

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

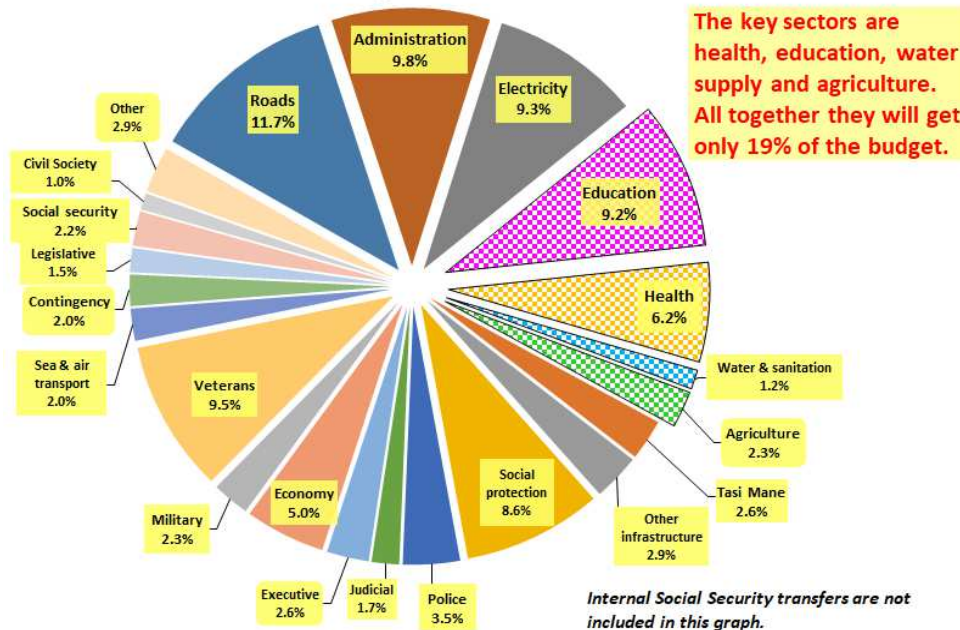
La'o Hamutuk ("Walking Together" in English) is an independent, Timor-Leste nongovernmental organization which monitors, analyzes and reports on development processes in Timor-Leste, particularly the programs and policies of the national government and international agencies operating in the country. La'o Hamutuk produces fact-based analysis to educate and empower the public on decisions being made by its representatives. We consult with and lobby decision-makers in Government, Parliament, and international agencies to advocate for more equitable, sustainable, and people-focused policies.

During 2024, the government operated with an approved budget of \$1.96 billion (excluding Social Security internal transfers), of which \$1.75 billion was executed.¹ Withdrawals from the Petroleum Fund (PF) continue to be the main source of money for the national budget. In 2024, the \$1.3 billion withdrawn from the PF paid for three-fourths of all state expenditures.

On 20 November Parliament passed the 2025 State Budget, a 12% increase over the one for 2024, notwithstanding that petroleum revenues have virtually ceased.²

Sector breakdown for expenditure in 2025

Total budget = \$2.2 billion

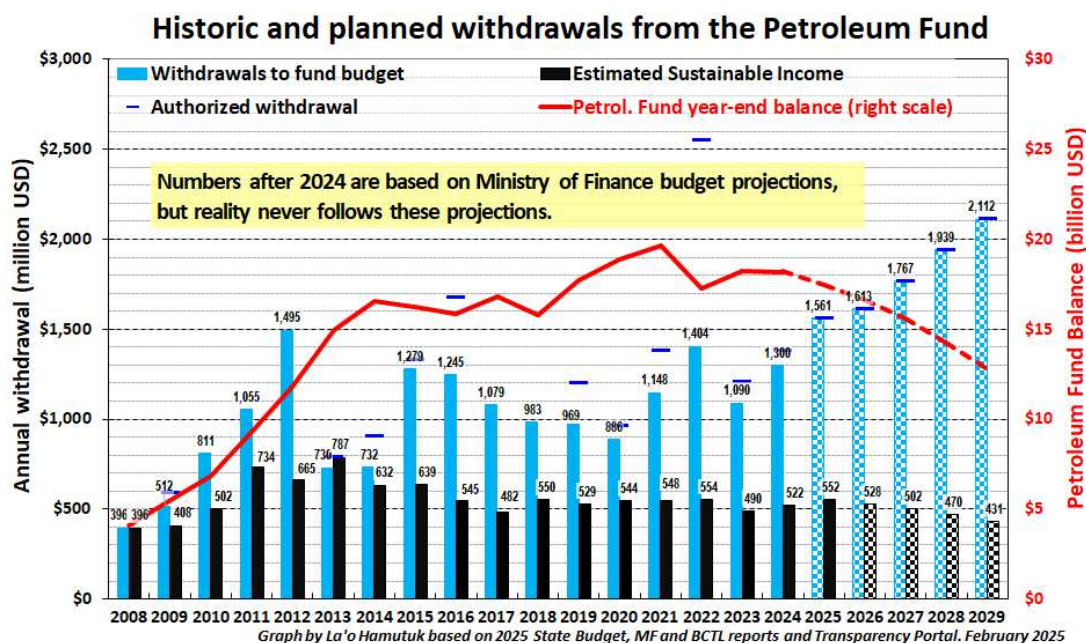


Graph by La'o Hamutuk based on enacted 2025 State Budget. December 2024

Our analysis of the Budget process showed some progress in good governance. Decision makers increasingly discuss issues such as the fiscal cliff (see below), which will drastically impact people's lives. However, the Government's actions are not consistent with its public statements. The Government intends to withdraw increasing amounts from the Petroleum Fund for the next five years. The following graph shows the amount withdrawn from the Fund during 2024: \$1.30 billion, which is less than the \$1.38 billion authorized in the 2024 budget but still more than double the \$0.52 billion Estimated Sustainable Income. The following graph shows planned continuing escalation of Government spending even as the Petroleum Fund is rapidly depleted.

¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE24/23OGE24.htm>

² <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/24OGE25.htm>



During 2024, the Government mainly focused on what we see as non-essential policies. Timor-Leste was accepted as a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in mid-2024. In addition to their focus on WTO and ASEAN, the Government and other players have promoted extractive industries, including the not-yet-developed Greater Sunrise oil and gas field and the Tasi Mane petroleum infrastructure project, whose planned LNG plant has been shifted to Natarbora, Manatuto.

Timor-Leste’s economy remains low-income and heavily dependent on oil and gas revenue, with high unemployment due to a lack of job opportunities. Efforts to promote agriculture, industry, and services have largely been unsuccessful, and as a result, the country continues to rely heavily on imports. Non-oil state revenue has not grown significantly, further exacerbating the challenges. Despite these economic issues, the IX Government continues to increase the national budget each year. However, this increased budget is mainly allocated to cover administrative costs and to fund large projects, while the basic needs of the population—such as health, education, housing, nutrition, and job opportunities—are largely neglected. Furthermore, the government continues to prioritize large-scale projects like Tasi Mane and Greater Sunrise, allocating a significant portion of the budget to these ventures for the coming years, despite the pressing needs of the people.

Apart from the significant budget allocated to these projects, the government also spent nearly \$12 million to prepare for Pope Francis’s visit to Timor-Leste in September. This included constructing an altar in Tasi Tolu, restoring roads in Dili, and funding churches throughout the municipality to organize the logistics for people attending the Eucharist in Tasi Tolu. During the three-day visit, both Government and the public focused solely on welcoming the Pope, with little attention to other pressing issues or activities. While the visit is a historic event for the country, the concentration of resources and efforts on this event raises concerns, especially considering the ongoing challenges the population faces in terms of basic needs like healthcare, education, and employment.

Oil and gas revenues have virtually ended. Exports of LNG and oil from Bayu-Undan, Timor-Leste’s only producing oil or gas field have ended as the reserve is nearly empty. Bayu-Undan will continue to supply gas to the domestic market in the Northern Territory of Australia as long as it is profitable for Santos, the Australian company which operates the field. Nevertheless, production rates are less than 2% of what they were a few years ago.

In its Budget materials, the Ministry of Finance recognizes that Timor-Leste will fall over a fiscal cliff in about a decade, when the Petroleum Fund (PF) runs out. The Ministry of Finance has

mentioned this pending crisis for the last two years (La'ó Hamutuk has raised this concern since 2011³), and it has recently been echoed by the World Bank, IMF and other development partners. Unfortunately, the 2024 and 2025 budget discussions and enactment in Parliament largely ignored this impending crisis.

The following are some major results of our work during 2024:

- La'ó Hamutuk was interviewed or cited more than 175 times in national and international media (see appendix 2).
- After La'ó Hamutuk held a Press Conference on the World Trade Organization (WTO), many media invited LH for interviews. Government agencies also socialized their reasons for joining WTO to relevant institutions and civil society.
- UNTL and La'ó Hamutuk collaborated on advocacy; after LH facilitated several presentations on the state budget and supported UNTL in addressing key issues within it, UNTL - particularly the Sociology Faculty, wrote a submission on the 2025 state budget to Parliament.
- The public, including civil society, local communities, and media, can access detailed analysis of the budget and participate in public debates, and also improve their coverage.
- In the Court of Appeal's recently-published audit report⁴ on Timor Gap stated that they conducted the audit because LH had requested it in 2014.
- In its report⁵ on the proposed 2025 State Budget Law, Parliament's Public Finance Committee included our recommendations in their report and annexed our entire submission to it.
- Earth Insight used our information to revise their web page⁶ about petroleum activities threatening Coral Triangle marine ecosystems.

³ See, for example, <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2012/05/how-timor-leste-got-ten-billion-dollars.html> and <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/model/13PFSustainability.htm>

⁴ https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetRegime/NOC/241204CdCRelatorio_TIMOR-GAP2017-2019pt.pdf

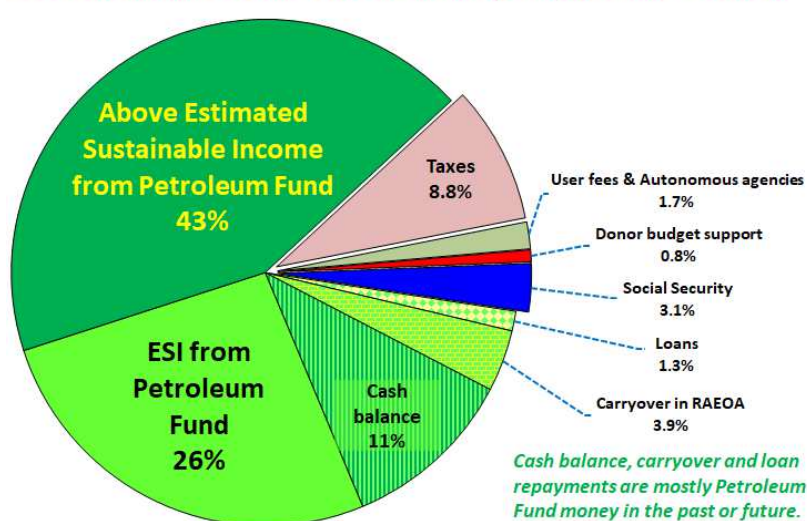
⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/241105ParecerComC-OGE2025.pdf>

⁶ <https://earth-insight.org/report/coral-triangle-threats-impacts/>

Program Activities

During the reporting period, La'o Hamutuk monitored and analyzed the implementation of the 2024 budget and the enactment of the 2025 State budget. We participated in the Ministry of Finance's Budget Workshop for Budget Year 2025 and presented at Parliament's Panorama Orsamentu workshop, sharing and refining LH's analysis. We wrote a submission⁷ to Parliament and an open letter⁸ to the President, which we published on our blog. The pie chart below shows the planned withdrawals from the Petroleum Fund (PF), which would fund about 83% of state expenditures during 2024. About 90% of the budget was executed, and PF transfers before, during and after 2024, paid for 81% of it.

Revenues in enacted 2024 State Budget \$1.96 billion total (excluding Soc.Sec. internal transfers) 83% is from the Petroleum Fund in the past, present or future.



Graph by La'o Hamutuk based on the enacted State Budget for 2024. January 2024.

We participated in meetings hosted by the Minister of Finance, National Parliament and the Central Bank, and advocated for better transparency in national reports and more accountability. Our engagement with raised important issues that still need to be improved by the Government.

