Mid-Year Report

La'o Hamutuk

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La'o Hamutuk's vision

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

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Mission and situational context

La'o Hamutuk ("Walking Together" in English) is an independent Timor-Leste NGO established in 2000 which analyses and reports on development processes, including the programs of the national government and international agencies.

La'o Hamutuk believes all women and men in Timor-Leste have the right to participate in decisions about development, and that this will ensure that the people benefit fairly from the country's natural resource wealth. In order to provide the public with the information they need to be able to participate more meaningfully, we share facts and analysis of government programs through various media, including our website, newspapers, television interviews and public meetings. We also advocate to policy makers to increase and improve public consultations, and to include people's suggestions, needs and concerns in their decisions.

La'o Hamutuk also maintains and creates solidarity links with other civil society organizations within Timor-Leste, in the South-East Asia region and globally, in order to share information on Timor-Leste's context, explore alternative development ideas and support the global struggle for political, social and economic justice.

Timor-Leste continues to be one of the most oil and gas-dependent countries in the world; in 2016, more than 85% of the State Budget will be financed with money from oil and gas channeled through the country's sovereign wealth fund. However, over 90% of proved reserves have already been extracted and sold, revenues have fallen by more than two-thirds since their peak in 2012 and the Petroleum Fund's investments continue to under-perform (after accruing negative returns during 2015). At the same time, the Government continues to follow an unsustainable spending path that prioritizes large infrastructure projects while neglecting basic services and the development of the non-oil economy.

In January 2016, the National Parliament forced President Taur Matan Ruak to promulgate the State Budget after he had vetoed it, authorizing the Government to continue to ignore the Estimated Sustainable Income (ESI) guidelines for Petroleum Fund withdrawals and appropriate excessive amounts from the Fund to finance several major projects. The Budget also outlined plans to withdraw far in excess of the ESI over the next five years, further threatening the sustainability of the Fund.

The Government then announced late in June that it intended to increase the total withdrawal from the Fund during 2016 from \$1.28 billion to \$1.68 billion—a total increase of \$391 million, all for megaprojects with unclear returns. These excess withdrawals violate the core principle of the Petroleum Fund, which states that it should "contribute to the wise management of the petroleum resources for the benefit of both current and future generations."

La'o Hamutuk therefore continues to raise awareness about the unsustainable policies of the current Government, while advocating for increased investment in basic services to improve people's standard of living, and in sustainable, productive industries such as agriculture and manufacturing which can develop the non-oil economy, create employment and reduce dependency on imports.

Between January and June 2016, major results of La'o Hamutuk's work included:

- ➤ The President of Timor-Leste, Taur Matan Ruak, vetoed the 2016 State Budget citing many of the concerns that La'o Hamutuk has raised for years.¹
- More members of the public, policy makers and civil society understand that Timor-Leste's oil reserves are almost depleted and are discussing the need to diversify Timor-Leste's economy to reduce dependency on oil and gas revenues.
- Local and international media reprinted articles we wrote on maritime boundaries and Tibar port, including Crikey,² New Zealand Asia-Pacific Report and Evening Report.³ Counterpunch and

¹ http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE16/15OGE16.htm#pres

Common Dreams published an article by La'o Hamutuk calling for an end to impunity for Indonesian crimes in Timor-Leste from 1975 to 1999.⁴ (See Appendix 2 for a list of more than 90 media references to La'o Hamutuk.)

- ➤ In March and April, La'o Hamutuk played a key role in organizing large demonstrations in front of the Australian embassy in Dili to protest the Australian Government's continuing refusal to negotiate permanent maritime boundaries with Timor-Leste.⁵ These actions, which involved up to 10,000 people, drew international attention to the maritime boundary issue, and resulted in many media reports in Timor-Leste.⁶ Australia⁷ and internationally.⁸
- Many members of Parliament and Government agreed with points in our submissions on the Private Investment Law and Policy,⁹ Environmental Licensing,¹⁰ Land Law revision¹¹ and the Decree-Law on Employment in Extractive Industries.¹²
- ➤ La'o Hamutuk was invited to present at the Timor-Leste: Development Issues and International Relations conference at Flinders University, Adelaide.¹³
- ➤ In June 2016, Hyundai Engineering & Construction gave up on the Suai Supply Base project¹⁴ after its contract was ruled invalid by the Court of Appeal in late 2015. La'o Hamutuk continues to monitor the project and call for its cancellation.¹⁵

Program activities

During the first half of 2016, La'o Hamutuk continued our main mission of collecting, analyzing and reporting on institutions and systems which affect people in Timor-Leste. Many organizations, including Government agencies, rely on us as a reliable, independent source of information, and we often receive requests and visits from local and international researchers, NGOs, academics and development partners seeking our perspectives on Timor-Leste's economic and social context and needs.

La'o Hamutuk staff gave many interviews to local and international journalists, and we appeared as panelists on television debates and contributed to several online and print publications. On our own website, we updated existing pages, created several new ones, and wrote many blog articles.

- https://blogs.crikey.com.au/northem/2016/02/27/governu-australia-naok-teen-scare-tactics-and-peaceful-demonstrations-in-timor-leste/
- http://asiapacificreport.nz/2016/06/19/lao-hamutuk-is-the-tibar-container-port-what-timor-leste-really-needs/ http://eveningreport.nz/2016/06/19/lao-hamutuk-is-the-tibar-container-port-what-timor-leste-really-needs/
- http://www.counterpunch.org/2016/06/28/time-to-end-impunity-for-suharto%C2%92s-crimes-in-indonesia-and-timor-leste/
 - http://www.commondreams.org/views/2016/06/27/time-end-impunity-suhartos-crimes-indonesia-and-timor-leste
- ⁵ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/CMATSindex.htm#Mar16Demos
- 6 http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/2016/22Mar/DNTP23Mar2016.pdf
- ⁷ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/2016/22Mar/SMHThousands22Mar2016.pdf
- 8 http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/2016/22Mar/GuardianOccupying22Mar2016.pdf
- http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/LHSubMECAEInvestLaw29Mar2016en.pdf http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/LHSubMECAEInvestPolicy13Apr2016en.pdf
- 10 http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2016/06/lh-husu-pdhj-atu-haforsa-implementasaun.html
- ¹¹ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/land/2016/LHSubLeiTitularidade8Jun2016te.pdf
- ¹² http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/EILabor/16EILaborLaw.htm
- 13 http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/ScheinerFlindersApr2016presentation.pdf
- 14 http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20160617000118
- ¹⁵ http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2016/06/suai-supply-base-contract-cancelled-its.html

We gave briefings or presentations on economic sustainability, petroleum dependency and other topics to various groups, including EU ambassadors, incoming international volunteers, visiting student groups, local activists and academic conferences.

