Timor oil	17 Apr	The Saturday Paper (Briefing)	Alex McKinnon	www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/thebriefing/2019/04/17	Quotes Charlie on foregone revenue being greater than health ministry budget
All about the oil: a history of Australia's relationship with Timor-Leste	17 Apr	Crikey blog	Kishor Napier-Raman	www.crikey.com.au/2019/04/17/all-about-the-oil-a-history-of-australias-relationship-with-timor-leste	Cites LH on how much money Australia has taken from TL

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Governu Presiza Avalia Mega Projetu Tasi Mane	25 Apr	Timor Post	Ino		Interviews with Celestino and Berta
La'o Hamutuk: Governo precisa de avaliar megaprojeto da costa sul	26 Apr	Timor Post	Ino		Quotes Celestino on the Tasi Mane project
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Australia should consider East Timor energy projects: Senator		Al Jazeera News website	Sophie Raynor	www.aljazeera.com/ajimpact/australia-east-timor-energy-projects-senator-191127074854758.html	LH research referenced
Funding fails to filter down to most needy on farms of Timor-Leste	7 May	Irish Times	Darragh Murphy	www.irishtimes.com/news/world/asia-pacific/funding-fails-to-filter-down-to-most-needy-on-farms-of-timor-leste-1.3882712	Quotes Adilson on misguided budget priorities.
Chinese finance bolsters East Timor LNG plan	16 May	Interfax Energy	Damon Evans	interfaxenergy.com/article/34219/chinese-finance-bolsters-east-timor-lng-plan	Use boundary map from LH, with credit.
ONG Lao Hamutuk tuir Prozisaun 2024 Mina no Gas Sei Maran	28 May	RTL-Radio	Humberto		Celestino quoted regarding the outlook for petroleum revenues
Projetu Tasi Mane Sei fo Ameasa FP	29 May	Timor Post	Fio		Quotes Febe
LH Alokasaun OJE Tenke Refleta Prioridade	30 May	Timor Post	Fio		Quotes Febe on the budget
Debate kona ba Relatoriu Komisaun Inkeritu Parlamentar ba Projetu 143 ne'ebe liu husi prosesu Aprovizionamentu	10 Jun	TVE, Television	Juvinal Diaz		Adilson on the panel
Beneficio MCC mai Timor-Leste	10 Jun	GMNTV, Grande Entrevista	Espedito Dias Ximenes		Febe on the panel
Relatoriu Peskiza Rede ba Rai: SNC Tenke Hapara Servisu	18 Jun	Tatoli, online news	Julia Chatarina	www.tatoli.tl/2019/06/relatoriu-peskiza-rede-ba-rai-snc-tenke-hapara-servisu/	Quotes Mariano
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The challenges, development, and promise of Timor-Leste	June	Book published by City University of Macau	Ip Kuai Peng, Francisco José Leandro, Danilo Afonso-Henriques	www.academia.edu/39530002/_East_Timor_Hostage_to_the_Cold_War_In_The_Challenges_Development_and_Promise_of_Timor-Leste._Eds._Ip_Kuai_Peng_Francisco_Jose_Leandro_and_Danilo_Afonso_Henriques._Macao_City_University_of_Macau_2019_pp._37-71	Cites or refers to LH more than 20 times
MKOTT - Fight for Sovereignty of Timor-Leste	2 Jul	TATOLI		www.facebook.com/pg/MKOTT-Fight-for-Sovereignty-of-Timor-Leste-1525058754465951/posts/	
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Timor-Leste grapples with stark Greater Sunrise oilfield decision	3 Jul	Irish Times	Darragh Murphy	www.irishtimes.com/news/world/asia-pacific/timor-lestes-grapples-with-stark-greater-sunrise-oilfield-decision-1.3944543	Quotes LH and Adilson
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Timor-Leste: Conference affirms need to continue struggles for justice		Green Left Weekly		www.greenleft.org.au/content/timor-lestes-conference-affirms-need-continue-struggles-justice	Mentions LH organizing Solidarity Conference
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Australia approves treaty with East Timor over gas royalties	6 July	AP Network online news	Rod McGuirk	apnews.com/80fac69490214cc69eb7ee1dc98001d3	Charles quoted re Maritime boundaries and impacts
Timor-Leste's Challenges: Year After The May 2018 Elections	7 July	Eurasia Review Oped	Viji Menon, RSIS	www.eurasiareview.com/07072019-timor-lestes-challenges-year-after-the-may-2018-elections-oped/	Cites LH on budget allocation for Sunrise