We also focused on government programs related to economic diversification. The program to increase domestic agriculture production was one of our priorities, as it could help reduce Timor-Leste's alarming malnutrition rates. We also attended the annual Development Partners meeting (TLDPM) and the budget workshop, although the government did not allow civil society to speak. La'o Hamutuk also joined the public consultation on the strategic policy of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Santos' proposed project for Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) in the depleted Bayu-Undan gas field also drew our attention, and we participated in their April public consultation. We also participated in a three-day conference held by the Ministry of Petroleum and Mining and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) on the proposed CCS project, which is linked to the carbon-intensive Barossa gas field in Australia.

We continued our advocacy and raised important concerns that could impact communities in both Australia and Timor-Leste. Additionally, we reviewed the draft of Timor-Leste's Guidelines and

⁷ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/241025LHSubOJE2025te.pdf>

⁸ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/241125LHKarta Pedidu ba PR atu Veta Proposta Lei OJE 2025.pdf>

Policy for Carbon Farming and participated in the public consultation for the Third Draft of the proposed Climate Change Law. We shared our thoughts and advocated for better legislation that can truly provide mitigation and adaptation for the most impacted people. In early March, La'o Hamutuk also participated in the 2024 ASEAN-Australia Summit, particularly the Climate and Clean Energy Transition, in Melbourne, Australia.

In relation to extractive industries, La'o Hamutuk continued updating its Petroleum Projects and Production Sharing Contracts webpage⁹, including on the Chuditch offshore field. The Greater Sunrise project is again being discussed by Timor-Leste and Australia, and we consistently advocated for more transparency. The exploration for and possible future mining of minerals proceeded during this period, and we created a new webpage to make key information available to the public.¹⁰

During 2024, the IX Government implemented several changes to the laws and policies, reaffirming its intention to join international networks including ASEAN and the WTO. In response, La'o Hamutuk issued statements and held press conferences opposing Timor-Leste's accession to the WTO.¹¹ As the organization's position gained widespread coverage in local media, it attracted significant public attention, prompting discussions at various levels, including within the government, NGOs, and academic levels to further examine the potential advantages and of Timor-Leste's membership in ASEAN and the WTO. La'o Hamutuk was subsequently invited by various media outlets and seminars to present our views on the WTO and ASEAN.

To strengthen the government's stated commitment to transparency and enhance public participation in budgetary processes, La'o Hamutuk composed an open letter addressed to several state institutions in Timor-Leste and issued a press release, which was printed and paraphrased by national media outlets.¹² As part of its advocacy efforts, La'o Hamutuk also provided briefings to international organizations including the Australia-East Timor Association (AETA), and we met with several important actors to discuss Timor-Leste's overall context and Government programs, and to share our perspectives, and analysis, as well to try to influence their work. We met with the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, Timor-Leste's Ambassador for Climate Change, the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Ambassadors from the United States, Australia, Canada, the U.K., and Belgium, among others regarding the general economic and social conditions in Timor-Leste.

Public events

La'o Hamutuk became a steering committee member of the ASEAN People's Forum (APF) and worked with civil society representatives from ASEAN countries to prepare for the APF regional conference in Dili in September, where two La'o Hamutuk staff made presentations. We also participated in a regional OilWatch conference in Malaysia focusing on the impact of oil and gas activities in the ASEAN region, where we presented a case study on Timor-Leste.

La'o Hamutuk organized several activities, including five public meetings in Laclubar, Natarbora, Pante Makassar, Oesilo, and Maubara administrative posts focusing on sustainability and economic diversification, climate change, and the Open Budget Survey findings. We held two national seminars in Dili. We produced a short video on fiscal sustainability in Timor-Leste.¹³

Many organizations and individuals, including Government agencies, rely on La'o Hamutuk as a source of independent, factual information. We regularly update pages on our website, including on state budgets, petroleum projects, environmental licensing and development partners meetings.

⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PSCs/10PSCs.htm>

¹⁰ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/24MiningProjects.htm>

¹¹ https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trade/240227LHKonferensia_Imprensa_WTOen.pdf

¹² <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2024/06/results-of-2023-open-budget-survey.html>

¹³ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/media/2024/240530LH720%20Sustentabilidade%20Fiskal.mp4>

We conducted strategic meetings to give input and to share knowledge. Dozens of local and international researchers, NGOs, academics and development partners sought our perspective and expertise on Timor-Leste's economic and social context.

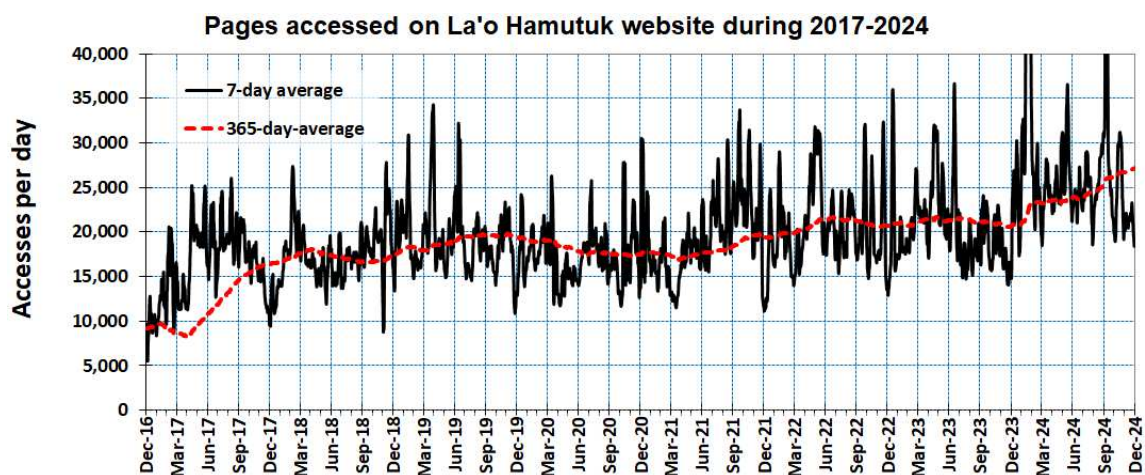
Among the meetings we held were:

- The World Bank (seven times) to address the country's economic situation, giving inputs and sharing the Government policies for the population.
- A visiting IMF research team to discuss macroeconomic issues.
- The Australian petroleum company Santos, about their plans for the Australian Barossa gas field, to store carbon dioxide in the depleted Bayu-Undan field in Timor-Leste.
- Several international and national researchers to discuss various issues, including economic diversification, petroleum funds, the fiscal cliff, technology and information systems, the TL election process, the education system in TL, and justice for past crimes.
- We discussed how to improve the social and economic sectors in Timor-Leste with several Ambassadors.

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. It now contains 22 gigabytes of information in more than 40,000 files.

We collect and publish documents from many different sources and combine them with our analysis. In 2024, we created three new webpages. We continued to update existing pages and to post materials to our reference page.¹⁴ Our website was visited by an average of 6,400 people every day, and they accessed 27,000 pages daily.



The following are some of the web pages we created or significantly updated during 2024:

- New webpage on the 2025 State Budget process¹⁵
- New webpage on mining licenses and projects¹⁶
- Updated webpage on 2024 State Budget with information about budget execution¹⁷

¹⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexEn.htm> or <https://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexTe.htm>

¹⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/24OGE25.htm>

¹⁶ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/24MiningProjects.htm>

¹⁷ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE24/23OGE24.htm>

- Regular updates with new information and documents to our pages on Petroleum projects¹⁸, Environmental licensing¹⁹, the Petroleum Fund²⁰ and many others.

We published five blog articles in 2024. About 242 people accessed our blog each day in 2024, 13% more than in 2023. The articles are listed in Appendix 6.

We continue to circulate our English-language articles over ETAN's "east-timor" email list, which has more than 13,400 subscribers. We also post to Facebook, LinkedIn and other social media.

We provided information to the public by appearing on many television programs and were frequently interviewed by local and international media (see Appendix 2). As part of our advocacy, we met with the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, the national oil company TimorGAP, the National Petroleum Authority (ANP), the Vice Prime Minister, coordinating Minister for Social Affairs to discuss their intention and programs. We also met with international agencies, including the World Bank, IMF, Santos, European Union, and diplomats from Australia, the USA, Canada, the UK, and Belgium to share information and perspectives and to help them align with the needs of this country.

Radio programs

We produced and broadcast six radio programs on seven community radio stations across the country, interviewing guests from Government, Parliament, civil society, and academia to present informative discussions of key issues facing Timor-Leste. The radio programs are available on our website²¹, and are listed in Appendix 5.

Bulletin and Surat Popular

We produced a new *Bulletin* with articles on fiscal sustainability, development in the 25 years since the referendum, borrowing, transparency in budgeting, the proposed 2025 state budget, the fiscal cliff, and the proposed law on climate change.²²

We published a new popular education publication *Surat Popular* on the Benefits and Challenges for Timor-Leste in joining the World Trade Organization.²³ We distributed five hundred copies during public meetings in Laklubar, Natarbora, Oesilo, Pante Makassar, and Maubara, as well as Ermera, Baucau, Bobonaro, Lautem, Viqueque, Covalima, Manufahi, Ainaro, and Aileu.

¹⁸ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PSCs/10PSCs.htm>

¹⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/18EnvRegistry.htm>

²⁰ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/05PFIndex.htm>

²¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm>

²² <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2024/bulletinv25te.htm>

²³ https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trade/241125Surat_Popular_WTO.pdf

Analysis, Monitoring and Research

State Budget, Economy and Fiscal Sustainability

There is an ongoing need for research and deep analysis about government programs and how public money is being used. The publication of the 2023 Open Budget Survey, for which we did the primary research, reaffirmed that the country's transparency policies and practices still need huge improvements. We addressed this during meetings with Government representatives and with the Central Bank.

Although we appreciate that the imminent fiscal cliff is finally a concern for the national authorities (La'o Hamutuk first raised this more than a decade ago), our analyses of the 2024 and 2025 state budgets show glaring inconsistencies between Government's public statements and their actions. La'o Hamutuk has increased awareness among decision makers about these key issues, and that work needs to continue in order to ensure that this translates into policy changes.

We monitored and analyzed the 2025 state budget finding that 83% of the budget will be sourced from the Petroleum Fund, consistent with the average from 2017 to 2024. We created a new webpage on the 2025 state budget,²⁴ and dedicated significant effort to analyzing, drafting submissions, and actively participating in discussions on the proposed budget for 2025. During these discussions, La'o Hamutuk presented our perspectives at a budget workshop organized by the National Parliament.²⁵ We maintained regular communication with the Ministry of Finance, stressing the importance of the timely publication of budget documents on its official website.

For many years, more than 80% of state expenditure has been financed by the PF, and it will be very challenging for Timor-Leste when the Petroleum Fund is used up, which will happen within a decade as oil and gas production have ceased. This will strongly impact the economy as a whole, includes public employee salaries, public benefits and services, and procurement from the private sector, falling over a fiscal cliff.

Fiscal sustainability for Timor-Leste depends on the sustainability of the Petroleum Fund. Under the current expenditure trend, the Petroleum Fund is expected to run out by 2034, which the Government estimates will require state spending to be slashed by 85%.

Therefore, we wrote a submission to the National Parliament²⁶ that included a comprehensive analysis, perspectives, and recommendations, which were incorporated into the report²⁷ of Parliament Committee C (public finances). La'o Hamutuk was invited to observe several relevant "public" hearings. Nevertheless, Parliament ultimately approved the proposed budget with only very minor changes. In response, we submitted an open letter to President of the Republic José Ramos-Horta, urging him to veto the budget²⁸. However, he promulgated it a few hours after receiving it from Parliament, on 25 November 2024.

When state agencies published inaccurate or inconsistent information, we often let them know privately and worked to correct it.

In our 2023 Annual Report, we noted that many people value research, analysis, and advocacy on governance and rights. There is strong demand outside the capital for greater knowledge about the budget process and how to participate actively in budget advocacy. In response, during 2024 we increased our activities in rural areas and received positive responses from participants in our public meetings. As we have learned from previous capacity-building activities, there needs to be

²⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/24OGE25.htm>

²⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/Jornada/241017LHAprezentasaunPanoramaOrsamenta2025.pdf>

²⁶ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/241025LHSubOJE2025te.pdf>

²⁷ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/241105ParecerComC-OGE2025.pdf>

²⁸ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/241125LHKartaPediduBaPRatuVetaPropostaLeiOJE2025.pdf>

ongoing engagement with these communities. Attempts to empower and increase the capacity of communities often fail when they are not part of a continuing engagement plan. Therefore, we still ongoing need to be active in municipalities outside of Dili.