Our website (www.lao hamutuk.org) in Tetum and English links to public and leaked documents, often unavailable through official channels. Many web pages are "briefing books," with background information, analysis from La'o Hamutuk and others, and links to related material in several languages. We continued to add new information to our Reference page. 16

Major new pages published during the first six months of 2016 include:

- The original and rectified General State Budget for 2016, including analysis, La'o Hamutuk submissions and letters, Parliamentary reports, and materials from the Government¹⁷
- Revision of the Private Investment Law and Policy, including the draft Law and Policy, La'o Hamutuk submissions.¹⁸
- > Decree-Law on Employment in the Extractive Activities, including the draft Law and La'o Hamutuk submission. 19
- ➤ Environmental impacts of the proposed oil refinery in Betano, including La'o Hamutuk open letter to TimorGAP.²⁰
- ➤ Public-private partnership for Tibar container port, including analysis, project documents, procurement and environmental licensing.²¹
- Many updates to La'o Hamutuk's web page on the maritime boundary dispute with Australia, including analysis of the demonstrations in Dili and abroad, as well as local and international media coverage.²²

During the first six months of 2016, people accessed an average of 11,500 of our web pages every day. Many online journals, media and blogs repost information from our web pages, so readership is larger than these numbers indicate.

We also posted 15 new blog entries with people viewing 32,350 blog pages during the six-month period. ²³ Our main new articles, many of which are also in Tetum, include:

- ► Boye in prison, appeals sentence²⁴
- > Solidarity should be shown²⁵ (analysis of demonstrations against Australian government)
- ➤ Indicators have consequences²⁶ (analysis of falling oil revenues)
- ➤ MKOTT statements to Timor-Leste and Australia²⁷
- Private investment is a road, not a destination²⁸ Health and safety for all workers, not only those in mining and petroleum²⁹

¹⁶ http://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexEn.htm

¹⁷ http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE16/15OGE16.htm

¹⁸ http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/16InvestPolicy.htm

¹⁹ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/ElLabor/16ElLaborLaw.htm

²⁰ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/TasiMane/Betano/EIA/16RefineryEIA.htm

²¹ http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/PPP/Tibar/TibarIndexEnTe.htm

²² http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/CMATSindex.htm#2016

²³ http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/

²⁴ http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2016/01/boye-in-prison-appeals-sentence.html

²⁵ http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2016/02/solidarity-should-be-shown.html

²⁶ http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2016/03/indicators-have-consequences.html

²⁷ http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2016/03/mkott-statements-to-australia-and-tl.html

²⁸ http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2016/04/private-investment-is-road-not.html

- ➤ Is the Tibar container port what Timor-Leste really needs?³⁰
- Suai Supply Base contract cancelled; it's time to cancel the project³¹

We produced six Tetum-language radio programs which were broadcast on seven community radio stations in the districts.³² The radio programs are an important medium to share information to communities in rural areas. The programs covered the following topics:

Date	Topic	Participants
Jan	Loans and economic sustainability in Timor-Leste	Cesaltina Soares (Academic - UNDIL), Arsenio Pereira (FORUM-NGO) and Juvinal Dias (LH)
Feb	Sustainable agriculture policy	Agostu da Silva (Academic-Ph.D. Candidate at Queensland University), Gernizio Achon Carseres (Coordinator of Perma- Youth TL) and Maxi Tahu (LH)
Mar	Maritime Boundary between TL and Australia	Juvinal Dias (LH), Manuela Pereira Leong (ACBIT), Faustino Soares (Student at UNTL), Maria Imakulada Soares (Student at UNTL), Manuel Monteiro (HAK Foundation)
Apr	Tibar bay port project with PPP model	Bento da Conceção (Community Leader at Tibar), Adriano Dos Santos Almeida (Fisherman at Fatunia-Tibar) and Niall Almond (LH)
May	Draft Land Law	Roberto Aleixo da Cruz (Land Network Coordinator), Zelia Fernandes (Forum Tau Matan) and Luis Sampaio (JSMP)
Jun	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	Januario Pereira, (Academic at UNTL), Junko Ito (PARCIC-TL) and Niall Almond (LH)

Analysis, monitoring and research

Economy and natural resources

State budget, economy and fiscal sustainability

During the first half of 2016, La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor and report on the State Budget process, analyze the reports on petroleum production and revenues from state agencies and advocate for sustainable, sensible expenditure on projects which address people's basic needs and develop the non-oil economy.

When the President vetoed the State Budget in January, La'o Hamutuk reported on it on our web page, along with the final approved budget books and our analysis.³³ We also updated our page with information on the proposed Rectification Budget in June,³⁴ and will continue to lobby Parliament and the Government to reduce allocations for large infrastructure projects without clear returns and use the savings to invest more in sustainable sectors.

We updated our web page on the Petroleum Fund³⁵ and our blog³⁶ with current information on the country's petroleum revenues and reserves, calling on the Government to recognize the imminent end of petroleum income and to seriously address the lack of development in non-oil sectors.