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RBR: SNC Laiha Transparensia ba Prosesu Rezistrasaun Rai	9 Jul	Tafara, online news	Zevonia Vieira	tafara.tl/berita/detail/rbr-snc-laiha-transparensia-ba-prosesu-rezistrasaun-rai	Quotes Mariano on land registration
RBR Konsidera MJ-SETP La Komprende Konseitu Administrasaun Nakloke	10 Jul	Independent e	Pedro Alves		Refers to Rede ba Rai research
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La'o Hamutuk: The 2019 budget fails to reflect major election promises	10 Jul	Tempo Timor	Monty Jacka	www.tempotimor.com/english-version/638-la-o-hamutuk-the-2019-budget-fails-to-reflect-major-election-promises	Interview with Adilson
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East Timor wants to tap oil and gas near Australia, so why is it courting China?	21 Jul	South China Morning Post	Meaghan Tobin	www.scmp.com/week-asia/geopolitics/article/3021223/east-timor-wants-tap-oil-and-gas-near-australia-so-why-it	Refers to LH research and analysis on TMP
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Oil and gas is Timor-Leste's ticket to prosperity. Is this impoverished nation blowing its one chance?	22 Jul	NZCity		home.nzcity.co.nz/news/article.aspx?id=294226&ref=rss	Quotes Charlie on poor choices for Tasi Mane

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Twenty years after independence, China eager to help cash-strapped East Timor	22 Jul	The Japan Times		www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/08/30/asia-pacific/twenty-years-independence-china-eager-help-cash-strapped-east-timor/	Quotes Berta regarding the Tasi Mane project
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Australia has pocketed millions in revenue from Timor Sea oil and gas projects	30 Jul	ABC Radio AM program	Anne Barker	www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/am/australia-refusing-to-pay-back-timor-oil-and-gas-revenue/11364986	Interviews Charlie on Australia taking \$5bn from what's now TL's territory
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La'o Hamutuk Calls on President to Veto Changes to Petroleum Regulation Law	31 Jul	Independent	Pedro Alves		Quotes Celestino
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MKOTT sei Realiza Expozisaun Fotografia Kona-ba Luta Ba FM	13 Aug	Independent e newspaper	Jonio da Costa		Quotes Celestino
MKOT-LA'O HAMUTUK Sei Selebra Vitoria	14 Aug	Info grace Media, blog	Macelinho Fernandes / Nelson Ximenes	infogracedmedia.blogspot.com/2019/08/mkot-lao-hamutuk-sei-selebra-vitoria.html	Quotes Celestino on exhibition to commemorate ratification of the treaty
Kazu Witness K-Colaery, PM: "Governu TL Lamenta"	15 Aug	Tempo Timor, online news		tempotimor.com/politika/775-kazu-witness-k-colaery-pm-governu-tl-lamenta	Quotes Celestino
ONG Timorenses Preparam Programa Complementar para 20 Anos do Referendo	19-25 Aug	Business Timor newspaper			Quotes Berta
Hein Desizaun PR Lu Olo, Sujestaun Sosiadade Sivil no "Ameasa" husi Arao	21 Aug	Independent e			Quotes Celestino on amendments to Petroleum Fund Law.
US\$16 billion 'hoax': reports of Chinese loan for East Timor gas project were politically motivated, says foreign minister	23 Aug	South China Morning Post	Randy Mulyanto and Meaghan Tobin	www.scmp.com/week-asia/geopolitics/article/3023973/us16-billion-hoax-reports-chinese-loan-east-timor-gas-project	Cites LH on need for economic diversification
A \$12 Billion Gas Project Could Make or Break This Young Nation	28 Aug	Bloomberg	Jason Scott	www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2019-08-28/timor-leste-gas-development-in-middle-of-u-s-china-competition	Cites LH (incorrectly) on BU revenues, quotes Berta. Later corrected.
East Timor invites Chinese investment in 'risky' oil project	29 Aug	The Age	James Massola	www.theage.com.au/world/asia/east-timor-invites-chinese-investment-in-risky-oil-project-20190829-p52m05.html	Cites LH on TMP costs
ONG timorense defende "avaliação imediata" a projeto das escolas de referência	29 August	Diario de Noticias (Portugal)		www.dn.pt/lusa/ong-timorense-defende-avaliacao-imediata-a-projeto-das-escolas-de-referencia-10403868.html	References LH analysis of CAFE schools