Natural Resources and Petroleum

We continued to monitor and analyze developments related to the Greater Sunrise project, the proposed Carbon Capture and Storage project at Bayu-Undan and other offshore and onshore petroleum and mining projects. We seek to inform the public and urge decision-makers to consider climate change resulting from the continued extraction and burning of dangerous fossil fuels.

We participated in the OilWatch Regional Assembly in Penang, Malaysia, to share information about Timor-Leste's petroleum sector and climate change activities.²⁹ This important conference brings organizations from countries in Southeast Asia together to discuss strategies and how each country is addressing climate change challenges.

Concerning the Tasi Mane project, the government is committed to developing petroleum infrastructure on the south coast, supported by a new feasibility study on the Greater Sunrise field conducted by Wood PLC for the Sunrise joint venture partners. La'o Hamutuk met with the current Minister of Petroleum and Mining and with former President of the National Petroleum Authority (ANPM) Florentino Ferreira to discuss related agreements and ongoing studies. We expressed our concerns about TimorGAP's acquisition of a participating interest in the Bayu-Undan oil/gas Joint Venture. Under the terms of the agreement, TimorGAP now has a 16% interest in the Bayu-Undan project. However, the field is virtually empty, and we're puzzled that TimorGAP wants a share in a project that is unlikely to generate future profits and is about to be decommissioned.

We continued to monitor projects awarded in the 2019-2022 licensing round, as well as onshore exploration for oil and gas, keeping in touch with affected communities. Since all the above projects are still ongoing, we continuing to research and evaluate their environmental and climate change impacts with relevant institutions.

Governance and Human Rights

In 2024, as the culmination of our recent work as local researchers for the International Budget Partnership's (IBP) 2023 Open Budget Survey, we began releasing results within Timor-Leste. Timor-Leste's scores fell compared in the previous survey; the transparency score dropped to 37 out of 100, while oversight increased to 67/100, an increase of six points compared to 2021. This is considered an adequate or satisfactory score. However, the survey shows that the government has yet to implement effective public participation, which scored only 11/100. There is a need for improvement in all areas. On 12 June, we wrote an open letter³⁰, and we issued a press release explaining the results.³¹ The results of this survey help advance advocacy for transparency and oversight in the budget process, and we disseminated them in five administrative posts in three municipalities.

During 2024, we engaged with several organizations to discuss Timor-Leste's water and sanitation system through our partnership with PN-BESI.TL (Water and Sanitation Network). We consider the rights and experiences of marginalized groups including women and people with disabilities across our research and analysis. We met with Commission E of the National Parliament to discuss water supply and other social issues.

La'o Hamutuk collaborates with PN-BESI.TL to do assessments of international development partners that have been working on water and sanitation issues. Our primary objective is to

²⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/Climate/2024/240619The%20oil%20Industry%20and%20the%20Prevention%20of%20Climate%20OilWatch.pdf>

³⁰ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trans/OBS23/240612KartaAbertaLH-OBS2023en.pdf>

³¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trans/OBS23/240612LHPressReleaseOBS2023en.pdf>

identify the barriers to water supply in Timor-Leste, particularly given that, despite two decades of sustained support from international institutions for water and sanitation, external assistance has consistently exceeded Government's allocations. However, it is important to note that these efforts have not led to substantial improvements in water access, especially in rural areas of Timor-Leste.

La'ó Hamutuk wrote a statement in solidarity with the Palestinian people³² to demand that the Government of Israel and its supporters immediately stop their violence against people in Gaza and the West Bank and undertake serious negotiations to achieve a two-state solution.

The Ministry of Education invited La'ó Hamutuk to discuss the evaluation of the implementation of EMBLI (Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education) so far, as well as to build a strategic plan to continue EMBLI in primary schools, grades 1-3.

We held a seminar to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Popular Consultation (independence referendum), reflecting on economic, social, and cultural developments since independence, and noting that most Timorese people's lives continue to be plagued by poverty, a lack of job prospects, and little access to basic necessities.

At the invitation of the APF (ASEAN People's Forum), we gave two presentations at a seminar and a side event. La'ó Hamutuk also joined as a member to help organize the APF conference in Dili.

We participated in a workshop on Rights in a Digital Age Asia Theory of Change organized by Oxfam in Bangkok. The workshop's objectives were to foster connections and facilitate mutual learning among participants to enhance collective understanding of the digital rights contexts and trends in Asia.

Agriculture, Land and Environment

As the Government has been focused on WTO and ASEAN, we made several interventions raising our concerns and produced a widely-covered press release³³ and a radio program. We believe that the Government is taking the wrong path by prioritizing these agreements instead of focusing on policies to develop local businesses and strengthen national production. We asked the Government to plan their programs better and to be realistic about the actual impacts of those agreements on local people.

We continued to monitor the Government's agriculture programs, especially the policies to increase rice production, including the Demo Plot activity and Training Centers, and we gave several interviews raising concerns about their lack of seriousness. The urgency to diversify the economy requires both strategic thinking and prioritizing agriculture in the state budget. On several occasions, we argued that a key sector for economic diversification is agriculture, where increased production can meet domestic needs and reduce dependency on imports. We held a press conference on World Food Day.³⁴

We gave several presentations analyzing the state budget for the agricultural sector to media, academic NGOs and the public. In May 2024, we participated in a six-week Seed Study Tour organized by the Towards Organic Asia Project in Thailand and had a chance to share skills and knowledge about local seeds.

We participated in regular meetings of Rede ba Rai (Land Rights Network) to share information and encourage the Ministry of Justice to finalize complementary land laws and resolve the land issue. We gave a briefing to the USA Ambassador and her team about land issues in Timor-Leste.

³² <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/240829SolidaridadePalestinaEn.pdf>

³³ https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trade/240227LHKonferensia_Imprensa_WTOen.pdf

³⁴ https://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/2024/241016LHkomunikadu_imprensa_World_food_day.pdf

We also continued to work to increase public awareness of climate change and climate justice. We consistently monitored activities of the government and other decision-makers, as well as information on their websites and consultations related to the draft climate change law, wrote to the National Directorate for Climate Change and continue to join discussions of this ongoing legislative process.

Oil companies and fossil fuel-exporting countries need to be held accountable for the carbon emissions from the fuels they extract, which for Timor-Leste are larger than all emissions from within the country.

La'ó Hamutuk's Networks

Timor-Leste networks

- Rede ba Rai (Land Network)
- Sustainable Agriculture Network (HASATIL)
- Core Group on Transparency (CGT)
- Timor-Leste NGO Forum (FONGTIL)
- Human Rights Defenders Network
- National Platform of Water Sanitation and Hygiene in Timor-Leste (PN-BESI.TL)
- Timor-Leste Coalition for Education (TLCE)
- Raes Hadomi Timor Oan - Disability Right Network (RHTO)
- Advocacy Network for Health (REBAS)
- Koligasaun Agrikultura (Agriculture Coalition)

International Networks:

- International Budget Partnership (IBP)
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- International solidarity and human rights organizations, especially ETAN
- Timor-Leste Studies Association (TLSA)
- Australia-East Timor Association (AETA)
- ASEAN People's Forum (APF)
- OilWatch (especially in Southeast Asia)
- Towards Organic Asia
- Publish What You Pay (PWYP)
- Inclusive Development International (IDI)

Organizational Report

As of the end of 2024, La'ó Hamutuk has eight researchers including Celestino (Atino) Gusmão, Charles (Charlie) Scheiner (part-time, from New York), Elizaria Febe Gomes, Yonatan (Jonas) Gonsalves, Mariano Ferreira, Marta (Abata) da Silva, Elivania Correia and Elia (Eka) da Costa. We hired two new national staff members, Elivania Correia and Elia da Costa, at the end of 2024. An international staff, Ana Carolina Oliveira, resigned after six months. One Timorese staff, Elizaria Febe Gomes, will pursue graduate studies in Australia beginning in February 2025, although she will continue to work part-time for LH for three months. Our Finance Officer is Ricarda Martins, and Assistants in Finance and Administration are Martinha Fernandes and Letícia Pereira. We also have three security employees and one cleaner.

Internally, we focused on setting our strategy for 2024-2026 and our annual action plan for 2024, carried out an internal staff evaluation, and recruited for new international staff. To continue our internal capacity-building, several staff members attended English and leadership training. La'o Hamutuk hosted an interne from Wheaton College (USA) for the second half of 2024.

Appendix 1 is our financial report for the year.

Outputs of La'o Hamutuk's Work in 2024

In our 2023 Annual Report, we identified new and quantifiable activities to be completed in 2024, as follows:

Target	Result
Write at least eight submissions or open letters to decision makers on key themes, including proposed legislation and policies such as the state budget and public finances, offshore and onshore petroleum activity, contracting and other issues.	Eight submissions and open letters are listed in Appendix 4.
Follow the 2025 State budget process, including written and oral testimony to Parliament, briefings for MPs, the media and civil society in Dili and Municipalities.	We closely followed the 2025 State Budget processes. ³⁵ We conducted briefings, presented and wrote to Parliament, held seminars in Dili and five administrative posts and conducted press conferences on the proposed 2025 State Budget.
Continue to monitor the revenues, investments and spending of the Petroleum Fund, and their implications for the sustainability of state finances.	We made updates to our webpage on the Petroleum Fund as the results of ongoing monitoring and analysis, and met with Central Bank officials to discuss it. ³⁶
Conduct two training sessions for civil society	We conducted six training sessions for civil society.
Broadcast six Radio Igualdade programs	We broadcast six radio programs.
Produce one edition each of our Bulletin and Surat Popular	We produced one edition of the Bulletin, and one edition of Surat Popular.
Recruit two local researchers	We recruited two new local researchers.

³⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/24OGE25.htm>

³⁶ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/05PFIndex.htm>

Plans for 2025

We will continue to engage in research, analysis, and advocacy in relation to state finances and economy, governance and human rights, land rights and agriculture, and petroleum and natural resources. Guided by our strategic plan, we will implement a range of advocacy and public education strategies to communicate effectively with a range of target groups.

Our specific goals for 2025 are:

- Write at least eight submissions or open letters to decision-makers on key issues, including proposed legislation and policies such as the state budget and public finances, offshore and onshore petroleum activity.
- Follow the revision of the budget framework law and the 2026 State budget process, including written and oral testimony to Parliament, briefings for MPs, the media and civil society in Dili and Municipalities.
- Continue to monitor the Petroleum Fund's revenues, investments and withdrawals, and the implications for the sustainability of state finances.
- Conduct three public meeting in Dili and Municipalities.
- Broadcast six Radio Igualdade programs.
- Produce one edition each of our Bulletin and Surat Popular.
- Recruit one local researcher and one international researcher.
- Produce a short video and a TV talk show.
- Conduct strategic meetings with government officials and other key actors about the current economic and social situation.

Appendix 1. Financial Report

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

The organization has a flat wage structure; local and international staff received take-home salaries of \$972 per month from January to December 2024, plus the legally-mandated 13th month salary at the end of the year. According to Timor-Leste law, in addition to Wage Tax, 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 receive 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'o 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 the organization. Staff members who must move to Dili to work at La'o Hamutuk receive up to \$200/month toward house rental costs.

Our work in 2024 was supported by grants from Misereor/KZE, the Norwegian government (administered by Yayasan Humanis dan Inovasi Sosial in Jakarta – formerly Hivos), Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD) and The Asia Foundation (TAF). La'o Hamutuk also earned money from the International Budget Partnership and OXFAM for services performed and received a few donations from friends.

In order to ensure that everyone understands that La'o Hamutuk is 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 assets at the ends of 2023 and 2024.