²⁹ http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2016/04/health-and-safety-for-all-workers-not.html

³⁰ http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2016/06/is-tibar-container-port-what-timor.html

³¹ http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2016/06/suai-supply-base-contract-cancelled-its.html

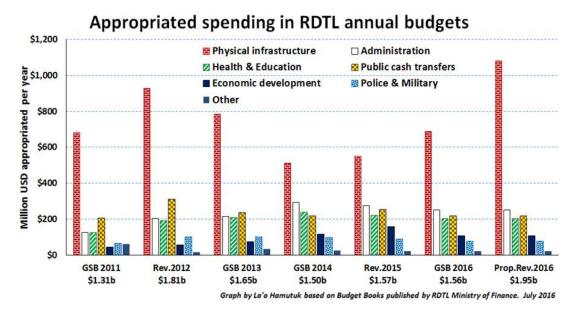
³² http://www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm

³³ http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE16/15OGE16.htm#pres

³⁴ http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE16/15OGE16.htm#rev

³⁵ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/05PFIndex.htm

³⁶ http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2016/03/indicators-have-consequences.html



In February our staffer Juvinal Dias was a speaker at a seminar on budget auditing organized by the Chamber of Accounts, in which we raised the issues of fiscal sustainability and falling petroleum revenues.

We also shared our perspective on unsustainable state spending, falling petroleum revenues and the need to diversify the economy with many journalists, students and researchers, as well as raising these issues in discussions with the Prime Minister, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, President's office, TimorGAP, the IMF, World Bank, ADB, several ambassadors and many others.

In March, Timor-Leste made a secret out-of-court agreement to refund taxes totaling more than a hundred million dollars to oil companies, and we updated our web page with new information.³⁷ We also continued to monitor the fraud case involving Bobby Boye – the consultant who initiated the tax cases against the oil companies, and went on to defraud Timor-Leste out of several million dollars – and we sent a letter to the US prosecutor in the case reminding them of our earlier letter which explained that Boye's crimes caused far more damage to Timor-Leste than the amount he was ordered to repay.³⁸ We continued to update our web page as the case evolved, such as when he appealed his six-year sentence.³⁹

We monitored the Government's revision of the Private Investment Law and Policy, participating in the public consultation and producing a web page,⁴⁰ blog post⁴¹ and two submissions⁴², which called for the law and policy to reflect the needs of Timor-Leste's people and domestic producers, protect our environment and natural resources and encourage the development of sustainable industries.

In June, we helped to organize a civil society conference on the Sustainable Development Goals which brought together a diverse range of views to create a set of recommendations for the Government on the national development plan and implementation of the goals.

³⁷ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/tax/10BackTaxes.htm#collect

³⁸ http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/corruption/Boye/Appeal/LHBoyeProsecutor25Jan2016.pdf

³⁹ http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/corruption/Boye/14BoyeCase.htm#appeal

⁴⁰ http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/16InvestPolicv.htm

⁴¹ http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2016/04/private-investment-is-road-not.html

⁴² http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/LHSubMECAEInvestLaw29Mar2016en.pdf http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/LHSubMECAEInvestPolicy13Apr2016en.pdf

We continued to monitor lending by multilateral agencies, updating our debt sustainability model with loan disbursement information obtained from lenders and communicating with the Ministry of Finance's Debt Management Unit and other agencies monitoring Timor-Leste's debt.

Transparency and accountability

La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), and published the 2013 report when it became available in February 2016, noting that it had less transparency than in previous years.⁴³

We helped the Core Group on Transparency develop an action plan to strengthen the institution and conduct research into several projects being implemented in the districts, including ZEESM, PNDS and PDID.

We communicated with the government about problems with the Transparency Portal. We also persuaded the ADB and World Bank to release information on their loans to Timor-Leste, including copies of the loan contracts and lists of disbursements.

We continued to work with International Budget Partnership on their Budget Tracker and Open Budget Survey project. We also assisted the World Bank with their Open Budget Portal initiative.

Maritime boundary dispute

In February, La'o Hamutuk, as part of the Movement Against the Occupation of the Timor Sea (MKOTT), held a workshop on the maritime boundary dispute in preparation for a peaceful action on the 10th

anniversary of the CMATS treaty signing. La'o Hamutuk staff then helped organize demonstrations in February and March against the Australian Government's refusal to respect Timor-Leste's sovereign rights in the Timor Sea.

Thousands of people took part



in demonstrations in Dili, and many hundreds more participated in simultaneous actions in Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Jakarta, Manila, Kuala Lumpur and elsewhere, bringing the issue to international attention and resulting in many media reports. We updated our website many times with new information, media coverage and photos⁴⁴ and La'o Hamutuk staff were interviewed many times by local and international media.

When Australian Governor-General Peter Cosgrove visited Dili in March, La'o Hamutuk helped MKOTT write him an open letter explaining our position.⁴⁵

⁴³ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/EITI/10EITlindex.htm

⁴⁴ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/CMATSindex.htm#2016

⁴⁵ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/2016/KartaMKOTTGG3Mar2016en.pdf

From June on, La'o Hamutuk collaborated with other local civil society organizations in organizing the 2016 ASEAN People's Forum which will be held in August in Dili, and where La'o Hamutuk staff will represent MKOTT to bring the maritime boundary issue to the Forum.

Tasi Mane Project and TimorGAP

In November 2015, Timor-Leste's Chamber of Accounts rejected the \$719 million contract for the Suai Supply Base, the largest in the nation's history. La'o Hamutuk continued throughout the first half of 2016 to lobby that it and other components of the Tasi Mane project be cancelled, through our communications with government officials and submissions on the State Budget. The contractor, Hyundai E&C, announced it was withdrawing from the project in June, and La'o Hamutuk posted further analysis of the project's lack of viability and called for the project's cancellation.

When the Government proposed in June to increase the State Budget by \$391 million, much of the new allocation was for the Suai Supply Base. However, without a contract, La'o Hamutuk argued that the project should not be included in the budget.

At the end of 2015, the National Authority for Petroleum and Minerals awarded an offshore petroleum-sharing contract to TimorGAP, Timor-Leste's state-owned oil company. The Chinese company BGP was contracted to conduct offshore seismic research, and in March, La'o Hamutuk attended a ceremony for the handover of the data collected by BGP, and we raised questions about the lack of Environmental Impact Assessment in advance of the research and updated our web page.⁴⁷.

Also in March, TimorGAP held a public consultation on the environmental impacts of the Betano refinery project, and La'o Hamutuk raised serious questions about the lack of concrete information and irresponsible way in which highly risky activities were discussed. We created a web page on the issue⁴⁸ and wrote a 10-page open letter to TimorGAP, urging them to seriously analyze the risks from constructing the refinery, as well as asking for a realistic cost-benefit analysis of the project's returns.