Title	Date	Publication	Authors	URL	Comment
A \$12 Billion Gas Project Could Make or Break This Young Nation	30 Aug	Hellenic Shipping News		www.hellenicshippingnews.com/a-12-billion-gas-project-could-make-or-break-this-young-nation/	Cites LH (incorrectly) on BU revenues, quotes Berta.
Timor-Leste : Le petit pays qui veut devenir grand (Timor-Leste: The small country that wants to become big)	30 Aug	La Croix (France)	Pierre Cochez	www.la-croix.com/Monde/Asie-et-Oceanie/Timorais-batissent-leur-pays-2019-02-13-1201002158	Adilson quoted on development priorities.
Twenty years after independence, China eager to help cash-strapped East Timor	30 Aug	Japan Times (Japan)	Bloomberg	www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/08/30/asia-pacific/twenty-years-independence-china-eager-help-cash-strapped-east-timor/#.XW10Cnt7lph	Cites LH (incorrectly) on BU revenues, quotes Berta.
Timor-Leste: Conference affirms need to continue struggles for justice	6 Sep	Green Left Weekly (Australia)	Susan Price	www.greenleft.org.au/content/timor-leste-conference-affirms-need-continue-struggles-justice	Describes LH as key organizers
Comment le Timor oriental est devenu un petit «miracle» démocratique	6 Sept.	Le Monde (France)	Bruno Philip	www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2019/09/06/comment-le-timor-oriental-est-devenu-un-petit-miracle-democratique_5507192_3210.html	Interviews Febe and Berta
Thực hư quốc gia Đông Nam Á được Trung Quốc rót 16 tỷ USD (Southeast Asia has received US\$16B from China)	6 Sept	24H news website (Vietnam)		www.24h.com.vn/tin-tuc-quoc-te/thuc-hu-quoc-gia-dong-nam-a-duoc-trung-quoc-rot-16-ty-usd-c415a1077534.html	Refers to LH analysis on the petroleum fund
Đông Timor được Trung Quốc rót tiền và nỗi sợ 'con ngựa thành Troy (Fear of Trojan Horse as Chinese Money Pours into Timor Leste)	6 Sept	Tien Phong (Vietnam)		www.tienphong.vn/the-gioi/dong-timor-duoc-trung-quoc-rot-tien-va-noi-so-con-ngua-thanh-troy-1448282.tpo	Refers to LH analysis on the petroleum fund
MOP Laiha Mapamentu ba Bee-Moos	9 Sep	Timor Post	Kyt		Quotes Marta on Ministry of Planning's data on clean water
Proposta LAP-LFP Impaktu ba Destinu Nasaun	9 Sep	Timor Post	Kyt		Quotes Celestino
La'o Hamutuk Governo sem mapeamento de agua canalizada	9 Sep	Timor Post	Kyt		Quotes Marta
Deside LAP-LFP Inkonstitusional TR La Simu Reklamasau Husi PN	10 Sep	Independent e	Martinha /Cristina		Quotes Celestino
Sirkulasaun Osan Falsu, BCTL Tenke Halo Sosializasaun Ba Povu	13 Sep	Dili Post,	Ima		Quotes Marta
Program Dezemvolvimentu Nebe Sensivel Ba Ema Ho Defisiénsia Iha TL	30 Sep	Ita Nia Bainaka, GMN-TV		www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuJMumV9uGw	Febe appears as a panellist

