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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 non-governmental organization which analyses, reports and advocates 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 in order to educate the public on the decisions being made by its representatives, and consults with and lobbies decision makers in government, Parliament and international agencies to advocate for more equitable, sustainable and people-focused policies. It also serves as a resource centre, providing literature on alternative development models, experiences and practices for researchers, civil society, policy-makers and students.

Timor-Leste began to receive substantial revenues from oil and gas in the mid-2000s, and much of La'o Hamutuk's work since then has involved exploring and recommending ways in which Timor-Leste can avoid falling victim to the 'resource curse,' where countries neglect sustainable economic sectors and fail to use the revenues from selling non-renewable resources to improve the lives of the population. Unfortunately, Timor-Leste is showing many signs of having been cursed by its oil and gas: it has thus far failed to substantially improve the non-oil economy, with the State depending almost entirely on the money earned from exporting oil and gas, while almost half of Timor-Leste's people continue to live in poverty, and many lack access to basic services and adequate livelihoods.

As Timor-Leste has already received more than 98% of the estimated revenues from its only producing field, it now depends almost entirely on the money saved in its Petroleum Fund (PF) to finance the State's activities. However, Government is withdrawing unsustainable amounts to pay for infrastructure, while realized investment returns do not cover these amounts. Although the booming stock market, combined with the falling U.S. dollar, increased the Fund's value during 2017, these are volatile and may not continue. If spending patterns continue and domestic non-oil revenues do not increase dramatically, the PF could be entirely spent by 2027. The Government will then be forced to cut its spending by two-thirds compared to today – without a strong, diversified economy and robust social services and infrastructure, the consequences for most Timorese people will be disastrous.

In March and July 2017, respectively, Timor-Leste held Presidential and Parliamentary elections, which were praised by the international community for being transparent, fair and democratic. Many of the candidates and parties promised to invest more on health, education, agriculture and water, increase accountability and transparency, and reduce corruption, issues that La'o Hamutuk has been advocating on for years. It was a close race between Timor-Leste's two leading parties, FRETILIN and CNRT, and the resulting Parliament consisted of 23 seats for FRETILIN, 22 for CNRT, 8 for PLP, 7 for PD and 5 for KHUNTO.

Recently-elected President Francisco Guterres "Lu Ólo" appointed FRETILIN leader Mari Alkatiri as Prime Minister. However, the FRETILIN/PD coalition has only 30 of the 65 Parliamentary seats. The 35 members from other parties (CNRT, PLP, and KHUNTO) formed an opposition coalition, preventing Parliament from approving the government's proposed program and alteration of the 2017 State Budget. The opposition introduced a no-confidence motion and a motion to replace the (FRETILIN) President of Parliament, who prevented subsequent Parliamentary plenary meetings from convening.

After six months without a functioning Government/Parliament relationship, President Lu Olo dissolved Parliament at the end of January, and new elections will probably take place in April.

As a result of the political impasse, no State Budget has been proposed for 2018, and the Government's development program is stalled. However, during this difficult period, La'o Hamutuk continued to meet and communicate with Government officials and members of

Parliament, and raise awareness about fiscal sustainability, transparency and democratic processes. We repeatedly reminded politicians that their primary responsibility is to serve the citizens, not to manoeuvre to secure power for themselves or their parties.

In addition, both the Government and the opposition have produced platforms that focus on education, health care, economic diversification, fiscal sustainability, efficient administration and rule of law, issues that La'o Hamutuk has been encouraging policy makers to focus on for years. However, neither of these platforms includes realistic funding for these programs, or the curtailment of large infrastructure projects that lack clear benefits to the people of Timor-Leste, such as Tasi Mane and ZEESM.

Therefore, as we try to help strengthen this fragile, unprecedented phase of Timor-Leste's democratic evolution, La'o Hamutuk continues to carry out research, analysis and advocacy on the key challenges facing Timor-Leste.

Program activities

During 2017, La'o Hamutuk continued to be a reliable source of information for the Government, Parliament, President, courts and other state organs, as well as journalists, academics, civil society, students, consultants, diplomats, international agencies and others.