Public-Private Partnership for Tibar port

La'o Hamutuk published a detailed analysis of the pending large container port project, which is to be built using a PPP model in Tibar Bay, 10km west of Dili. We raised serious questions about its economic viability, risk-sharing, potential impact on local producers, environmental and social impacts and lack of competition in the bidding process. We also gathered many important documents relating to the design, planning, legal framework, procurement, environmental licensing, land appropriation and community consultations.

Although the Government knew that the contract for the port project would be signed in 2016 (it was signed in June), the 2016 State Budget appropriated much less than the contracted amount. As a result, they had to add \$120 million to the budget in mid-year to cover the cost of the port, which we explained on our web page.⁴⁹

Environment

In addition to our analysis and advocacy on environmental impacts of major projects such as Tasi Mane, ZEESM and Tibar port, La'o Hamutuk met regularly with the environmental authority, DNKPIA (formerly DNMA), to obtain information on the licensing status of infrastructure projects and to lobby for more rigorous enforcement of Timor-Leste's environmental protection laws. Through communication with colleagues in other organizations, we also gathered information on some of the environmental impacts of the ZEESM project in Oecusse.

⁴⁶ http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2016/06/suai-supply-base-contract-cancelled-its.html

⁴⁷ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetRegime/NOC/10Petronatil.htm#2016

⁴⁸ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/TasiMane/Betano/EIA/16RefineryEIA.htm

⁴⁹ http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE16/15OGE16.htm#rev

In January, we consulted with WorleyParsons, the company conducting the Environmental Impact Survey for the planned Baucau cement factory and limestone mine, offering recommendations regarding protection of local communities' rights, danger from heavy traffic, air and water pollution and access for local fishermen to the sea.

In June, we sent a letter to the Provedor for Human Rights and Justice detailing systematic violations of the environmental licensing law by many large projects,⁵⁰ and urging them to investigate why the law was not being enforced.

Statistics on Timor-Leste

Several reports published by international agencies during the first of half of 2016 repeated points La'o Hamutuk has been making for years, and government reports were corrected as a result of our suggestions.

The IMF met with us while conducting their 2016 Article IV Consultation, and their press release highlighted the risk of high public spending on projects with unclear returns and the need to develop non-oil sectors. 51

ADB's Country Partnership Strategy also warned about unsustainable state spending, the lack of development in the non-oil economy and the poor prospects for developing the onshore petroleum industry.⁵²

On our suggestion, the Directorate-General of Statistics (DGE) corrected errors in their March report on international trade. We also attended a DGE consultation on their upcoming Demographics and Health Survey and offered suggestions on improving the questionnaire, and published *National Accounts 2000-2014*, *Business Activities Survey 2014* and other documents to our reference page.⁵³

We provided suggestions and information for several international research projects, including the World Bank's Open Budget Portal, Aid Data / Development Gateway researchers and international students seeking information on Timor-Leste's economy.

<u>Agriculture</u>

Food sovereignty and sustainable agriculture

La'o Hamutuk continue to advocate for the adoption of food sovereignty principles in Timor-Leste agriculture. During the first half of 2016 we initiated a program working with the Sustainable Agriculture Network (HASATIL) members in Dili and other districts to monitor the implementation of Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries programs. As part of the strategy, we briefed the members about the MAF action plan and budget for the current year. We also follow the Toos Eskolár (school garden) program which is part of the new elementary school curriculum. We encourage the government to focus and invest more on their sustainable agriculture programs.

Land rights

La'o Hamutuk closely follows the land legislation process and advocates for inclusive and fair land laws for all Timorese. During the first half of the year, we wrote to submissions to National Parliament to express our concerns about the new drafts of the Special Regime of Property Titling and the Expropriation law.⁵⁴ Our submissions highlighted the laws' limitations in ensuring sustainable and fair

⁵⁰ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/EnvLaw/2016/LHbaPDHJAIA31May2016te.pdf

⁵¹ http://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/docs/IMFEBCons25May2016.pdf

⁵² http://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/2016/ADBStrategvTim2016-2020.pdf

⁵³ http://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexEn.htm

⁵⁴ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/land/2016/LHSubLeiTitularidade8Jun2016te.pdf http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/land/2016/LHSubLeiEspropriasaun8Jun2016te.pdf

access to land, protecting community and customary land, and protecting human rights during eviction and expropriation. We were invited to present our comments to Committee A of the National Parliament. We also worked with Rede ba Rai (the Land Network) to advocate on these issues.

Governance and democracy

Solidarity and human rights

During 2016, La'o Hamutuk continued to engage with solidarity networks fighting for justice, rights and accountability in Timor-Leste, Indonesia, Southeast Asia and elsewhere.

In January, we helped to write a letter from the Timor-Leste National Alliance for an International Tribunal (ANTI) to Indonesian President Joko Widodo urging him to end the ongoing impunity for crimes committed by the Indonesian military in Timor-Leste between 1975 and 1999.⁵⁵

In March, we were involved in writing Timor-Leste civil society's submission for the upcoming Second Universal Periodic Review by the UN Human Rights Council,⁵⁶ calling for the implementation for international human rights obligations and the revival of the Special Panel for Serious Crimes to investigate and prosecute 1975-1999 crimes.

La'o Hamutuk, in collaboration with ETAN, wrote an article on the issue of justice for past crimes which was published by Counterpunch and Common Dreams.⁵⁷

Law on employment in extractive industries

In March, the Government circulated a draft Decree-Law on Employment in the Extractive Activities for public comment. La'o Hamutuk wrote a submission on the law recommending that it conform with international human rights covenants. We also suggested that the standards applied in this law should be integrated into the Labor Law of Timor-Leste and applied to all workers, rather than just those working in extractive industries.