Title	Date	Publication	Authors	URL	Comment
MAP implementa programa toos eskolar iha munisipiu "LH nia Hanoin"	3 Oct	RTL (Tuku 6 kalan, siaran bahasa indonesia)			Interviews Mariano
CM aprova proposta do OGE de 2020, La'o Hamutuk relembra que RSE e ultrapassado	4 Oct	Timor Post	Oro		Quotes Celestino
Selebrasaun loron mundial ai-han problema inseguransa ai-han iha TLS	16 Oct 17 Oct	RTL (Tuku 6 Dader, siaran bahasa indonesia)			Interviews Mariano
Governu-UN realiza semenariu internasional protesaun sivil	18 Oct	GMN Tv.	Aba		Quotes Marta
Governu-UN realiza semenariu internasional protesaun sivil	18 Oct	GMN Tv.	Aba		Quotes Marta
Australia urged to return \$5bn to Timor-Leste and launch royal commission	18 Oct.	The Guardian	Helen Davidson & Ben Doherty	www.theguardian.com/world/2019/oct/19/australia-urged-to-return-5bn-to-timor-lestes-and-launch-royal-commission	Quotes Marta
LH Konsidera LAP-LFP Efeito Negativu ba Ekonomia Nasau	5 Nov	Independent e	Cristina Aquino		Interviews Celestino
TR Estuda Hikas LAP ho LFP 'Tuan'	13 Nov	Independent e			Interviews Celestino
La'o Hamutuk Kontra Konteudu Proposta LAP-LFP	21 Nov	Timor Post	Res/Kyt		Interviews Celestino
OJE 2020 Sei Prejudika Fundu Petroliferu iha Futuru	25 Nov	Business Timor			Interviews Celestino
Proposta Orsamentu Jeral Estadu ba 2020, presiza investe liu ba setor sosial no ekonomia produtivu sira	18 Dec	Independent e			La'oh Hamutuk opinion piece
LH Konsidera Politika Governu Falla	27 Nov	Dili Post	Uly		Interviews Celestino
OJE 2020 Hasai Osan Expo Nian	27 Nov	Dili Post	Jim		Interviews Mariano
Australia should consider East Timor energy projects: Senator	27 Nov.	Al Jazeera	Sophie Raynor	www.aljazeera.com/ajimpact/australia-east-timor-energy-projects-senator-191127074854758.html	Cites LH estimate of Sunrise revenue
Sosiedade Sivil Husu PN Diskuti OJE 2020 Ho Seriu	29 Nov	Dili Post	Uly		Interviews Celestino
Timor-Leste nia Dezenvolvimentu Ekonomia	29 Nov	RTTL EP-telejornal kalan			Panel discussion featuring Adilson

Title	Date	Publication	Authors	URL	Comment
How to create an economy that cares for women and the environment?	2 Dec	Medium.com	Berta Antonieta	medium.com/@BertaAntonieta/how-to-create-an-economy-that-cares-for-women-and-environment-b605da7558e7	Article by Berta
Without the Enforcement of Environmental Laws, Petroleum Infrastructure Projects in Timor-Leste Come at a Cost	3 Dec	NewSecurity Beat	Adilsonio da Costa	www.newsecuritybeat.org/2019/12/enforcement-environmental-laws-petroleum-infrastructure-projects-timor-leste-cost/	Article by Adilson
Retira OJE 2020, Oportunidade ba Governu Atu Hadi'a	6 Dec	Timor Post	Mj2		Interviews Celestino Gusmão
Gastu La Nesesariu Kansela Tiha Deit	9 Dec	Timor Post	F10		Interviews Celestino Gusmão. LH
Tau Projetu Komunitariu iha Kapital Dezenvolvimentu	9 Dec	Timor Post	Mj2		Interviews Celestino
OJE 2020 Tenke Orienta ba Povun nia Problema	10 Dec	Timor Post	F10		Interviews Celestino
How to create an economy that cares for women and the environment?	11 Dec	Timor Post		diariutimorpost.com/en/2019/12/11/how-to-create-an-economy-that-cares-for-women-and-the-environment	Reprints Berta's article
Empréstimo Tokon \$750 Sei Fó Ameasa ba Sustentabilidade Finansa Estadu	12 Dec	Independent e			La'ó Hamutuk opinion piece
Lider Arogante Povun Mak Sei Terus	16 Dec	Dili Post	Uly		Interviews Marta
Akademiku Sujere Governu Redus OJE 2020 Biliaun \$1.3	18 Dec	Independent e			Interviews Celestino
Council of Ministers Slashes \$300m in Revised 2020 Budget	19 Dec	Tatoli (English)		www.tatoli.tl/en/2019/12/19/council-of-ministers-slashes-300m-in-revised-2020-budget/	Quotes LH having criticized earlier budget
Restrutura OJE 2020 Tenke Refleta Nesesidade Urjenti	20 Dec	Timor Post			Interviews Celestino
Fidélis desconhece mudança da central de Gás Natural Liquefeito para Natarbora	22 Dec	Timor Post		diariutimorpost.com/pt/2019/12/22/fidelis-desconhece-mudanca-da-central-de-gas-natural-liquefeito-para-natarbora	Quotes Celestino