Calendar year	2024	2023
Cash and bank accounts at start of year	90,711	81,309
Receivables (salary and program advances)	18,895	20,655
Total assets at start of year	109,606	101,904
Income during year	158,729	181,303
Expenditure during year	188,574	173,661
Cash and bank accounts at end of year	61,975	90,711
Receivables at end of year	17,787	18,895
Total assets at end of year	79,762	109,606

Readjustment and severance

The following table includes future obligations that La'o Hamutuk will have to pay in severance and readjustment when staff leave 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:

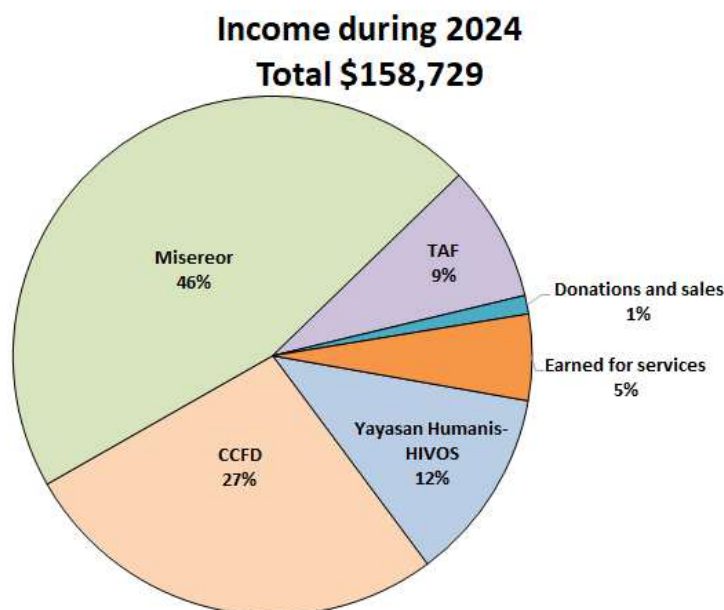
2024	2023
21,842	17,424

The following table shows the balances in our cash and bank accounts, according to our commitments to donors, not including receivables and liabilities.

	Cash and bank balances	General support Donors	Misereor project	LH assets
Assets 31 Dec 2023	\$109,606	\$84,763	(\$64,129)	\$83,977
Income Jan-Dec 2024	\$158,729	\$75,375	\$73,016	\$10,338
Expenses Jan-Dec 2024	\$188,574	\$69,293	\$116,774	\$2,506
Assets 31 Dec 2024	\$79,762	\$90,845	\$107,888	\$91,809

Revenues

This table shows revenues received by La'o Hamutuk during 2024 from Misereor/KZE, Comité Catholique Contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD), The Asia Foundation (TAF), the Norwegian Embassy (through Yayasan Humanis and Inovasi Sosial, formerly Hivos), and for services performed by La'o Hamutuk, totaling \$158,729.

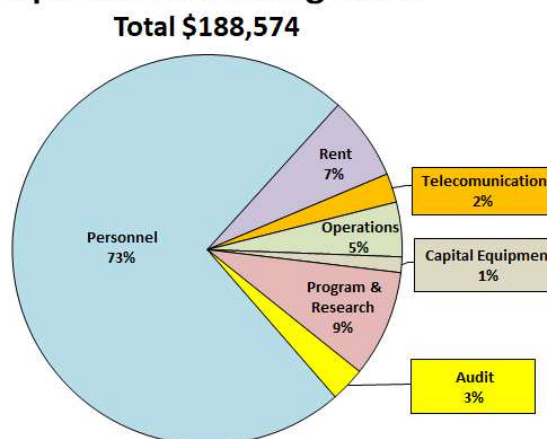


Source	Budget 2024	Actual received	Difference	Explanation
Norway/Hivos grant	60,000	19,121	-40,879	Support October 2024-September 2025
CCFD grant	39,000	42,754	3,754	Support through 2024 and new office rehabilitation
The Asia Foundation grant	10,000	13,500	3,500	TAF Support 2024
Misereor project grant	110,000	73,016	-36,984	Some support for Oct-Dec 2024 hasn't been transferred yet
Earned for services	12,000	8,498	-3,505	Additional transfer pending
Donations and sales	1,500	1,840	340	Donations from Wheaton College and friends of LH
Total	222,500	158,729	-63,771	

Expenditures

During 2024 we spent \$188,574 of which \$71,799 from general support and Yayasan Humanis, \$ 116,774 was for the Misereor/KZE-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.

Expenditure during 2024



Expenditure 2024

Category	2024 Budget	General Activities (Yayasan Humanis & Reserves)	Misereor project	Actual	Difference	Explanation
I Non-recurrent expenditure						
IT Equipment	1,200	1,303	55	1,358	-458	Two laptops
Office maintenance and equipment	550	26	101	127	423	Regular repairs
Office Furniture	500	0	970	970	-470	Purchase one camera
II Staff costs						
Personnel	180,923	53,837	80,994	134,831	46,092	Salaries, wage & social security taxes, health insurance, housing, int'l staff flights
Training for staff	3,500	1,000	2,021	3,021	479	Training in English and other subjects
III Project activities						
<i>Bulletin & Surat Popular</i>	1,600	739	1042	1,780	-180	One issue of each
Public Meeting	5,979	550	6,059	6,609	-630	
Programs on radio & RTTL-TV	1,758	750	1,103	1,853	-95	Five radio programs and two TV talk shows
Research, advocacy & networking	5,020	864	2,465	3,329	1,691	
Resource center	900	254	324	579	322	
Publication & video	1,200	0	450	450	750	Including publication in local newspaper
International Conferences	1,500	542	1,551	2,093	-593	Non-reimbursed costs for conferences in Australia, Malaysia and Thailand
IV Project administration						
Operations & supplies	5,000	2,904	2,544	5,448	-448	
Office rent	10,500	5,120	7,991	13,110	-2,610	Payment in advance for January-March 2025
Transportation	538	261	338	599	-61	
Telephone and internet	5,258	1,483	3,060	4,543	715	
Audit	6,000	-	5,400	5,400	600	Audit for two periods of Misereor Project
Miscellaneous	574	2,167	308	2,475	-1,901	Includes underspending returned to Yayasan Humanis
Total	2,325	71,799	116,774	188,574	43,926	

Projected expenditure for 2025

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

Category	Misereor Project	Others (YH, Services, Donations)	Total	Explanation
1. Non recurrent Expenditure				
IT Equipment	-	1,200	1,200	Purchase 2 laptops for new staff
Office maintenance	300	200	500	
Office furniture	200	200	400	
SUBTOTAL	500	1,600	2,100	
2. Staff costs				
Program Staff (researchers)	112,860	68,063	180,923	Hire 2 new assistant researchers
Training for staff (capacity building)	1,000	1,000	3,000	
SUBTOTAL	113,860	69,063	183,923	
3. Project Activities				
<i>Bulletin and Surat Popolar</i>	1,008	592	1,600	Printing and distribution of <i>Bulletin and Surat Popolar</i>
Public meetings	3,583	2,396	5,979	Space rental, publicity, refreshments
Radio Programs	1,058	700	1,758	Production and fuel for community radio stations
Research (Monitoring, Advocacy and Networking)	2,520	2,500	5,020	Travel and accommodation for field research in Timor-Leste
Resource center	300	600	900	Books, newspaper subscriptions, videos, and other materials
Short video production		1,200	1,200	Public education/advocacy video
Int'l conferences and events	750	750	1,500	Non-reimbursed costs to attend international conferences
SUBTOTAL	9,219	8,738	17,957	
4. Project Administration				
Operations & Supplies	2,250	2,250	4,500	Electricity, supplies, bank charges, photocopy, etc.
Office rent	10,032	3,168	13,200	
Transportation	300	200	500	Transport and motorcycle maintenance in Dili and nearby
Communication	3,313	1,945	5,258	Telephone, internet, and website
Auditor	3,000	3,000	6,000	Two audits for Misereor Project, one for general support and one for Yayasan Humanis
Miscellaneous	362	200	562	
External evaluation	16,000	0	16,000	external evaluation for Misereor Project
SUBTOTAL	35,257	10,763	46,020	
TOTAL	158,836	90,164	250,000	

Projected revenues to be received during 2025

During 2024, La'o Hamutuk received some revenues on multi-year grant contracts that are allocated for expenditures during 2025, including \$10,000 from TAF and \$5,000 from CCFD to rehabilitate our new office. These are not included in the following table.

Source	Amount	Explanation
CCFD	35,000	Part of two-year contract
KZE/Misereor	110,100	Part of three-year contract
Yayasan Humanis & Inovasi Sosial (Hivos)	25,000	Support from Oct. 2024 through Sept. 2025
Payments for services performed	15,000	Payment for briefings and presentations
Sales, interest & donations	2,250	
Deficit	62,650	Several donors will not fulfill their prior commitments. LH is seeking to fill this gap.
TOTAL	250,000	

Appendix 2. Media Coverage

During 2024, La'o Hamutuk was quoted or cited in local and international media more than 175 times. Here's a partial list.

Date	Title	Medium	URL/Page	Comment
05 Jan	Governu Aloka \$30 Miloens Diversifika Ekonomia, LH Konsidera la Klaru	Independente	P.3	Interviews Mariano
05 Jan	Governu Ezekuta OR la Masimu, Implementasaun Marka Pasu	Independente	P.6	Interviews Mariano
08 Jan	OJE 2023 Seidauk Kontribui Signifikativu ba Redúz Problema Estratéjiku iha Rai Laran	RTTL,EP	https://www.facebook.com/100092897275682/posts/260616780378229	Interviews Celestino
08 Jan	Ejekusaun OJE 2023 La Fo Benefisiu ba Povo	RTTL,EP	https://fb.watch/pskcYKaBE6/	Interviews Celestino
17 Jan	Ita nia situasaun saúde: asuntu interesse nasional, ka asuntu interesse partido ne'ebé manán iha eleisaun?	Neon Metin programa One to One	https://www.facebook.com/share/v/sZHRb6uFKBZEcBcW	Interviewer cites LH information
24 Jan	Planu Governo Sosa Trator Diak, Maibe Tuir Lolos Halo Uluk Avaliasaun ba Trator Nebe'e Antes Ne'e Sosa Ona, Hodi Hatene Tratores Sira Nia Produsaun Durante ne'e, no Ajuda Duni Agrikultor sira hasae produsaun ka lae?	RTTL,EP	https://www.youtube.com/live/IHHJ6UVK6pg?si=UFEvVGvARVXzBwqA	Interviews Mariano
25 Jan	An overview of Economic Development in TL in the context of the fiscal cliff	TVeT "Uma America" series	https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=970232628053652	Febe is moderator
25 Jan	Governu tenke kapasita agrikultór sira hodi aumenta produsaun iha rai laran	RTTL-TV Notisia Dader	https://youtu.be/tmRABZ8Rj4?t=280	Interviews Mariano
31 Jan	Timor-Leste sobe sete posicoes no índice de Perceção da Corrupção,mas rezultadu não reflete a realidade,consideram especialistas	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/timor-leste-sobe-sete-posicoes-no-indice-de-percecao-da-corrupcao-mas-resultadonao-reflete-a-realidade-consideram-especialistas/	Interviews Ana Carolina & Marta
01 Feb	Governo tenki Investe makas iha Setor Agrikultura , hodi Hasae Produsaun iha Rai Laran	RTTL,EP	https://www.facebook.com/RTTL.RomanbaNasaun.LiveTV/videos/334112362942047	Interviews Mariano
09 Feb	Krize iha Sistema Nasional Saude?	Live RTM Maubere	https://www.facebook.com/share/p/uy4txMNoQdL1DGgi	Konversa kafe Marta
09 Feb	Promessa e realidade dos recursos naturais para sustentar Timor-Leste a curto prazo	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/promessa-e-realidade-dos-recursos-naturais-para-sustentar-timor-leste-a-curto-prazo/	Article by La'o Hamutuk
20 Feb	Dependencia Ai-han Husi Rai Liur Impaktu Mak Abandona Rai Potensialidade Iha Rai Laran	Fokus program on TVet	https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=7408419495892386	Mariano is guest on talk show
27 Feb	La'o Hamutuk: Presiza proteje no promove ekonomia rai-laran	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2024/02/27/lao-hamutuk-presiza-proteje-no-promove-ekonomia-rai-laran/	Covers LH press conference on WTO
27 Feb	La'o Hamutuk Rejeita Adezaun TL bá OMK, Husu Governu Proteje no Promove Ekonomia Rai-Laran	Hatutan	https://www.hatutan.com/2024/02/27/lao-hamutuk-rejeita-adezaun-tl-ba-omk-husu-governu-proteje-no-promove-ekonomia-rai-laran/	Covers LH press conference on WTO
27 Feb	Lao Hamutuk: presiza promove ekonomia rai-laran duke adere ba WTO	G-News	https://g-rtv.com/blog/lao-hamutuk-presiza-promove-ekonomia-rai-laran-duke-adere-ba-wto/5876/informasaun-actual/	Covers LH press conference on WTO
27 Feb	ONG La'o Hamutuk rejeita adezaun ba OMK	RTTL-TV	https://youtu.be/eBQTPMESr-s?t=1568	Covers LH press conference on WTO
28 Feb	LH : Presiza Proteje no Promove Ekonomia Rai Laran	STL	P.6	LH Press release
28 Feb	LH: Rezeita Adezaun TL ba Organizaun Mundial Komersiu (OMK),no husu atu governu atu hadia politika, proteze, no promove ekonomia iha rai laran	Dili Post	P.1&11	LH Press release