Along with our Tetum submission,58 we wrote an English web page on the issue.59

NGO coalitions

To share information, strengthen advocacy and reinforce local, regional and global civil society movements, La'o Hamutuk often joins with other organizations who work on issues with links to our own work. During the first half of 2016, we collaborated with the following:

Timor-Leste coalitions

- ★ Rede ba Rai (Land Network)
- ★ National Alliance for an International Tribunal (ANTI)
- ★ HASATIL (Sustainable Agriculture Network)
- ★ Mokatil (Timor-Leste Peasants Movement)
- ★ MKOTT (Movimentu Kontra Okupasaun Tasi Timor)
- ★ Core Group on Transparency

⁵⁵ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/ANTI/KomImpJokowi25Jan2016en.pdf

⁵⁶ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/UPR/2016/NGOUPRMar2016en.pdf

⁵⁷ http://www.counterpunch.org/2016/06/28/time-to-end-impunity-for-suharto%C2%92s-crimes-in-indonesia-and-timor-leste/

http://www.commondreams.org/views/2016/06/27/time-end-impunity-suhartos-crimes-indonesia-and-timor-leste

⁵⁸ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/ElLabor/LHSubmisaunLeiTraballulESEPFOPE22Apr2016te.pdf

⁵⁹ http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/EILabor/16EILaborLaw.htm

- ★ FONGTIL (Timor-Leste NGO Forum)
- ★ Timor-Leste Studies Association

International coalitions

- ★ OilWatch, especially in Southeast Asia
- ★ International solidarity and human rights organizations, especially ETAN
- ★ International Budget Partnership
- ★ Publish What You Pay (PWYP)
- ★ Timor Sea Justice Campaign, Australia
- ★ Focus on the Global South
- ★ Asia-Pacific Research Network
- ★ Amnesty International

Organizational report

At the beginning of 2016, La'o Hamutuk staffers were Mariano Ferreira, Maxi Tahu, Celestino Gusmão, Adilson da Costa, Niall Almond, Charles Scheiner, Juvinal Dias, three security people and one cleaner. We have also retained our former intern from Dili Institute of Technology, Martinha Fernandes, as a part-time finance and administration assistant.

In May, Charles went on leave in the United States, but continued to work remotely part-time, and will return in October.

Also in May, we recruited a new researcher, Marta da Silva, and a new finance officer, Mavia Martins. However, Mavia left us after less than two months, and we recruited another finance officer who began work in July.

We continued to tighten our internal systems and control, learning from the finance staffer we had to fire last year after we learned of her malfeasance. That case is now in the hands of the Dili District Prosecutor, and we are cooperating with their investigation.

We have received several expressions of interest from international applicants from Bangladesh, Iran and India for researcher positions, and continue to recruit and screen applicants.

From April to May, we hosted an intern from the University of Dili, Paulino de Almeida, who conducted research on the petroleum industry in Timor-Leste.

During the reporting period, we conducted our annual internal evaluation, updated our team action plans and finalized our Annual Report for 2015.60

We continued to upgrade our capacity by attending trainings: in January, three of our staff attended a three day session on Monitoring and Evaluation given by Misereor; in February, Maxi Tahu participated in the two-week Pacific Research Colloquium provided by ANU's State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program; Celestino continued to attend an English course at LELI; and we conducted several internal learning sessions on economics concepts, research methods, Excel and statistics.

⁶⁰ http://www.laohamutuk.org/ARept/2015/LHAR2015.pdf

Appendix 1. Financial Report

This mid-year report is being written before the end of the financial year of 2016. The final annual report will include more information and will be submitted for external audit. The figures below are preliminary and may differ from the final version. All amounts are in U.S dollars.

During the first half of 2016 La'o Hamutuk enjoyed financial support from Development & Peace, applying money received in 2015 as the last half-year of a two-year grant. Although we have verbal agreements with our other donors, no contracts were signed. We had hoped to continue to receive support from the Norwegian Embassy in Jakarta, but their Foreign Ministry has decided to reallocate funding from international civil society to support refugees in Norway.

The Asia Foundation provided the final payment on last year's grant, and they are committed to support La'o Hamutuk in 2016; we expect to receive more funding from them for the second half of the year. We also sent a new proposal to Misereor and hope that the funding will start in 2017.

Balance sheet

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

	Cash & bank balances (including salary advances)	Grants from donors	In reserve or committed	Unrestricted funds on hand
Balance 31 Dec 2015	226,725	11,358	131,880	83,487
Income Jan-Jun 2016	3,671	2,000	2,729	-1,058
Expenses Jan-June 2016	55,308	13,358	2,729	39,222
Balance 30 June 2016	175,088	0	131,880	43,207

Revenues received in the first half of 2016

Source	Budget 2016	Half year budget	Actual	Difference	Explanation
Grant from Development and Peace	23,700	11,850	0	-	Funding for this period was already transferred to LH in 2015
Grant from The Asia Foundation	20,000	10,000	2,000	-8,000	Expected in second half of 2016
Misereor	50,000	25,000	0	-25,000	Delayed until 2017
Norway or new donor	45,000	22,500	0	-22,500	Norway withdrew; new donor not yet identified
Earned by LH	4,000	2,000	1,604	-396	
Sales, interest, donations	700	350	67	-283	
Total	143,400	71,700	3,671	-68,029	

Expenditures during the first half of $2016\,$

Category	Budget 2016	Half year budget	Actual	Difference	Explanation
Capital Equipment	500	500	600	100	
Personnel	111,200	55,600	43,349	-12,251	Delayed hiring new staff due to budget constraints.
Staff training	0	0	285	285	To cover some expenses of research colloquium in Canberra.
Bulletin	1,600	800	-	-800	No <i>Bulletin</i> published during the first half of the year.
Public meetings	1,100	550	-	-550	La'o Hamutuk co-coordinated a seminar on the Sustainable Development Goals and Plan International covered all the expenses.
Radio programs	4,300	2,150	783	-1,367	
Research	3,000	1,500	50	-1,450	More research in districts is planned for later half of the year.
Resource Centre	800	400	429	29	
International Conference	500	250	-	-250	
Operations & Supplies	4,000	2,000	2,388	388	
Office rent	9,000	4,500	4,500	-	
Office building	100	50	-	-50	
Transportation	800	400	229	-172	
Telephone and internet	7,600	3,800	2,532	-1,268	
Auditor	2,000	-	-	-	Audit will be completed in the second half of 2016.
Misc. expenses	500	250	164	-86	
Total	147,000	72,750	55,308	17,442	

Appendix 2. Media Coverage of La'o Hamutuk

During the first half of 2016, La'o Hamutuk was quoted or cited more than 95 times in local and international media.