Appendix 3. Presentations and Programs

During 2019, La'ó Hamutuk organized and provided speakers for many events, trainings and briefings to students, civil society, researchers, UN representatives and diplomats. Many of our PowerPoint presentations are available at www.laohamutuk.org/pres.htm in English and/or Tetum. The following list includes lectures and briefings given to organized groups; we gave many others to individuals.

Topic	Date	Speaker(s)	Event	Attendees
Rights and Sustainability in Timor-Leste's Development	Jan	Adilson	Briefing to incoming AVI volunteers	8
Greater Sunrise Project	Feb	Celestino	FONGTIL public meeting	25
Dreams and Reality of the Education Sector in Timor-Leste	Mar	Febe	FONGTIL state budget public meeting	50
CSO's contribution to political decisions in the public sphere: corruption	Apr	Marta	Training for journalists organized by PFMO	25
CSO's contribution to the public sphere: state budget	Apr	Febe	Training for journalists organized by PFMO	25
TL's Petroleum-dependent Economy and State Budget	Apr	Charlie	Timor-Leste intensive at Flinders & Swinburne universities	40
Government Policies in the General State Budget	May	Febe	Presentation to Oxfam staff in Dili	15
General State Budget Trends	May	Febe	Presentation to the Disability Association of Timor-Leste	40
Rights and Sustainability in Timor Leste's Development	May	Adilson	Briefing to incoming AVI volunteers	6
Social and Economic Rights during the past 20 years	May	Marta	Presentation to the Network of Human Rights Defenders	30
Summary of the land registration research report	Jun	Mariano	Land registration research report launch	200
Solidarity in the Field: Observing Timor-Leste's Popular Consultation	Jun	Charlie	Presentation at the Timor-Leste Studies Association conference	50
Land Registration in Timor-Leste: Analysis of the impact of SNC	Jun	Mariano	Timor-Leste Studies Association conference	57
Small-scale Agricultural Processing Industries	Jun	Adilson	Timor-Leste Studies Association conference	50
Recent Changes to Timor-Leste's Petroleum Fund	Jun	Charlie	Timor-Leste Studies Association conference	50
Greater Sunrise and Tasi Mane Projects and the Sustainability of State Finances	Jun	Febe and Bree	Timor-Leste Studies Association conference	30
History of La'ó Hamutuk	Jun	Charlie	La'ó Hamutuk anniversary party	30
TL's Economic Context and Oil Dependency	Jul	Adilson	Students from Charles Sturt University	15

Topic	Date	Speaker(s)	Event	Attendees
Rights and Sustainability	July	Adilson, Berta, Marta, Bree	Briefing for NZ Ambassador and staff	5
Rights and Sustainability in Timor-Leste's Development	Aug	Celestino, Bree & Marta	Briefing to incoming AVI volunteers	15
Can a Sovereign Wealth Fund Prevent the Resource Curse? The case of Timor-Leste	Aug	Charlie	Conference on Natural Gas for Economic Transformation and Inclusive Growth, in Mozambique	100
Unpaid care work and labor in Timor-Leste	Aug	Bree	International Solidarity Festival	15
Gender-Responsive Budgeting	Aug	Febe	Training workshop for CSOs including Rede Feto and others	25
Observations on Agriculture and Food Security in Timor-Leste	Sep	Mariano	National Forum on Food Security and Nutrition	150
Perspectives and analysis of the proposed 2020 State Budget	Oct	Febe	FONGTIL public meeting on 2020 State Budget	150
Briefing on Rights and Sustainability		Adilson, Bree, Febe	Briefing for incoming EU Ambassador	
Why does TL continue to face food insecurity?	Oct	Mariano	FONGTIL program on World Food Day	75
Land and Environmental Rights of Communities in TL	Oct	Marta	Publish What You Pay Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting, Philippines	25
La'o Hamutuk's engagement in policy advocacy and public education in TL	Oct	Adilson	Environmental Law Institute Fellows, Washington DC.	20
The proposed 2020 State Budget	Nov	Celestino	FONGTIL public meeting	20
The 2020 budget and the impact of CSOs on policy decision making	Dec	Febe	EU/PFMO seminar on public finance monitoring models	25
The Impact of Tasi Mane Project on the Petroleum Fund and Economic Sustainability	Dec	Adilson and Celestino	Public Meeting during field visit to Viqueque and Beaçu	100