Many organizations, including Government agencies, rely on La'o Hamutuk for independent, factual information, and we spoke with more than 250 local and international researchers, NGOs, academics and development partners who sought our perspectives on Timor-Leste's economic and social context and needs. We also participated in several public consultations held by Government agencies and the private sector.

Writing for media and giving interviews

During 2017, La'o Hamutuk staff gave interviews to local and international journalists, appeared as panellists and moderators on television debates and contributed to online and print publications. In collaboration with TV Edukasaun, we produced our own interview series with each Presidential candidate. La'o Hamutuk was quoted or cited more than 180 times in national and international media, as listed in Appendix 2.

Public meetings, trainings, presentations and testimonies

During 2017, La'o Hamutuk organized two public meetings, and our staff gave more than 45 presentations, briefings and testimony to Government, Parliament, academic researchers, foreign diplomats, international election observers, international agencies, students, civil society and others. Some of the most important examples are listed below, and a more complete list can be found in Appendix 3. Many of the presentations can be downloaded from <http://www.laohamutuk.org/pres.htm>.

- ★ La'o Hamutuk gave a presentation to Grupu Juventude Dezenvolvimentu Nasionál (JDN) about key issues in the upcoming presidential election.
- ★ Following the presidential election, we presented our election observation report to Timor-Leste's to electoral authorities,¹
- ★ Charles Scheiner presented at the 25th Anniversary Conference of the International Platform of Jurists for East Timor (IPJET) in Lisbon.²

¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/LHElectionObsPresentation.pdf>

² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/IPJETScheinerHandoutMay2017En.pdf>

- ★ La'o Hamutuk was invited to present at a Parliamentary seminar on budget management and transparency.
- ★ La'o Hamutuk organized a public meeting on Timor-Leste's new mining law and shared our analysis of the law and the dangers posed by mining to local communities and the environment.³
- ★ In June, five La'o Hamutuk researchers gave seven presentations at the Timor-Leste Studies Association international academic conference in Dili. We also hosted a reception for visiting academics and others in our office.
 - Charles Scheiner, "As Bayu-Udan dries up: Challenges and opportunities" (English⁴ and Tetum⁵)
 - Niall Almond, "Oil, debt and sustainability: Timor-Leste's borrowing plans and their implications for the future" (English⁶ and Tetum⁷)
 - Adilson da Costa, "Infrastructure Development Projects and Challenges to Implementing Environmental Licenses in Timor-Leste" (Tetum⁸)
 - Juvinal Dias, "Resource curse in Timor-Leste: from petroleum fund management and fiscal policy" (Tetum⁹)
 - Maxi Tahu, "Challenges for Small Agricultural Food Processing Industry in Timor-Leste" (Tetum¹⁰)
- ★ Before the parliamentary election, La'o Hamutuk briefed several groups of foreign election observers on key challenges facing Timor-Leste.¹¹
- ★ La'o Hamutuk presented at the Movimentu Halibur Juventude Timor-Leste seminar on the history of the maritime boundary dispute between Timor-Leste and Australia.¹²
- ★ La'o Hamutuk organized a public meeting on public borrowing and debt, and presented our analysis of the Government's borrowing plans.¹³

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, elections, government procurement, private investment, petroleum and extractive industries, land laws, maritime boundaries and sustainable development. We collect and publish documents from a wide variety of sources, as well as our own articles and submissions in English and Tetum.

During 2017, more than 4,400 people visited our website each day on average, more than double the number from 2016. They accessed more than 16,300 pages per day. People also viewed 103,000 articles on our blog during the year, an average of 282 per day. As many online

³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/2017/Mining13Jun2017en.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/ScheinerTLSEn.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/ScheinerTLSTe.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/AlmondDebtEn.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/AlmondDebtTe.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/AdilsonEnvLic.pdf>

⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/JuvinalMalisan.pdf>

¹⁰ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/MaxiIndAgri.pdf>

¹¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/RightSustainCurrentEn.pdf>

¹² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/2017/FMihaTLOct2017.pdf>

¹³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/debt/2017/MinaDeve14Nov2017en.pdf>

journals, media and blogs repost our information, readership is larger than these numbers indicate.