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URI	Comment
Merese ka lae OGE 2016 hetan	7-Jan		Juvinal	OKL	Printed LH article
veto hosi Prezidente TMR?	, juii	macpenaente	Dias		
Veta OJE 2016, Sosiedade Sivil Apoia Prezidente Republika	8-Jan	Independente			Interview Juvinal on President's veto of budget
Viabilidade Ekonomia Projetu Tasi Mane, ZEESM La Klaru	11-Jan	STL			Interview Juvinal on megaprojects
Harii Armajen iha Batugade Ho Salele Sosiedade Sivil Konsidera Sei La Fo Benefisiu	12-Jan	Independente			Interview Mariano
Folin Mina Tuun Ba \$ 33/Barril 2026 TL sei Hetan Dezastre	13-Jan	Independente			Interview Juvinal on oil revenues
Maritima, Duke 'Fakar Osan' ba Pipeline	14-Jan	Timor Post			Interview Juvinal
Oinsa setor privadu tenke prepara an didiak ba Asean	15-Jan	RTL-Lian Indonézia			Interview Juvinal
LH konsidera 9 Billaun dezenvolvimentu la iha	19-Jan	Timoroman			Interview Juvinal
Bandu halo Manifestasaun, HAK kondena PNTL	26-Jan	Timor Post			Interview Juvinal
Konstrui Influensiasaun Jeopolitika Enerjia	26-Jan	Tempo Semanal	Fernando Ximenes)	Uses info from LH 10/15 public meeting
Bandu Halo Manifestasaun - HAK Kondena Komandu PNTL	27-Jan	Timor Post			Interview Juvinal
Folin mina fo impaktu negativu ba ekonomia Timor-Leste	27-Jan	Business Timor			Interview Juvinal on oil revenues
LH apoiu governu estabelese programa "povu kuda governu sosa"	4-Feb	Independente			Interview Mariano on the government programs to improving local production
New Tax Regime	8-Feb	UN Women and MoF			Interview Charlie on new tax regime for their film
Fundu Mina Rai Tuun Fo 'Risku' ba Krize Ekonomia	9-Feb	Independente			Interview Juvinal on petro leum fun d
Australia okupa Tasi Timor ho ilegal (Ekonomia iha perigu laran)	9-Feb	Diáriu Nasionál			Interview Juvinal on maritime bo undary
Timor Leste iha 'Perigu'	9-Feb	Timor Post			Interview Juvinal on economic sustainability
Negosiasaun fronteira maritima, TL presiza hakbesik an ba povu Australia	12-Feb	Diáriu Nasionál			Interview Adilson on maritime boundary, solidarity
Minarai Bele Hotu, Rikusoin La Hotu	15-Feb				Interview Juvinal on petroleum revenues
Negosiasaun Fronteira Maritima, TL presiza hakbesik an ba povu Australia	15-Feb	Diáriu Nasional			Interview Adilson on maritime boundary dispute
Mina rai bele hotu, Riku soin la hotu	17-Feb	STL			Interview Juvinal on economic sustainability

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URL	Comment
Impaktu mudansa klimatika ba agrikultura	17-Feb	Radio Rakambia			Interview Mariano on the Climate Change issue in Timor-Leste
Selebrasaun tinan ida ba Sextu governu konstitusional	17-Feb	Radio Timor Kmanek			Interview Adilson on the Government achievements and future challenges
Politika Governu ba Reforma Fiskal	19-Feb	STL-TV news			Interview Juvinal on Fiscal Policy Reform
Movimentu Tasi Timor nia preparasaun ba demo hasoru Gov. Australia	20-Feb	STL-TV news			Interview Juvinal on MKOT Preparation
Aban, Asaun Pasifika Kontra Australia	22-Feb	Timoroman			Interview Juvinal on maritime boundary demo
Aban asaun kontra Australia, Veteranus balun laiha konesimentu	22-Feb	Diáriu Nasionál			Interview Juvinal on maritime boundary demo
Governu Australia Moe Laiha	23-Feb	Independente			Interview Juvinal on maritime bo undary
Protesters in Dili want Australia to settle oil dispute with East Timor	23-Feb	Sydney Morning Herald	Daniel Flitton	http://www.smh.com .au/federal- politics/political- news/protesters-in- dili-want-australia-to- settle-oil-dispute- with-east-timor- 20160223- gn1dri.html	boundary demo
Ohin, Asaun Kontra Australia "Timor Tenke Hetan Nia Direitu"	23-Feb	Timoroman			Interview Juvinal on maritime boundary demo
Ejijensia manifestantes Australia tenki respeita soberania Timor Leste	23-Feb	Diáriu Nasionál			Interview Juvinal on maritime boundary
TL Reafirama Posizaun Kontra Australia	23-Feb	STL			Interview Juvinal on maritime boundary
Demo kona ba Fronteira Maritima ho MKOTT	23-Feb	STL-TV news			Charlie's speech on Maritime Boundary on the stage
Ezijensia haat Hasoru Australia	23-Feb	Timor Post			$\begin{array}{l} Interview \ Ju \ vinal \ on \ M \ KOTT \\ demands \end{array}$
Australia naok Timor besik Billaun \$5	24-Feb	Independente			Charlie's speech on MKOTT Demonstration
Timor-Leste protesters urge Australia to settle boundary dispute	24-Feb	UCA News	Thomas Ora	http://www.ucanew s.com/news/timor- leste-protesters- urge-australia-to- settle-boundary- dispute/75303	Quote Juvinal on maritime boundary demo
Timorese protestors demand 'good faith' from Australia over oil dispute		AUT Asia- Pacific Report NZ		http://asiapacificrep ort.nz/2016/02/24/ timorese-protesters- demand-good-faith- from-australia-over- oil-dispute/	Quote Juvinal on maritime boundary demo
Australia Kontinua na'ok, Povu TL halo Manifestasaun	24-Feb	Timoroman			Interview Juvinal on maritime boundary demo
Australia Han Isin Fo Ruin ba TL	24-Feb	STL			Interview Juvinal on maritime boundary