Appendix 4. Submissions and Testimony

During 2019, La'o Hamutuk gave testimony, and wrote submissions and letters to the Government, National Parliament and others, as described below:

Topic	Date	URL	To
Draft Anti-Corruption law	1 Mar	www.laohamutuk.org/econ/corruption/2019/SubLHLeiAntiKorupsaun1Mar2019te.pdf	Submission to Parliament Committee A
Draft Pesticide law	22 Mar	www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/pesticide/LHCommentPesticideLawMar2019te.pdf	Submission to Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and Food and Agriculture Organization
Impacts of the Tasi Mane project on environment, land, and communities' livelihood	28 Apr	www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/TasiMane/LHtoUNSRIP9Apr2019en.pdf	Open Letter to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
SNC land registration process	18 Jun		Ministry of Justice
Rights of Street Vendors	Aug		Letter to Human Rights Ombudsman
Climate justice Joint declaration	Sep		Secretary State of Environment and Ministry of Education
Water rights	26 Sep		Submission to Parliament Committee E
Draft Mining Law	4 Oct	www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/2019/LHSubKodiguMineiruOut2019te.pdf	Submission to Parliament Committee D
Budget Proposal for 2020	30 Oct	www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OG20/parl/LHSubOJE2020-30Oct2019te.pdf	Submission to Parliament Committee C

Appendix 5. Radio Programs

La 'o Hamutuk's Tetum-language Radio Igualdade program is broadcast nationwide on public on seven community radio stations across the country. Podcasts of each program can be downloaded from www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm.

Date	Topic	Participants
Feb	The importance of basic infrastructure for supporting productive sectors	Virginia Ana Belo (President of Parliament Committee D), Mateus Tilman (UNTIL), Febe Gomes (LH)
Feb	Sunrise and Tasi Mane Project	Virginia Ana Belo (President of Parliament Committee D), Celestino Gusmão (LH)
Jul	Research report on Land registration (Analysis on the impact of National Cadastral System- SNC)	Mariano Ferreira (LH), Hortensio Pedro Vieira (General Coordinator of Land Network), Ines Martins (Oxfam)
Jul	Anti-Corruption Law	Joaquim dos Santos (Member of Parliament from Fretilin Party), Julio da Silva (UNDIL), Marta da Silva (LH)
Dec	General State budget for 2020	Celestino Gusmão (LH), Elizaria Febe Gomes (LH), Maximus Tahu (LH), Marta da Silva (LH)

Appendix 6. Blog and website

The main postings on La'ó Hamutuk's blog (laohamutuk.blogspot.com/) during 2019 are listed below. Updates to our website are listed at www.laohamutuk.org/updates.htm.

Date	Title
16 Jan	Misinformation and facts about the Greater Sunrise project
31 Jan	Informasaun sala no faktu sira kona-ba projetu Greater Sunrise
21 Aug	Konvite ba Konferénsia Solidariedade no Espozisaun Fronteira Maritima
16 Sep	Prémium Solidariedade ba Saskia/ Solidarity Prize to Saskia
2 Oct	Konvite nakloke ba públiku no media sira kona ba diskusaun Proposta OJE 2020
28 Nov	Proposta Orsamentu Jerál Estadu ba tinan fiskál 2020

Appendix 7. La'ó Hamutuk Staff and Advisory Board Biographies

During 2019, La'ó Hamutuk permanent staff included nine Timorese and three foreigners, seven women and five men. Our organization is non-hierarchical and makes decisions collectively, with two rotating coordinators. Staff share administrative and program responsibilities and work together to transfer skills. The following were our staff in 2019.