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28 Feb	La'o Hamutuk, Rejeita adejaun Timor-Leste ba WTO	RTM	https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=426786206467546	Covers LH press conference on WTO
28 Feb	La'o Hamutuk: Adere Ba OMK Sei Hasusar Ekonomia Ki'ik Sira Iha Rai Laran, Benefísiu Ba Ema Riku Sira	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2024/02/28/lao-hamutuk-adere-ba-omk-sei-hasusar-ekonomia-kiiik-sira-ihai-rai-laran-benefisiu-ba-ema-riku-sira/	Covers LH press conference on WTO
29 Feb	LH La Konkorda ho Adejaun Timor Leste ba Organizaun Mundial Komersiu, tamba Risku ba TL nia Soberania	RTTL,EP	https://youtu.be/eBQTPMESr-s?t=1568	LH Press release
29 Feb	La'o Hamutuk Rejeita Adejaun TL ba OMK	GMN	P.6	LH Press release
29 Feb	Sa Razaun ONG LA'O HAMUTUK La Konkorda Adezaun TL ba OMK?	TVET	https://www.facebook.com/tvetimorleste/videos/1599553584124279	Interview with Mariano about LH press conf. on WTO
29 Feb	La'o Hamutuk volta a apelar para importância de proteger negócios locais e de investir em setores produtivos, depois de adesão de Timor-Leste à OMC	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/lao-hamutuk-volta-a-apelar-para-importancia-de-proteger-negocios-locais-e-de-investir-em-setores-produtivos-depois-de-adesao-de-timor-leste-a-omc/	Covers LH press conference on WTO
03 Mar	Lao Hamutuk lamenta ho projetu Greater Sunrise ne'ebé to'ó agora seidak iha serteza atu dada mai TL	GMN-TV	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wmBEBEFzag	Interviews Yonatan
04 Mar	Organizaun Mundial Komérsiu	Programa HADER Edisaun 32	https://facebook.com/share/v/pighxcWA4wz3CQ57	Radio Program Interview with Mariano
04 Mar	LH Setor Agrikultura Mak Sai Aliserse ba TL	GMN	P.6	Interviews Yonatan
05 Mar	OXFAM-La'o Hamutuk Fasilita Treinamentu Kona ba Analize no Sirklú OJE	Independente	P.6	Interviews Marta
08 Mar	Kondisaun infrastrutura no lejlzasaun seidak fó biban ba investidór sira atu mai investe iha TL	Diário Nasionál	P.6	Extensive summary of LH press conf.
14 Mar	Significance of joining WTO for Timor-Leste	GMN-TV	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUH48x9IVA	Mariano is guest
15 Mar	WTO - OMK: LH no FONTIL Diskorda TL Adere ba Adezaun Zona Ekonomia Livre	RMTL	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVAd-LHzvxl	Based on LH press release
22 Mar	Vantajen-Desvantajen Adezaun TL ba OMK	TVET Debate Governo Rona	https://www.facebook.com/tvetimorleste/videos/3601835983465709 or https://fb.watch/qZLpXbGsYj/	Mariano is guest
26 Mar	LH husu Partidu Politiku Konsensus ba Estudu Viabilidade Foun Planta LNG	RTM Maubere	https://fb.watch/r3huF_QyWW	Interviews Celestino
17 Mar	Em sete anos, Timor-Leste cai 18 posições no ranking do Índice de Desenvolvimento Humano	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com.translate.goog/em-sete-anos-timor-leste-cai-18-posicoes-no-ranking-do-indice-de-desenvolvimento-humano	Quotes Charlie's 2022 paper
27 Mar	Agriculture touted as solution for Timor-Leste's economy	ABC Pacific	https://www.abc.net.au/pacific/programs/pacificbeat/timor-agriculture/103638026	Interviews Mariano
17 Apr	Media tour 2024 akan kuatka kreatifitas kaum muda inklusif di ermera	Tatoli.tl	https://id.tatoli.tl/2024/04/17/media-tour-2024-akan-kuatkan-kreatifitas-kaum-muda-inklusif-di-ermera/	Briefing by Mariano
29 Apr	Governu Presiza Ko'a Despeza la Nesesariu atu Evita Krize Finanseira	Jornal Nasionál Diario	P.1&5	Interviews Celestino
29 Apr	Governu Labele Duni Deit Persentajen Ezekusaun OJE maibe Presiza Garante Kualidade	Jornal Nasionál Diario	P.5	Interviews Celestino
30 Apr	Timor-Leste seeks economic lifeline as oil wealth dwindles	Benar News	https://www.benarnews.org/english/news/indonesian/timor-leste-seeks-economic-lifeline-04302024135743.html	Quotes LH on poverty

Date	Title	Medium	URL/Page	Comment
01 May	Jalan terjal ekonomi Timor Leste setelah 25 tahun lepas dari Indonesia	Benar News	https://www.benarnews.org/indonesian/berita/jalan-terjal-timor-leste-25-tahun-merdeka-05012024014707.html	Quotes LH on poverty
06 May	La'o Hamutuk Husu Timor Gap Klarifika bá Públiku Kona-bá Disputa Kontratuál ho ENERPROCO	Hatutan.com	https://www.hatutan.com/2024/05/06/la-o-hamutuk-husu-timor-gap-klarifika-ba-publiku-kona-ba-disputa-kontratuál-ho-enerproco/	Interview with Celestino
15 May	Prosesu To'o Tribunál Arbitrajen Sei iha Risku Kustu Administrativu no Judisiál	Hatutan.com	https://www.hatutan.com/2024/05/15/prosesu-too-tribunal-arbitrajen-sei-ih-risku-kustu-administrativu-no-judisial/	Interview with Celestino
17 May	Dezenvolvimentu Seidauk Lori Bem-Estar ba Povu	STL	P.1&11	Interviews Mariano
20 May	Setór Ekonomia Seidauk La'o ho Masímu	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2024/05/20/setor-ekonomia-seidauk-lao-ho-masimu/	Interviews Celestino
20 May	Vinte e Dois Anos de Restauração da Democracia: O Caminho de Timor-Leste	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/vinte-e-dois-anos-de-restauracao-da-democracia-o-caminho-de-timor-leste/	Interviews Mariano
May	State of the Media Timor-Leste 2024	Report from ABC and The Asia Foundation	https://asiafoundation.org/publication/state-of-the-media-timor-leste-2024/	Cites LH web page on the media law
21 May	Tinan 22 Restaura Independénsia, TL sei hasoru dezafiu boot iha aspetu ekonomia	GMN-TV Jornal Nacional	https://youtu.be/0vN4FJbpcYI?t=309	Interview with Celestino
21 May	Tinan 22 Timor-Leste Sei hasoru Dezafiu Bo'ot iha Aspetu Ekonomia	GMN	https://www.youtube.com/live/0vN4FJbpcYI	Interviews Celestino
28 May	Governo Tenki iha Planu Nebe'e Mak Diak Hodi Halo Distribuisaun Ai-moruk ba Agrikultura, no tenki hola Aimoruk ho Kualidade	RTTL,EP	https://www.youtube.com/live/amQzbJh3E	Interviews Mariano
28 May	Sosiedade Sivil Husu Primeiru Ministru Avalia Dezempenu Servisu Membru Governu	Hatutan.com	https://www.hatutan.com/2024/05/28/sosiedade-sivil-husu-primeiru-ministru-avalia-dezempenu-servisu-membru-governu/	Interviews Celestino
13 Jun	Progresu Sei Posivel Bainhira Hadi'ak Transparénsia no Partisipasaun Públiku iha Prosesu Orsamentál	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2024/06/13/progresu-sei-posivel-bainhira-hadiak-transparensia-no-partisipasaun-publiku-ih-prosesu-orsamental/	Reprints LH press release
13 Jun	La'o Hamutuk: Seidauk Iha Transparénsia Ba Prosesu Orsamental, Hodi Asegura Povu nia Osan	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2024/06/13/lao-hamutuk-seidauk-ih-transparensia-ba-prosesu-orsamental-hodi-asegura-povu-nia-osan/	Reprints LH press release
13 Jun	TL La Konsege Hatudu Mudansa Signifikativu iha Valór Transparensia	Timor Post	https://timorpost.com/jeral-tl/tp-52678/tl-la-konsege-hatudu-mudansa-signifikativu-ih-valor-transparensia/	Interview Celestino about LH press release
14 Jun	Rezultadu Survey Orsamentu Nakloke 2023: Progresu Sei Posivel Bainhira Hadi'ak Transparénsia no Partisipasaun Públiku iha Prosesu Orsamentál	Hatutan.com	https://www.hatutan.com/2024/06/14/rezultadu-survey-orsamentu-nakloke-2023-progresu-sei-posivel-bainhira-hadiak-transparensia-no-partisipasaun-publiku-ih-prosesu-orsamental/	Reprints LH press release
18 Jun	Alkatiri: Tenke Buka Dalan Husu Auditoria ba Projeitu Tasi Mane	Independente	P.6	Interviews Celestino
19 Jun	Governu dasia seidauk iha asaun pozitiva ba diversifikasaun ekonomia	Jornal Nacional Diario/GMN	P.2	Interviews Celestino
20 Jun	Observasaun Akadémiku no Sosiedade Sivil ba Kualidade Fiskalizasaun Parlamentu Nasional Nian	Independente TV, programa <i>Ko'alia ai</i>	https://www.youtube.com/live/dp3XSb2bFvM	Celestino is panelist
June	Building Integrity: Corruption Risks in Infrastructure Project Preparation in the Pacific	Transparency Int'l Australia	https://transparency.org.au/reports/building-integrity-corruption-risks-in-infrastructure-pacific/	Cites LH information on environmental licensing

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5 July	Tebes ka lae? Dependensia Ekonomia Ba Fundu minarai iha tendensia Ba Rai naruk Fiskál Orsamentu Geral Estadu	TVET program	https://www.facebook.com/tvetimorleste/videos/440215685559477/?__tn__=F	Interview with Celestino
10 July	Governu investe iha área produtivu sei redús problema multidimensional	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2024/07/10/governu-investe-ih-aa-area-produtivu-sei-redus-problema-multidimensional/	Interview with Celestino
11 July	La'o Hamutuk sujere instituisaun Estadu presiza halo ezersisú ba despeza la nesesáriu	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2024/07/11/laohamutuk-sujere-instituisaun-estadu-presiza-halo-ezersisui-ba-despeza-lanesesariu/	Interview with Celestino
12 July	La'o Hamutuk husu Governo kansela kategoria orsamentu balu ne'ebé la nesesáriu	RTM News (TV)	https://youtu.be/Aop7VeCL2Wk?t=247	Interview with Celestino
15 July	LH husu SEF kria Uluk Kondisaun Hafoin Bandu Populasaun Tesi Ai	Independente	P.7	Interviews Mariano
15 July	Governu Completa Tinan ida, LH Konsidera MAPPF Seidauk Hatudu Resultadu Prodúsaun Rai-laran	Independente	P.7	Interviews Mariano
16 July	SS Optimista, Sorumutu Entre TL ho Austrália, Sei Fó Solusaun Diak ba Dezenvolvimentu GS	RTTL TV evening news	https://youtu.be/roYSEy4w2iw	Interview with Celestino
23 July	LH Halo Socializasaun iha Oecusse kona ba Investimentu Governu liu husi Orsamentu Jeral Estadu	STL	https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1334364877967510	Interview with Marta
24 July	Lao Hamutuk Socializa Ezekusaun OJE Ba Povú Oecusse	STL	P.6	Interview with Marta
24 July	O risco dos empréstimos para o futuro de Timor-Leste	CIDAC's Outros Economias	https://outraseconomias.pt/outrasec/orisco-dos-emprestimos-para-o-futuro-de-timor-leste/	Article by Celestino
30 July	OJE 2025, LH husu Governo Tau Orsamentu Naton ba Setór Agrikultura	Independente	P.6	Interviews Mariano
30 July	LH: Politika SEF Kuda Ai Parapa oan, Prevene Laloron Tasi ho Inundasaun	Independente	P.7	Interviews Mariano
8 Aug	Critics question US\$12m budget for pope's Timor-Leste visit	UCA News	https://www.ucanews.com/news/critics-question-us12m-budget-for-popes-timor-leste-visit/105975	Quotes Mariano
15 Aug	IX Governu Konstitusionál: Oinsa nia Dezempenu?	GMN-TV Grande Entrevista	https://www.youtube.com/live/5WTjYPSwAig	Celestino is panelist
20 Aug	La'o Hamutuk husu Governu halo Ezersisú ba FP	Independente	P.5	Interviews Marta
27 Aug	Asuntu sosial, ekonomia no nutrisaun iha hela problema	RTTL.EP - NOTÍSIA KALAN	https://www.youtube.com/live/yd8DSW4nDFs	Interviews Marta
27 Aug	Asuntu sosial, ekonomia no nutrisaun iha hela problema	JORNAL NACIONAL	https://www.youtube.com/live/BH2lm6vsfg4	Interviews Marta
27 Aug	La'o Hamutuk Avalia, Tinan 20 Resin TL Ukun An, Maibé Seidauk Liberta Povú Husi Liña Pobreza	RTTL TV Notifies Kalan	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsYBDRKbTsc	Coverage of LH public seminar
27 Aug	Xefe Governo tenki Sériu ba Proposta Adisionál	Timor Post	P.1&23	Interviews Celestino
27 Aug	PDHJ konsidera iha tinan 25 husi konsulta popular, ...	GMN TV News	https://youtu.be/BH2lm6vsfg4?t=901	Coverage of LH public seminar
28 Aug	Ita liberta ona pátria maibé atu liberta povú husi mukit sei problema"	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2024/08/28/ita-liberta-ona-patria-maibe-atu-liberta-povu-husimukit-sei-problema/	Coverage of LH public seminar
28 Aug	Tinan 25 konsulta popular, Provedor Lamukan: Atinjimentu ba grupu balun de'it, povú sei kiak	Independente	p.1	Coverage of LH public seminar
28 Aug	Tinan 25, Sétor 4 Seidauk Atinje Dezenvolvimentu	Timor Post	P. 4	Coverage of LH public seminar