During the Parliamentary election, official sources often failed to make information available. La'o Hamutuk was the only on-line source for lists of who the people were on each party slate, and was widely used. After the vote, we were the first to publish information about who would be seated in the new Parliament.

Many of our web pages serve as "briefing books", as we collect and publish documents from many different sources, and combine them with our analysis and that of others, and we continued to update existing pages and add new ones throughout 2017. We also continued to add new materials to our reference page.¹⁴ The following are some of the web pages and blogs which we added or significantly updated during 2017:

- ★ 2017 State Budget¹⁵, including the proposed rectification budget for 2017¹⁶
- ★ Second UN Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Human Rights in Timor-Leste¹⁷
- ★ Bobby Boye corruption case, including the Guerra trial¹⁸
- ★ Page on Timor-Leste's Presidential Election¹⁹
- ★ Observations for the SDG Conference and 2030 Agenda²⁰
- ★ Timor-Leste's oil wealth: financing government, building for development and providing for its people²¹
- ★ U.S. Millennium Challenge Corporation to re-engage in Timor-Leste²²
- ★ The maritime boundary dispute with Australia,²³ including La'o Hamutuk's submission to the Australian Parliamentary Committee on Treaties²⁴ and blog, 'Copenhagen Agreement: Permanent Boundary or CMATS Redux?'²⁵
- ★ Mining Law, including background, documents and La'o Hamutuk submission and presentation.²⁶
- ★ Blog on potential corruption in State procurement, 'Advance planning, just in case...'²⁷
- ★ Timor-Leste Studies Association conference, including abstracts and presentations.²⁸

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

¹⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE17/16OGE17.htm>

¹⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE17/16OGE17.htm#ret>

¹⁷ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/UPR/12UPRIndex.htm>

¹⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/corruption/Boye/14BoyeCase.htm>

¹⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/17PresElec.htm>

²⁰ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/05/observations-for-conference-on-sdgs-and.html>

²¹ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/06/timor-lestes-oil-wealth-financing.html>

²² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/MCC/10MCC.htm>

²³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/CMATSindex.htm>

²⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/JST/2017/Sub16LaoHamutuk.pdf>

²⁵ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/09/copenhagen-agreement-permanent-boundary.html>

²⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/17MiningLaw.htm>

²⁷ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/07/advance-planning-just-in-case.html>

²⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/TLSA2017.htm>

- ★ Page on the Parliamentary Election²⁹, and blog, 'Who is in Timor-Leste's new Parliament?'³⁰
- ★ Updates on Timor-Leste's new Private Investment Law, including the President's veto and the Parliamentary override³¹, and blog, 'Private investment isn't a panacea'³²
- ★ Land Laws³³
- ★ Agriculture policy³⁴
- ★ Formation and program of the VII Constitutional Government³⁵
- ★ Blog on Government borrowing, 'TL is borrowing more: will we be able to repay?'³⁶

Radio programs

During 2017, we produced nine Tetum-language radio programs which were broadcast on Radio Timor-Leste and seven community radio stations in the districts, and are an important medium for sharing information with rural communities who cannot access online materials and public presentations. The programs are listed in Appendix 5, and audio podcasts can be downloaded from www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm

Research, analysis and advocacy

Economy and natural resources

State budget, economy and fiscal sustainability

During 2017, La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the State Budget process, updating our web page with new information, including on the proposed (but ultimately rejected) rectification budget in November.³⁷ Due to the political impasse, the 2018 State Budget process did not begin during 2017. In May, La'o Hamutuk presented at a Parliamentary seminar on budget management and transparency. La'o Hamutuk remains the only independent (non-government) source for detailed information on the State Budget in Timor-Leste.