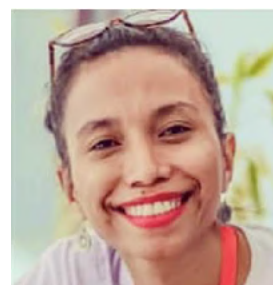
Adilsonio da Costa Junior

Adilson is from Lore, Lospalos, and was born in Dili. He speaks Fataluku, Tetum, Indonesian and English. Adilson studied Law at Pasundan University, Bandung, where he was also a facilitator at Clinical Legal Education. He co-founded the NGO Community Development Interest in 2006, and then joined La'ó Hamutuk in 2012 and focuses on governance, justice, environment and large infrastructure projects, and also works on fund-raising.



Berta Antonieta

Berta is from Betano, Manufahi. She studied International Studies and Political Economics at Luther College. She is also the founder of Grupu Feminista iha Timor-Leste, a feminist network that advocates for gender equity. As a researcher in La'ó Hamutuk since 2018, Berta focuses on government, gender and state finance.



Carly Munnelly

Carly was born and raised in New York, USA. Carly received her Master's in International Development from King's College London. Upon graduating, she worked in rural Kenya for the UK based NGO Education Partnerships Africa. Starting in 2017, Carly worked for La'ó Hamutuk on economics, state finances and fundraising. In late 2018, Carly left Timor-Leste and continued to work part-time from overseas until June 2019.



Celestino Gusmão Pereira

Celestino is from Laga and studied public administration at the National University. He speaks Tetum, Indonesian, Makasae and English. Atino joined La'ó Hamutuk in 2011, and he focuses on justice, democracy, solidarity, economics, and state finances and is on our coordination team. He is active in MKOTT and is our focal point in the National Alliance for an International Tribunal (ANTI).



Charles Scheiner

An engineer and long-time Timor-Leste solidarity activist, Charlie worked at La'o Hamutuk in Dili from 2001 until 2004, and then alternated between New York and Dili, working part-time. He returned to work full-time from 2007 to 2015, before resuming part-time work from New York, and full-time in Dili for a few months every year. Charlie's main foci are natural resources, economics, justice, solidarity and governance, as well as La'o Hamutuk's finances, website and blog.



Elizaria Febe Gomes

Febe was born in Dili in 1994. She graduated from the Institute of Technology Sepuluh Nopember-Surabaya in 2017 with a Bachelor's in Urban and Regional Planning. She started working with La'o Hamutuk in 2018 on state finance and economics. She speaks Tetum, Portuguese, English, and Bahasa Indonesia, and serves on the personnel team.



Mariano Ferreira

Mariano studied economic management at the University Negeri Jember in Indonesia. Born in Dili, Mariano speaks Tetum, Indonesian and English. Since 2003, Mariano was on the Board of Hasatil and worked at the HAK Association, focusing on fisherfolk and researching agriculture. Mariano joined La'o Hamutuk in 2009, where he works on agriculture, land rights and justice, and serves on the personnel team.



Marta da Silva

Marta was born in Gariuai, Baucau, and grew up in Lospalos. She studied social and political science at the National University of Timor-Leste. She joined La'o Hamutuk in 2016, having worked previously with the Australian-supported water and sanitation program BESIK and UNFPA. Marta speaks Fataluku, Tetum, Indonesian and English. Currently Marta works on freedom of expression, good governance and justice issues, and is one of La'o Hamutuk's coordinators.



Martinha Fernandes

Martinha is from Atsabe, Ermera district. She studied petroleum engineering at DIT, and joined La'o Hamutuk as a volunteer through a SEPFOPE program in 2015. She now works full-time at La'o Hamutuk as an administration and finance assistant. Martinha speaks Kemak, Tetum and Indonesian.



Maxi Tahu

Maxi was born in Selo Kraik, Aileu district. He worked at La'o Hamutuk from 2007, having previously worked at Radio Timor Kmanek. Maxi studied agriculture at the University of New England in Australia, and took a sabbatical in 2018 to earn a Master of Science degree in Food Security and Development from the University of Reading, in England, before returning to La'o Hamutuk in September 2019. Maxi works on agriculture, climate change, and trade, and is on our fund-raising team.