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URL	Comment
Australia okupa ilegal Tasi Timor, MKOTT sei luta hadau fali nia soberania	24-Feb	Diáriu Nasionál			Interview Juvinal on maritime bo undary
Australia 'Na'ok' Timor Besik Billaun \$5	24-Feb	Independente			Interview Charles on revenues stolen by Australia
Australia tenke Respeito Soberania RDTL	24-Feb	Timor Post			Interview Juvinal on maritime boundary
PR Hatudu Check and Balance	25-Feb				Interview Juvinal on President's veto of budget and speech in Parliament
Dezempregu iha Timor-Leste	27-Feb	STL-TV news			Interview Juvinal on youth unemployment
"Governu Australia Na'ok- Teen" - Scare tactics and peaceful demonstrations in Timor Leste	27-Feb	Crikey – The Northern Myth	Bob Gosford	https://blogs.crikey.u/northem/2016/02 governu-australia-na teen-scare-tactics-an peaceful-demonstrat in-timor-leste/	ok- d-
Fronteira Maritima Liga ho MKOTT	29-Feb	RTL Tetum news			Interview Juvinal on Maritime Boundary and MKOTT international campaign
La'o Hamutuk and Timor- Leste's development challenges: a case study in human rights and collaborative journalism	March	Media Asia 2016	David Robie	http://www.laoha mutukorg/misc/Ro bieLHMar2016.pdf	Academic article about La'o Hamutuk
Timor Sea protest group calls for GG's help in maritime dispute	3-Mar	Asia-Pacific Report NZ	016/03 protest	asiapacificreport.nz/2 //03/timor-sea- -group-calls-for-ggs- -maritime-dispute/	Report and post M KOTT letter to Governor-General
MKOTT nia karta aberta ba Governador Jeral Australia, Peter Cosgrove	4-Mar	Radio Akademia			Interview Juvinal on Civil Society view to the MKOTT open letter to Mr. Cosgrove
Maritime border dispute with Australia a 'second fight for independence' for Timor-Leste	9-Mar	Channel News Asia	Samanth a Yap	http://www.chann elnewsasia.com/ne ws/asiapacific/mar itime-border- dispute/2586896.h tml	
Governu Australia hakarak koalia relasaun bilateral ho TL.	11-Mar	Timoroman			Interview Juvinal on future bilateral TL-Australia cooperation
Preparasaun MKOTT demo kontra okupasaun Australia ba Tasi Timor	18-Mar	STL-TV news			Interview Juvinal on MKOTT position on Maritime Boundary between TL- Australia
Despaisu ME ba Universitariu Demo Kontra Australia	19-Mar	Timor Post			Interview Juvinal on maritime bo undary demo
UNCLOS Tulun Rezolve Konflitu Fronteira Maritima	21-Mar	Timor Post			Interview Juvinal on UNCLOS
Timor oan rihun ba rihun kontra Governu Australia (Mgr. Hilton Diken: Povu TL tenke hetan nia soberania)	23-Mar	Diáriu Nasionál			Interview Juvinal on maritime boundary demo
Nai Ulun Goja Osan Mina, Povu Halerik Bee-mos No Saude	24-Mar	STL			Interview Juvinal on maritime boundary

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URL	Comment
Labele Impede Manifestasaun Popular!	24-Mar	Timor Post			Interview Juvinal on maritime boundary demo
Australia Bele Ulun Toos, MKOTT Mos Luta Lapara	30-Mar	STL			Interview Juvinal on M KOTT
Asina Tratadu Tasi Timor iha 2001 (La'o Hamutuk mos Protesta)	30-Mar	Timor Post			Interview Charles on Timor Sea Treaty
MKOTT sei kontinua organiza asaun kontra Australia	31-Mar	Timoroman			Interview Juvinal on the future MKOTT position to Maritime Boundary between TL-Australia
Lansamentu kona ba ADB nia relatoriu Observasaun Dezenvolvimentu Aziatiku	4-Apr	TV Edukasaun			Interview Adilson on civil society observation to the Development Asia Report
Australia Seidauk Resposta TL Nia Ejijensia	8-Apr	STL			Interview Juvinal on maritime boundary
Line in the sand	9-Apr	The Economist	Jon Fasman	http://www.econo mistcom/news/asi a/21696544- trying-squeeze- money-last-drop- oil-line-sand	Used LH estimate of PF running out by 2025 in article on maritime boundary
Programa Ita nia Governu Debate exkluzivu kona ba Polítika MCIA ba dezenvolvimentu ekonomia lokál	15-Apr	TV Edukasaun			Interview Adilson on Development economic alternative model related to the MCIA Program
Fronteira Maritima	18-Apr	STL-TV news			Interview Juvinal on Maritime Boundary dispute
What's behind Timor-Leste's approach to solving the Timor Sea dispute?	18-Apr	The Conversation	Rebecca Strating	https://theconvers ation.com/whats- behind-timor- lestes-approach-to- solving-the-timor- sea-dispute-57883	Used LH estimate on oil running out by 2020, referred to as 'one monitoring organization'
Hakotu Tratadu ho Australia	19-Apr	Timor Post		·	Interview Juvinal on CMATS
Tribunal Internasional Mekanismu Diakliu Rezolve FM	-	Timoroman			Interview Juvinal on international law
Disputa fronteira maritima, MKOTT husu ONU tenke imparsial	19-Apr	Diáriu Nasionál			Interview Juvinal on UNCLOS
Tranzisaun ekonomia menus dependente ba petroleu sei debate iha Timor-Leste	27-Apr	SAPO TL / Lusa			Cited LH data on petrole um
Tranzisaun ekonomia menus dependente ba petroleu sei debate iha Timor-Leste	28-Apr	Diáriu Nasional			Cited LH data on petrole um
Petroliferu australianu Woodside fa'an kampu Laminaria-Coralina iha Tasi Timor	·	SAPO TL / Lusa			Cited LH data on petroleum
Sosieda de Sivil Apresia Governu Australia Aseita Pedidu TL	5-May	Independente			Interview Charles on Australian response to Timor-Leste move to compulsory conciliation