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28 Aug	Economic challenges cast shadow on 25th anniversary celebrations of Timor-Leste's independence vote	Benar News	https://www.benarnews.org/english/news/indonesian/timor-leste-anniversary-08282024083035.html	Quotes extensively from LH report
29 Aug	Seminário traz à tona desafios em Timor-Leste depois de 25 anos da Consulta Popular	DiliGente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/seminario-traz-a-tona-desafios-em-timor-leste-depois-de-25-anos-da-consulta-popular/	Coverage of LH public seminar
3 Sep	La'o Hamutuk in Solidarity with the Palestinian People	Timor Post	p. 9	Reprints entire LH statement
4 Sep	China's Presence in Timor-Leste Is Unseen, but Unmissable	Time magazine	https://time.com/7017449/timor-leste-china-jose-ramos-horta/	Quotes Charlie
7 Sep	Looking at social issues with Timorese NGOs	U.S. Embassy Facebook page	https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BEQxedn7b/	LH and Rede ba Rai briefed the U.S. Embassy staff
8 Sep	Activists criticize high cost of Pope Francis' visit to East Timor, one of the poorest nations	AP: Newsday	https://www.newsday.com/news/nation/east-timor-pope-francis-cost-n5946 https://apnews.com/article/east-timor-pope-francis-cost-bb1613d3f0bc3818f4598f0315f50ac5	Quotes Mariano
10 Sep	In diesel-dependent East Timor, renewable energy transition remains slow despite government pledges	AP: Washington Post and elsewhere	https://apnews.com/article/east-timor-renewable-energy-transition-gas-58670e8e8283363fd560501030c7f95f https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2024/09/09/east-timor-renewable-energy-transition-gas/99d19ac6-6f23-11ef-ad92-518728118b4a_story.html https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/in-diesel-dependent-east-timor-renewable-energy-transition-remains-slow-despite-government-pledges/	Quotes Charlie
17 Sep	Hasa'e Produsaun Iha Rai Laran, LH husu MAPPF Apoiu Ekipamentus ba Agrikultór sira	Independente	P.6&8	Interviews Mariano
17 Sep	LH Husu SEF Tau Prioridade ba Postu Guarda Floresta Nebe'e Infrenta Menus Fasilidade	Independente	P.6	Interviews Mariano
17 Sep	AP – Timor Leste is at an energy development crossroads	Borneo Bulletin	https://borneobulletin.com.bn/in-need-of-a-jump-start/	Quotes Charlie
1 Oct	East Timor President Jose Ramos-Horta lobs China grenade ahead of visit	The Australian	https://www.theaustralian.com.au/nation/politics/east-timor-president-jose-ramoshorta-lobb-china-grenade-ahead-of-visit/news-story/d3345fa9f759c252e2049535037b29e2?giftid=RVAJfCWsfN	Quotes Charlie
2 Oct	Lao Hamutuk apresia bainhira OJE 2025 aloka ba setór produtivu	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2024/10/02/lao-hamutuk-apresia-bainhira-oje-2025-aloka-ba-setor-produtivu/	Interview with Celestino
2 Oct	LH Apoiu Politika SEP Kria Sentru Hakiak Ikan iha Munisípiu	Independente	P.3	Interviews Mariano
2 Oct	LH Husu MAPPF Prepara Fini Batar Hodi Distribui ba Agrikultór sira	Independente	P.6	Interviews Mariano
3 Oct	Lao Hamutuk husu Governu apresenta relatóriu ezelesaun orsamentu ba vizita Papa Francisco	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2024/10/03/lao-hamutuk-husu-governu-apresenta-relatoriu-ezelesaun-orsamentu-ba-vizita-papa-francisco/	Interview with Celestino
3 Oct	Timor-Leste Marka Istória Foun iha Proposta OJE 2025 ho Montante Billaun \$2.6	Hatutan	https://www.hatutan.net/2024/10/03/timor-leste-marka-istoria-foun-iha-proposta-oje-2025-ho-montante-billaun-2-6/	Interview with Celestino
4 Oct	La'o Hamutuk husu membru governu atu halo reflexaun (kona-ba ezelesaun OJE)	GMN TV News	https://youtu.be/2CZtlHywKes?t=859	Interview with Celestino

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4 Oct	LH Konsidera OJE 2025 Billaun \$2,6 Sei Afeita ba Fundu Petroliferu	Independente	P.9	Interview with Celestino
4 Oct	Ezekusaun OJE 2024 Foin Atinji 53% LH husu ba Membru Governu atu halo Refleksaun	GMN	https://www.youtube.com/live/2CZtHwyKes?si=geDo15yVQTIKbd6H	Interview with Celestino
7 Oct	Kria Uluk Kondisaun Molok Produs Karau nia Susu be'en	Independente	P.6	Interview with Mariano
7 Oct	LH Husu MAPPF Hadia Irrigasaun Nebe'é A'at	Independente	P.6	Interview with Mariano
10 Oct	Setór Potensial Ne'ebé Kontribui ba OJE	TV Independente programa Governu Rona	https://www.youtube.com/live/TVbu2lmoHa8	Mariano is on in-studio panel
10 Oct	Análize La'o Hamutuk Ba Proposta OJE 2025 No Rezultadu Ezekusaun Atuál	Tatoli TV Entrevista Eskluziva	https://www.youtube.com/live/DO28KjvYkYQ	Celestino is in-studio guest
14 Oct	East Timor fights new battles 25 years after independence vote	AFP (Published in many places)	https://sg.news.yahoo.com/east-timor-fights-battles-25-034445859.html https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20241015-east-timor-fights-new-battles-25-years-after-independence-vote https://www.newsargus.com/news/national/east-timor-fights-new-battles-25-years-after-independence-vote/article_a20e1ef7-6299-5734-a746-21bf1e91f4a9.html https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/east-timor-fights-new-battles-25-years-after-independence-vote/ar-AA1sh5u5 https://www.kpvi.com/news/national_news/east-timor-fights-new-battles-25-years-after-independence-vote/article_8f6782de-6b2f-54e9-ae51-4c02f0f95a7d.html https://www.barrons.com/news/east-timor-fights-new-battles-25-years-after-independence-vote-8997edbd https://www.fox28spokane.com/east-timor-fights-new-battles-25-years-after-independence-vote/ https://www.breitbart.com/news/east-timor-fights-new-battles-25-years-after-independence-vote/	Quotes Charlie on rural poverty
15 Oct	ONG La'o Hamutuk Preokupa Povu Timor-Leste laiha asesu ba ai-han nato'on no nutritivu	RTTL-TV Notisia Kalan	https://youtu.be/oE3w1-DFYSU?t=1434 Konferénsia imprensa tomak iha GMN; https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=1065755235000904	Covers LH press conference on World Food Day
15 Oct	ONG LAO HAMUTUK Husu Governu Investe Agrikultura Substantavel Asegura Ai-han, iha ambitu Selebra Loron Mundial Ai-han	Media Democracia Breaking News	https://www.facebook.com/MediaDEMOCRACIA/videos/1299680914528367/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v	Covers LH press conference on World Food Day
15 Oct	Lao Hamutuk husu Governu kapasita agrikultór sira hasa'e produsaun agrikola	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2024/10/15/lao-hamutuk-husu-governu-kapasita-agrikultor-sira-hasa-e-produsaun-agrikola/	Covers LH press conference on World Food Day
15 Oct	Lao Hamutuk husu Governu apoiu material no finanseiru ba alumni AICAT	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2024/10/15/lao-hamutuk-husu-governu-apoiu-material-no-finanseiru-ba-alumni-aicat/	Covers LH press conference on World Food Day
15 Oct	La'o hamutuk Realiza komunikado Imprensa Selebrasaun Loron Mundial Ai -han	SMnewstimo	https://www.facebook.com/Smnewstl/videos/1211490183408250/?__tn__=F	Covers LH press conference on World Food Day

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15 Oct	La'o Hamutuk Komemora Loron Mundiál Ai-Han ho Rekomendasau ba Governu	Timor Post TV	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2emXLiMfE	Covers LH press conference on World Food Day
15 Oct	Investe ba Agrikultura Sustentavel asegura ema nia Direitu ba Ai-han	GMN Tv-Official	https://www.facebook.com/GMNTVOficial/videos/1065755235000904/?mibextid=KYLvQl6ifoA56JDt	Covers LH press conference on World Food Day
15 Oct	Investe ba Agrikultura Sustentavel hodi asegura Direitu ba Ai-han	RTTL,EP	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oE3w1-DFYSU	Covers LH press conference on World Food Day
15 Oct	LH Husu Governu Investe Agrikultura Sustentavel Asegura Ai-Han, Iha Ambitu Selebra Loron Mundial Ai-han	TVDJ	https://www.facebook.com/MediaDEMO CRACIA/videos/1299680914528367/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v	Covers LH press conference on World Food Day
15 Oct	LH Husu ba Governu no Parlamentu Nasional Presiza halo Diskusaun Molok Aprova OGE 2025	RTM Maubere	https://www.facebook.com/100094630218298/videos/1253958742584555/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v	Interviews Celestino
16 Oct	ONG La'o Hamutuk husi ba Governu no Parlamentu Nasional atu halo diskusaun kle'an molok aprova OJE 2025 (two reports)	RTM Maubere-TV	https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v&ref=watch_permalink&v=1253958742584555	Interview with Celestino
16 Oct	Loron Mundial Ai-Han LH husu Governu Investe ba Agrikultura Sustentavel	Independente	P.1&11	Covers LH press conference on World Food Day
16 Oct	Investe ba Agrikultura Sustentavel Asegura ema nia Direitu ba Ai-han	Timor Post	P. 9	Covers LH press conference on World Food Day
16 Oct	MAPPF Distribui Trator ba kada Munisípiu , LH husu Fasilita mós Formasaun ba To'os Na'in Sira	Independente	P.6	Interviews Mariano
16 Oct	LH Apoiu Programa SEP Hakiak Karau iha Munisípiu Hitu	Independente	P.7	Interviews Mariano
17 Oct	La'o Hamutuk nia perspectiva kona-ba OJE 2025	GMN TV Grande Entrevista	https://www.youtube.com/live/xdhL1xiCjE	Celestino is in-studio guest
18 Oct	Tanba sá Foinsa'e Tenki Hatene no Preokupa kona ba Politika Finansa Pública no Sustentabilidade Finanseira Estadu?	Casa de Produção Audiovisual (CPA)	https://www.facebook.com/share/CMARt3oxNgZ7zfS/	Febe is speaker
19 Oct	La'o Hamutuk Kria Komunikadu Imprensa Hodi Selebra Loron Mundial Ai-han	Radio Liberdade Dili	https://radioliberalidadedi.com/2024/10/19/lao-hamutuk-kria-komunikadu-imprensa-hodi-selebra-loron-mundial-ai-han/	Covers LH press conference on World Food Day
Oct	Bayu-Undan: A test bed for carbon trading or a distraction?	IEEFA report	https://ieefa.org/resources/bayu-undan-test-bed-carbon-trading-or-distraction	Uses LH website as source; cites LH as a monitoring organization
20 Oct	A nutrição melhorou em Timor-Leste, mas a fome ainda é grave e nanismo mantém-se nos 46,7%	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/a-nutricao-melhorou-em-timor-leste-mas-a-fome-ainda-e-grave-e-nanismo-mantem-se-nos-467/	Quotes LH press release on World Food Day
21 Oct	OJE 2025 Biliaun 2.6 USD, Sociedade Sivil Tetu Impaktu Dezenvolvimentu Ekonomia	Timor Post	https://timorpost.com/politika/tp-54506/oje-2025-biliaun-2-6-usd-sociedade-sivil-tetu-impaktu-dezenvolvimentu-ekonomia/	Quotes Marta
21 Oct	Gasta Billaun \$16 laiha Balansu ho Realidade	Independente	P.4	Interviews Marta
21 Oct	OJE 2025 Biliaun 2.6 USD, Sociedade Sivil Tetu Impaktu Dezenvolvimentu Ekonomia	Timor Post	P.6	Interviews Marta
22 Oct	Parlamentu Nasional Realiza Semináriu Panorama Orsamentál ba tinan 2025	RTTL,EP Notísia Kalan	https://youtu.be/RaBnDrZayTA?t=2709	Committee chair mentions LH's economic analysis presented to Parliament