Bree Ahrens

Bree holds a BA (Indonesian and History) and MA (Asian Societies) from the University of Melbourne. She has worked as a researcher, translator, instructor, and organizer in Australia, Indonesia, and Timor-Leste and within labor, animal, and queer movements. She works with La'o Hamutuk's State Finances and Economy and Major Projects and Environment teams, and speaks English, Indonesian, and Tetun.



Ricarda Martins

Ricarda is from Laclubar, Manatuto District. She studied development at UNTL, and then worked in finance for the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources for three years. Ricarda joined La'o Hamutuk in May 2016 as finance officer. She speaks Didate, Tetum, Indonesian and English.



Advisory Board

Selma Hayati

An Indonesian human rights activist, Selma has worked in Timor-Leste since 2001, including with Concern, Care, Oxfam, La'o Hamutuk (2003-2004), NGO Forum and UNTAET. Selma has worked as a Political Affairs Officer in UNMIT, a UNDP Climate Change project, and with Action Asia, Fokupers, JSMP, CAFOD, USAID, Ba Distritu and other organizations. Selma writes articles

and poetry. She leaves Timor-Leste in the last few years. Currently work with Winrock International organization focusing on reducing gender-based violence in West Papua.

Inês Noronha Martins

Inês was studying economics at the University of Timor Leste before the Indonesian military destroyed it in September 1999. Born in Bobonaro, Inês is fluent in Tetum, Portuguese, Indonesian and English. Inês joined La'ó Hamutuk staff in 2000, where she worked on agriculture and land rights and coordinated our personnel team. Fifteen years later, she left La'ó Hamutuk to manage Oxfam's new land rights project, and joined our Board in 2017.

Justino da Silva

Justino da Silva was born in Hato-udo, Ainaro district. Justino worked as facilitator for Civic Education in UNTAET and for the National Democratic Institute (NDI). He was leader of the Advocacy Division of the Timor-Leste NGO Forum, and also served as chair of their Board of Directors. He also worked for Concern and Save the Children, before joining Water Aid, where he is now Country Representative in Timor-Leste.

Oscar da Silva

Oscar da Silva was born in Uatu-karbau, Viqueque District, works as a consultant for UNDESA (UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs) and teaches Social Economics at the National University of Timor-Leste. He previously worked for Association HAK and HASATIL. He designed the Community Development Concept Plan and Community Action Plan which were implemented in Lacló (Manatuto District), Laulara (Aileu District) and Ataúro (Dili District). In 2015, he began studying for a Master's degree in Portugal, and is a lecturer at UNTL.

Andrew de Sousa

An activist with the U.S.-based East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (ETAN), Andrew worked at La'ó Hamutuk from 2001-2003. He has worked in Washington for the Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala and on environmental justice and orangutan conservation with Yayasan Palung in West Kalimantan, Indonesia. From 2012-2014, he was based in Bangkok with Focus on the Global South, and since then is working with Peace Brigades International in Indonesia. Andrew continued to help La'ó Hamutuk throughout this journey, and he joined our board in 2012.

Santina Soares

Santi was born in Beaçu, Viqueque district. She graduated from the Social Welfare University in Bandung. On returning to Timor-Leste in 2002, she volunteered at the Denore Foundation and worked at the Peace and Democracy Foundation. She was on La'ó Hamutuk's staff from 2005-2008, before joining the Government's Sunrise LNG Taskforce. In 2010, she completed her Masters on gender and development studies at Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand and now works as a Program Officer for Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Responsive Budgeting at UN Women.

Adérito de Jesus Soares (on leave)

Adérito is a lawyer and human rights advocate. Born in Maliana, Adérito has served as director for ELSAM, a Jakarta-based human rights organization. In 2002, Adérito was elected to Timor-Leste's Constituent Assembly where he took a leading role writing the Constitution. He resigned from Parliament to study at New York University. He returned to Dili in 2003, and left in 2006 for a Ph.D. program at Australian National University. In 2010, Adérito returned to Timor-Leste to head the Anti-Corruption Commission, and took a leave of absence from La'ó Hamutuk's board. In 2014, after finishing his mandate, he returned to ANU to complete his Ph.D.