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URL	Comment
Kontenti Ho Resposta Australia	6-May	Timoroman			Interview Charles on Australian response to Timor-Leste move to compulsory conciliation
MKOTT Prontu Halo Tan Manifestasaun Hasoru Australia	10-May	STL			Interview Juvinal on maritime bo undary
Projetu Pilotu ZEESM Sei Fo Benefisiu Ba TL	11-May	STL			Interview Juvinal on ZEESM
Alkatiri Sei Haka'as Emprezariu Halo Remata Projetu ZEEMS Iha Tinan Ne'e	11-May	Independente			Interview Juvinal on ZEESM
La'o Hamutuk Konsidera ZEEMS La Transparante	12-May	Independente			Quote Juvinal on ZEESM
Australia Simu TL Hodi Negosia FM	18-May	STL			Interview Juvinal on maritime boundary
No end to Timor-Leste's political infighting	20 May	Southeast Asia Globe	David Hutt	http://sea- globe.com/19146- 2-timor-politics/	Cites LH on Petroleum dependency, short life
The leeward side of fortune	21-May	The Economist	news/fir economi economi	nance-and- ics/21699150- ic-deck-stacked- tiny-countries-	Uncredited use of LH data on oil and gas, GDP, oil dependency
East Timor pins prosperity on pipe-dream of gushing oil revenue	21-May	The Australian	Paul Cleary	http://www.theaus tralian.com.au/new s/world/east- timor-pins- prosperity-on-pipe- dream-of-gushing- oil-revenue/news- story/a93c79c4199 98f3b1d27c19e4fc 3a3bc	Quote Juvinal on CMATS
East Timor in new oil and gas investment	13 June	BBC Television	Tim McDonal d	î i n .	Interview with Juvinal
Australia row hampers East Timor's oil ambitions	13-Jun	BBC	Tim McDonal d	http://www.bbc.co m/news/business- 36498163	Quote Juvinal on CMATS
Estadu Deve TT Tanba Fraku Iha Jestaun	16-Jun	STL			Interview Juvinal on Timor Telecom
Jestaun Fraku, Estadu Deve TT	16-Jun	Timoroman			Interview Juvinal on Timor Telecom
La'o Hamutuk: Is the Tibar container port what Timor- Leste really needs?	19-Jun	Asia-Pacific Report NZ	016/06/ the-tiba	siapacificreport.nz/2 /19/lao-hamutuk-is- r-container-port- nor-leste-really-	Re-blog LH blog on Tibar port
La'o Hamutuk: Is the Tibar container port what Timor- Leste really needs?	19-Jun	Evening Report	6/06/19 the-tiba	veningreport.nz/201 0/lao-hamutuk-is- r-container-port- nor-leste-really-	Re-blog LH blog on Tibar port
Molok Debate Lei Rai, PN Husu Idea Sosiedade Sivil	20-Jun	Tempo Semanál			Civil society submission on draft Land Law

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URL	Comment
Empreza koreanu sai hosi projetu ho folin 720 MUSD iha sul Timor-Leste nian tanba atrazu	21-Jun	SAPO-TL	/info/ar https://j dpress.c asos-jud hyundai	oticias.sapo.tl/tetum tigo/1477679.html pontofinalmacau.wor om/2016/06/22/atr iciais-levam- -a-abandonar- -em-timor-leste/	
Empresa coreana sai de projecto de 720 MUSD no sul de Timor-Leste por atrasos	21-Jun	LUSA	gues/inf ml https://j dpress.ci asos-jud hyundai		
Hanoin balu kona ba Proposta Lei ba rai	21-Jun	Independente			LH article, Civil society submission on draft Land Law
LH Husu KAK Investiga Ajudikasaun Kontratu ba Hyundai E & C	23-Jun	Independente			LH on Sua i Supply Base contract
Juvinal "KAK Tenki Investiga Projetu Suai Supply Base"	24-Jun	Timoroman			Quote Juvinal on Suai Supply Base contract
How Australia is screwing East Timor	25-Jun	Green Left	Tony Iltis		Used LH figure of \$5 billion in revenues stolen by Australia
Time to End Impunity for Suharto's Crimes in Indonesia and Timor-Leste	27-Jun	CommonDream s and other online publications	Celestino Gusmão	http://www.comm ondreams.org/view s/2016/06/27/tim e-end-impunity- suhartos-crimes- indonesia-and- timor-leste	Article by Celestino
Industria refinaria iha tasi- mane sei fó perigu ba ambiente no povu nia moris	27-Jun	Business Timor			Quote Juvinal on Betano refinery

Appendix 3. Presentations and Programs by La'o Hamutuk

During the first half of 2016, La'o Hamutuk organized and provided speakers for many events, trainings and briefings. Most of the PowerPoint presentations are on our website. 61

Topic	Date	Speaker(s)	Event or audience
Maritime Boundary	4-Feb	Charlie	Briefing to incoming TL Ambassador to the UN
Budget Audit	5-Feb	Juvinal	Seminar organized by Chamber of Accounts
Rights and Sustainability	18-Feb	Niall and Juvinal	Incoming AVI volunteers
Ministry of Agriculture program and planning and its budget priority	9-Feb	Mariano	Briefing to Agriculture Sustainable network NGO's members (HASATIL)
Overview of Timor-Leste's economy	11-Feb	Charlie and Adikon	European Ambassadors to Timor-Leste
Maritime Boundary	17-Feb	Charlie	Training to students and civil society organizations
Maritime boundary	18-Mar	Juvinal	Seminar in UNTL
Rights and Sustainability	12-Apr	Niall and Adilson	Incoming AVI volunteers
Consequences of Timor- Leste's dependency on oil and gas	19-Apr	Charlie	Seminar at Flinders University conference on TL development
Rights and Sustainability	3-Jun	Niall and Adilson	Incoming AVI volunteers
Rights and Sustainability	16-Jun	Niall and Adilson	Visiting study group from Victoria University
Current issues in Timor- Leste	21-Jun	Charlie	ETAN interns in New York City
Sustainable Development Goals	30-Jun	Juvinal, Niall, Adilson, Maxi	Civil society conference on Sustainable Development Goals – LH provided materials and led roundtable discussions

⁶¹ http://www.laohamutuk.org/pres.htm