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24 Oct	LH husu tau osan barak ba MAPPF iha 2025	Independente	P.4	Interviews Mariano
24 Oct	MAPPF Ezekuta OJE Foin Atinji Pursentu 60, LH konsidera Seidauk Servisu Másimu	Independente	P.4	Interviews Mariano
25 Oct	Submisaun husi La'o Hamutuk Ba Parlamentu Nasionál Kona-ba Proposta OJE 2025	Hatutan	https://www.hatutan.net/2024/10/25/submisaun-husi-lao-hamutuk-ba-parlamentu-nasionál-kona-ba-proposta-oje-2025/	Reprints LH submission
26 Oct	La'o Hamutuk urges Parliament to discuss 2025 GSB prudently, carefully and based on evidence	Tatoli English	https://en.tatoli.tl/2024/10/26/lao-hamutuk-urges-parliament-to-discuss-2025-gsb-prudently-carefully-and-based-on-evidence/22/	Reprints LH press release
29 Oct	OJE 2025: Lao Hamutuk husu Governu prioriza setór infraestrutúra	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2024/10/29/oje-2025-lao-hamutuk-husu-governu-prioriza-setor-infraestrutúra/	Covers LH press conference
29 Oct	Sosiedade Sivil Lao Hamutuk nia Pontu Vista kona-ba Proposta OGE 2025 hanesan tuir mai: 1. Impaktu Negativu; 2. Tau prioridade ba Setor Importante sira; 3. Taka EP no IP ne'ebe la hatama reseitas	RTM Maubere	https://www.facebook.com/watch/?mibextid=A97XHALPRQdehOlw&v=544452588315496	Covers LH press conference
29 Oct	Analiza ONG LA'O HAMUTUK Kona-Ba Reseita OJE Biliaun \$2.2 Ba Tinan 2025	TVET	https://www.facebook.com/tvetimorleste/videos/358857953915939/	Interviews Febe about LH press conference
30 Oct	LH Husu Governu Redus Gastu ba Projetu Despeza Administrativa	Independente	P.5	Covers LH press conference
30 Oct	La'o Hamutuk Husu Governu Halo Redusaun ba Gastu Administrativu iha OJE 2025	Independente TV	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkZS-qPCSI	Covers LH press conference
30 Oct	LH La Aseita Obra Projetu Irregasaun Maliana II Entrega ba Kompañia Indonezia	Independente	P.6	Interviews Mariano
30 Oct	La'o Hamutuk Husu PN Diskute OJE 2025 ho Prudente, Kuidadu no Bazeia ba Evidénsia	RTTL TV	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZl3u61odYQ	Covers LH press conference
30 Oct	LH Husu PN Atu Debate OJE 2025 Ho Kuidadu	Independente	P.6	Covers LH press conference
30 Oct	Lao Hamutuk preokupa ba despeza Estadu-subsidiu ba antigu titular sira	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2024/10/30/lao-hamutuk-preokupa-ba-despeza-estadu-subsidiu-ba-antigu-titular-sira/	Summarizes LH submission; Covers press conference
30 Oct	Analiza ONG LH kona ba Reseita OJE Biliaun \$2.2 ba Tinan 2025	TVET	https://www.facebook.com/share/v/ki4ufDlqG3a9qGY/?mibextid=WC7FNe	Interviews Febe
3 Nov	Haforsa Orsamentu Bazeia ba Programa	Timor Post	Front page	Reprints LH graph of sectoral analysis of OJE 2025
4 Nov	ONG La'o Hamutuk nafatin alert ba Governu atu investe iha setór produtivu	RTTL TV evening news	https://youtu.be/P3rk4Wht3iE?t=235	Interviews Celestino
4 Nov	Transparency Strengthened in Development TL	Redi Midia TL blog	https://www.rmtl.org/blog/2024/11/04/transparency-strengthened-in-development/	Covers Febe's presentation at training for young journalists
6 Nov	Paresér kona-ba OJE 2025	Report of PN Committee C	https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/241105ParecerComC-OGE2025.pdf	Reprints LH recommendations and annexes LH submission
6 Nov	Debate OJE 2025	RTTL,EP (Live stream)	https://www.youtube.com/live/52Kux3fPW0?si=yCDagoBXqhNo3q2X	Mentions recommendation from Committee C to include LH submission in their report at 43:53

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6 Nov	Debate Lei Orsamentál Jerál Estadu 2025	Tatoli	https://www.youtube.com/live/Cu_ytXeE_Cvk?si=-mE-SCQxxPqoHxnP	Mentions recommendation from Committee C to include LH submission in their report at 47:36
6 Nov	Haforsa Orsamentu Bazeia ba Programa	Timor Post	P.1 & 11	Cites LH
7 Nov	Progresu Konstrusaun Klinika Animal Atinje ona Pursentu 50	RTTL TV	https://youtu.be/o0g-P3LWfy4?t=465	Interviews Mariano
9 Nov	Proposta OJE 2025 Ba Setór Edukasaun	Independente TV Digital	https://www.youtube.com/live/BbPkgD4_0sGc	Yonatan is guest
10 Nov	TL Alokasaun OJE 2025 no Dezafiu sira ba Setór Produtivu	GMN TV news	https://youtu.be/V5BDgpbIsL8?t=851 or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGT_UX2Y32eM	Uses many LH graphics, interviews Celestino
11 Nov	Progresu no dezafiu implementasaun planu asaun nasonál ba ema ho defisiénsia (pan-ehd 2021-2030) no konvensaun nasoins unidas ba direitu ema ho defisiénsia (uncrpd) iha ministériu saúde.	GMN TV Live streaming official	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ByB_OBGgk7Pl	Marta is moderator
21 Nov	Proposta OJE 2025 Ba Setór Edukasaun	Independente TV Digital	https://www.youtube.com/live/p1leskh9sMM	Celestino is guest
22 Nov	La'o Hamutuk: Política de conservação e distribuição de sementes é muito importante	RTTL TV Último jornal	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pmF-TV2P1V4	Interviews Mariano
24 Nov	New study on Greater Sunrise	RTTL TV World News	https://youtu.be/hEYcxprdmFw?t=92	Interviews Celestino
24 Nov	2025 Budget remains low for education, health	RTTL TV World News Exclusive Interview	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2QrW8iCVq8	Interviews Febe
24 Nov	Latest Analysis on This Years Budget	RTTL WORLD NEWS	https://www.youtube.com/live/hEYcxprdmFw?si=y_cRxM9mws74QLL	Interviews Febe
26 Nov	ONG pede a Presidente timorense para vetar Orçamento Geral do Estado para 2025	Lusa (printed in many places)	https://www.lusa.pt/lusofonia/Timor-Leste/article/2024-11-26/43975031/ong-pede-a-presidente-timorense-para-vetar-or%C3%A7amento-geral-do-estado-para-2025 https://www.msn.com/pt-pt/noticias/mundo/ong-pede-a-presidente-timorense-para-vetar-or%C3%A7amento-geral-do-estado-para-2025/ar-AA1uKLR6 https://www.noticiasao minuto.com/mundo/2677440/ong-pede-a-presidente-timorense-para-vetar-oge-para-2025 https://www.sapo.pt/noticias/actualidade/ong-pede-a-presidente-timorense-para-vetar_67454752919361660c517460 https://observador.pt/2024/11/26/ong-pede-a-presidente-timorense-para-vetar-orcamento-geral-do-estado-para-2025/ https://www.rtp.pt/noticias/economia/ong-pede-a-presidente-timorense-para-vetar-orcamento-do-estado_n1617486	Based on LH letter to President
27 Nov	LH Husu Governu Uza OJE Realiza Sira nia Promesa	Independente	P. 6	Interviews Febe
27 Nov	Akademiku no Sosiedade Sivil Kritika Prezidente Republika la Uza tempo Adequadu hodi Analiza OJE Molok Promulga OJE 2025 ho montante Billiaun 2,6	GMN	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joal_bfa0rAY	Interviews Febe
2 Dec	Promove no Proteze Direitu Ema Ho Defisiensia liu husi implementasaun Planu Asaun Nasiona Ema Ho	Lafaek News	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmGRSpZc6RY&t=310s	Marta is moderator

Date	Title	Medium	URL/Page	Comment
	Defisiensia (PAN-EhD) 2024-2030,no Konvensaun ONU konaba direitu Ema Ho Defisiensia (UNCRPD),			
2 Dec	Gender Based Violence in Timor-Leste: Opening eyes to the hidden reality	Tatoli	https://en.tatoli.tl/2024/12/02/gender-based-violence-in-timor-leste-opening-eyes-to-the-hidden-reality-2/11/	Refers to LH for budget information
3 Dec	LH Konsidera Kria Moeda Foun sei Hamonu Ekonomia Timor-Leste	Independente	P. 1&11	Interviews Mariano
4 Dec	Hanoin Kritiku No Analiza OJE 2025	Radio Rakambia TL	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Vn4oZdpFOo	Coverage of LH/UNTL seminar
4 Dec	Auditoria à Timor GAP, E.P. - Anos de 2017 a 2019	Opinion of Court of Appeal	https://www.tribunais.tl/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Relatorio_TIMOR-GAP.pdf	Cites LH letter from 2014 as reason for the audit
5 Dec	Timor-Leste Ho Australia To'o Oras Ne'e Seidauk Iha Konsensus Atu Dezenvolve Greater Sunrise.	Radio Rakambia TL	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InjsGEvm1Gc	Interviews Celestino
9 Dec	Enkoraja Governu no Instituisaun Estadu Hadi'ak Transparénsia no Partisipasaun Públika iha Prosesu Orsamentál no Publikasaun sira hotu	Timor Post		Article by LH
10 Dec	Corrupção em Timor-Leste: melhoria no Índice Global, desvios milionários e interferência política	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/corruptao-em-timor-leste-melhoria-no-indice-global-desvios-milionario-e-interferencia-politica/	Interviews Marta
17 Dec	Impaktu OJE ba Ekonomia Rai-Laran	RTTL.EP - ITA NIA BAINAKA	https://www.youtube.com/live/tlY-ljv3jus	Talk Show by LH
Dec	2024 Investment Climate Statements: Timor-Leste	U.S. Department of State	https://www.state.gov/reports/2024-investment-climate-statements/timor-leste/	Lists LH as a "watchdog" organization for corruption.

Appendix 3. Presentations

Most of the PowerPoints can be downloaded from <https://www.laohamutuk.org/pres.htm>.

Date	Topic	Event	Speaker(s)
March	Analiza OJE no oinsá halo advokasia ba OJE husi aspetu Ema ho Defisiénsia.	Training for public, organized by Oxfam, Dili	Marta, Ana and Yonatan
March	Oportunidade no Dezafiu Adezaun Timor-Leste ba OMK	Presented for public, organized by Fongtil, Dili	Mariano
April	Política Pública sobre Rai Naruk Fiskál	Academic conference, organized by UNTL, Dili	Mariano
April	TL nia política pública ba Rai Naruk Fiskál	Academic conference, organized by FASPOL-UNTL, Dil	Mariano and Celestino
April	OJE husi Setór Agrikultura no Diversifikasaun Ekonomia	Training for public, organized by Oxfam and AJTL, Dili	Mariano
April	OJE 2024 ba Sociedade Sivil sira	Seminar, organized by Fongtil	Febe and Yonatan
April	LH nia Esperiência Oinsá Halo Advokasia	Training for public, organized by TAF, Dili	Marta and Yonatan
May	Política fiskál no Diversifikasaun Ekonomia	Public meeting with community in Laclubar and Natarbora, Manatuto Municipality)	Marta, Febe, Yonatan and Ricarda
June	The Oil Industry and the Prevention of Climate Change in the Context of TL	OilWatch Southeast Asia regional assembly (Malaysia)	Yonatan
July	Kontextu Ekonomia	Academic conference, organized by WB, Dili	Mariano, Febe and Lizzie
July	Rights and Sustainability	Presented to Australian Volunteers International	Marta and Febe
July	Política fiskál no Diversifikasaun Ekonomia & Transparénsia	Public meeting with community in Pante Makassar and Oesilo, Oecusse	Marta, Yonatan and Celestino
Aug.	Política fiskál no Diversifikasaun Ekonomia & Transparénsia	Public meeting with community in Maubara	Marta, Mariano, Lizzie and Leticia
Aug.	Rights and Sustainability	Presented to Australian Volunteers International	Charlie and Febe
Aug.	Situasaun Ekonomia Sosial Hafoin 25 Konsulta Popular	National Seminar in Dili	Febe, Charlie and Mariano
Sept.	Land issues	Briefing to USA Ambassador and staff	Mariano
Sept.	OJE ba bee moos no saneamentu	Seminar, organized by PN-BESI.TL	Febe
Sept.	Cybercrime law, and the potential of social media restriction	Side event organized by ASEAN Peoples Forum (APF), Dili	Marta
Sept.	Spending and Underdevelopment	Seminar, organized by APF, Dili	Febe
Oct.	Oinsá Monitoriza Despeza Pública	Seminar, organized by Prezidente Autoridade Municipal Dili	Marta
Oct.	LH nia analiza kona-ba Proposta OJE 2025	Seminar Panorama Orsamentu, organized by Commission C National Parliament in Liquiça	Celestino
Oct.	Analiza Proposta OJE 2025 no Diversifikasaun Ekonomia	Presented to Lecturers and students, organized by FASPOL-UNTL	Marta and Mariano
Nov.	Política Finansa Pública no Diversifikasaun Ekonomia	Media Briefing-Dili	Marta and Yonatan
Nov.	Analiza proposta OJE inkluzivu 2025	Training for public, organized by Open The Book project-Oxfam, Dili	Marta and Febe
Nov.	Analiza OJE 2025	Training for women organization, organized by Fundasaun Moris Foun in Liquiça	Febe
Nov.	Perspetiva Kritiku kona ba OJE 2025	National seminar	Febe and Marta
Dec.	Analiza OJE 2025 ba setór Agrikultura	Seminar, organized by HAK	Mariano
Dec.	Prosesu OJE no Transparénsia iha Industria Mina-rai no Gas	Public meeting, organized by Core Group Transparency (CGT) in Uma Uain Kraik, Viqueque municipality	Yonatan
Dec.	Prosesu OJE no Transparénsia iha Industria Mina-rai no Gas	Public meeting, organized by CGT in Carabalu, Viqueque municipality	Yonatan
Dec.	Ekonomia no transparénsia estadu	Human Rights Day seminar organized by ITP-TL, in Dili	Febe

Appendix 4. Submissions and Open Letters

Date	Topic	Detail	Link
February	Reject accession to the WTO; Timor-Leste must protect and promote our domestic economy.	Press Conference to the government and public	https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trade/240227LHKonferensia_Imprensa_WTOen.pdf
June	Results of the 2023 Open Budget Survey	Open Letter to State Institutions: Minister of Finance, President of the Republic, National Parliament, Government and Court of Appeal	https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trans/OBS23/240612KartaAbertaLH-OBS2023en.pdf
June	Results of the 2023 Open Budget Survey	Press Release to the media and public	https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trans/OBS23/240612LHPressReleaseOBS2023en.pdf
August	La'o Hamutuk in Solidarity with the Palestinian People	Statement to the media and public	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/240829SolidaridadePalestinaEn.pdf
October	World Food Day, investing in sustainable agriculture to ensure people's right to access food	Press Conference to the government and public	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Agriculture/2024/241016LHkomunikadu_imprensa_World_food_day.pdf
October	Proposed Climate change law	Submission to the National Directorate on Climate Change	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Environment/Climate/2024/241021LaoHamutukParaserLeiMudansaKlimatikaTe.pdf
October	Proposed 2025 State Budget	Submission to the Committee C and Members of National Parliament	https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/241025LHSubOJE2025te.pdf
November	Veto 2025 state budget law	Open Letter to the President of Republic	https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/241125LHKarta_Pedidu_baPR_atu_Veta_Proposta_Lei_OJE_2025.pdf

Appendix 5. Radio Programs

Recordings of all radio and video programs produced by La'ó Hamutuk are accessible on our website at <https://www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm>. The following were produced in 2024; all are in Tetum.

Month	Program Title	Guests
March	Oinsá OJE 2024 investe ba polítika ou programa diversifikasaun ekonomia iha TL	Maria Angelina "Lita" Sarmento (Deputada PLP), Celcio da Fonseca (UNTL), Febe Gomes (LH)
May	Video: Perspetiva kona-ba Sustentabilidade Fiskál iha TL	Maria Angelina "Lita" Sarmento (Deputada PLP), Pedro Ximenes, (Reitor IOB), Febe Gomes (LH)
June	Timor-Leste nia adezaun ba WTO	Maria Angelina "Lita" Sarmento (Deputada PLP), Alfredo dos Santos (Dekanu Fakuldade Ekonomia UNDIL), Febe Gomes (LH)
August	Lei Mudansa Klimátika	João Carlos Soares (Director Nasional Alterasaun Klimátika, Ministériu Turizmu no Ambiente), Herminia de Jesus Pinto (PERMATIL), Yonatan Gonsalves (LH)
September	Open Budget Survey	Marta da Silva (LH), Estevanus Koli, (Diretór Ezekutivu Matadalan Institute - MDI)
December	Orsamentu Jerál Estadu ba 2025	Cedelizia Faria dos Santos (Deputada CNRT no Prezidente Komisaun C), Abel Boavida dos Santos (UNTL), Febe Gomes (LH)

Appendix 6. Blog Articles

Blog articles published during 2024 are listed below. A list of posts and updates to our website is at www.laohamutuk.org/updates.htm.

Date	Topic	Link
March	Rejeita Adezaun ba WTO: Presiza Proteje no Promove Ekonomia Rai Laran	https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2024/03/rejeita-adezaun-ba-wto-presiza-proteje.html
June	Results of the 2023 Open Budget Survey	https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2024/06/results-of-2023-open-budget-survey.html
June	Rezultadu Open Budget Survey 2023	https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2024/06/rezultadu-open-budget-survey-2023.html
August	La'ó Hamutuk in Solidarity with the Palestinian People	https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2024/08/lao-hamutuk-in-solidarity-with.html
August	Semináriu Nasionál Komemorasaun Tinan 25 Konsulta Popular hodi refleto ba dezenvolvimentu iha Setór Ekonomiku, Sosiál no Kulturál depois ukun rasik-an	https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2024/08/seminariu-nasional-komemorasaun-tinan.html

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

Staff

Marta (Abata) 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'ó 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'ó Hamutuk's coordinators.



Martinha (Atina) Fernandes

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



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'ó Hamutuk in 2009, where he works on agriculture, land rights and justice, and serves on the personnel team.



Elizaria Febe Gomes

Febe was born in Dili. 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'ó Hamutuk in 2018 on state finance and economics. She speaks Tetum, Portuguese, English, and Bahasa Indonesia, and serves on the personnel team.



Yonatan (Jonas) Gonsalves

Yonatan was born in Suku Parlamentu, Lautem and speaks Fataluku, Tetum, Indonesian and some English. He studies Economics and Business at the Institute of Business (IOB), Dili. Prior to working at La'ó Hamutuk, he worked on state budget transparency and the Petroleum Fund with Core Group Transparency (CGT). He began working with La'ó Hamutuk in 2021, works on issues related to State Finances and Economy, and he is one of La'ó Hamutuk's coordinators.

**Celestino (Atino) 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, state finances and petroleum. He is active in MKOTT and is our focal point in the National Alliance for an International Tribunal (ANTI).

**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'ó Hamutuk in 2016 as finance officer. She speaks Idate, Tetum, Indonesian and English.

**Charles (Charlie) Scheiner**

An engineer and long-time Timor-Leste solidarity activist, Charlie worked at La'ó 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'ó Hamutuk's website and blog. He speaks English and Tetum.

**Elia (Eka) da Costa Araújo**

Elia is from Ainaro municipality. She previously worked as a program manager at KRAM (Martial Art Regulatory Commission). She is in her final semester of Public Administration at UNTL. She is involved in the Red Rose Women's Movement of Timor-Leste, which she co-founded. In November 2024, Eka joined La'ó Hamutuk as a researcher on Governance and Human Rights. She speaks Mamba'e, Tetum, Indonesian and English.



Elivania Alves Correia

Elivania was born in Mau-Meta, Liquiça. Her mother tongue is Tokodede, and she also speaks Tetum, Portuguese, Indonesian, and English. She recently graduated from UNTL with a degree in Agro-Socioeconomics. In November 2024, she joined La'ó Hamutuk as a researcher, focusing on agriculture, state budget, and economics.

**Leticia Flavia Carvalho Pereira**

Leticia was born in Same, Manufahi. She graduated from the Universitas Pendidikan Nasional Denpasar Bali in 2017 with a Bachelors in Business and Economics of Accounting. She previously worked as a finance officer at Ai-com and Smallholder Cattle Enterprise, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries. Leticia joined La'ó Hamutuk in July 2023, working as an administration and finance assistant. She speaks Mamba'e, Tetum, Bahasa Indonesia and some English.



Advisory Board

Selma Hayati

An Indonesian human rights activist, Selma started working in Timor-Leste in 2001, including with Concern, Care, Oxfam, La'o Hamutuk (2003-2004), NGO Forum and UNTAET, UNMIT, UNDP, Action Asia, Fokupers, JSMP, CAFOD, USAID, Ba Distritu and other organizations. Selma writes articles and poetry. She returned to Indonesia in 2018 and continues to work on organizational capacity development of local governments and civil society organizations in Papua and elsewhere, to strengthen government accountability and tolerance.

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 joined La'o Hamutuk staff in 2000, where she worked on agriculture and land rights and coordinated our personnel team. Fifteen years later, she left La'o Hamutuk to manage Oxfam's new land rights project, and joined our Board in 2017.

Pamela Sexton

From the USA, Pamela has extensive experience in Indonesia and Timor-Leste. In 1999, she was U.S. coordinator for the IFET Observer Project. Pam helped set up La'o Hamutuk and served on our staff from 2000-2002, focusing on popular education, gender, and international exchanges. When Pam moved to California, she became a member of our board, later returning to Timor-Leste from 2009-2019 (working in the Ministry of Social Solidarity, the Ministry of Education and then at LH). She cooperates closely with LH on capacity development and other issues.

Oscar da Silva

Oscar was born in Uatu-karbau, Viqueque District, is Third Vice Dean within the Faculty of Agriculture 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). Oscar holds a Masters degree in agriculture from the University of Portu.

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 LH staff from 2005- 2008, before joining the Government's Sunrise LNG Taskforce. In 2010, she completed her Masters on gender and development studies at the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand and now works as a Program Officer for Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Responsive Budgeting at UN Women.

Andrew de Sousa

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

Maxi Tahu

Maxi was born in Seloi Kraik, Aileu district. He studied agriculture at the University of New England in Australia, has a Master of Science degree in Food Security and Development from the University of Reading, in England, and recently started his PhD at the University of Wollongong, Australia. Maxi worked at La'o Hamutuk from 2007 to 2020 on agriculture, food security and nutrition, climate change and fundraising. Maxi joined our Board in 2022.