Throughout the year, we continued to collect, publish and analyze reports on the Petroleum Fund, as well as oil production and revenue data.³⁸ We also engaged with the Petroleum Fund's managers at the Central Bank and Ministry of Finance, and updated our information on Petroleum Production-Sharing Contracts,³⁹ back petroleum taxes,⁴⁰ and the Bobby Boye fraud case.⁴¹

²⁹ <http://laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/17ParElec.htm>

³⁰ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/07/who-will-be-in-timor-lestes-next.html>

³¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/16InvestPolicy.htm>

³² <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/06/private-investment-isnt-panacea.html>

³³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/land/17LandTe.htm>

³⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/2017/17AgricPolicy.htm>

³⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/gov7/17VIIGov.htm>

³⁶ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/11/tl-is-borrowing-more-will-we-be-able-to.html>

³⁷ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE17/16OGE17.htm>

³⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/05PFIndex.htm>

³⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PSCs/10PSCs.htm>

⁴⁰ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/tax/10BackTaxes.htm>

⁴¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/corruption/Boye/14BoyeCase.htm>

La'o Hamutuk often raised issues of falling petroleum revenues, fiscal sustainability and economic diversification during the Presidential⁴² and Parliamentary⁴³ election campaigns. During both elections, these questions were central in the political campaigns of those running for office.

La'o Hamutuk researcher Charles Scheiner wrote a chapter for a forthcoming book about Timor-Leste – 'After the oil runs dry: Economics and government finances' – which explored the history of petroleum and state spending in Timor-Leste and the urgent need to diversify the economy. It is scheduled to be published by Routledge in 2018, after the political situation stabilizes. Charles also gave a presentation to the International Platform of Jurists for East Timor 25th Anniversary Conference in Lisbon, Portugal, discussing fiscal sustainability and economic diversification, which was published on our blog.⁴⁴

In May, we distributed comments to the Government's conference on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),⁴⁵ outlining challenges Timor-Leste faces, along with recommendations for addressing them. Our comments and subsequent blog post⁴⁶ were widely read, including by then-Prime Minister Rui de Araújo.

We continued to engage with the Private Investment Law revision process, collecting documents, updating our web page,⁴⁷ and publishing a blog article analysing the revised draft⁴⁸ We also produced a radio program on the law, featuring interviews with La'o Hamutuk staff and a Member of Parliament.⁴⁹

We also participated in World Bank consultations on their new Systematic Country Diagnostic.

At the Timor-Leste Studies Association (TLSA) conference in June, La'o Hamutuk gave seven presentations, including three relating to fiscal sustainability: Timor-Leste's rising debt;⁵⁰ the challenges presented by Bayu-Undan running out;⁵¹ and the resource curse and petroleum fund management.⁵² La'o Hamutuk researchers wrote papers on these issues, to be published in the forthcoming TLSA book. We web-posted the abstracts by all of the more than 100 presenters to TLSA and offered to post all the presentations, several of which were sent to us.⁵³

La'o Hamutuk held a public discussion to present the findings of our research on Timor-Leste's debt and government borrowing,⁵⁴ and published a blog article based on the research paper.⁵⁵ The Ministry of Finance and representatives of other government departments participated in the meeting, which resulted in useful discussion and exchange of information regarding the new Government's plans for managing public debt.

⁴² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/17PresElec.htm>

⁴³ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/ElPar/17ParElec.htm>

⁴⁴ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/06/timor-lestes-oil-wealth-financing.html>

⁴⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/SDG/LHCommentsSDGConference22May2017en.pdf>

⁴⁶ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/05/observations-for-conference-on-sdgs-and.html>

⁴⁷ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/16InvestPolicy.htm>

⁴⁸ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/06/private-investment-isnt-panacea.html>

⁴⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/media/2017/RadIgleiInvestimentuPrivaduMay2017.mp3>

⁵⁰ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/AlmondDebtEn.pdf>

⁵¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/ScheinerTLSEn.pdf>

⁵² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/JuvinaiMalisan.pdf>

⁵³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/TLSA2017.htm>

⁵⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/debt/2017/MinaDeve14Nov2017en.pdf>

⁵⁵ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/11/tl-is-borrowing-more-will-we-be-able-to.html>

Transparency and accountability

In 2017, La'o Hamutuk continued its role as an advocate for transparency and accountability in public accounts and procurement. In February, we represented the Core Group on Transparency (CGT) at a workshop in Cambodia on the "Implementation of the Social Accountability Framework", in which we gave a presentation on budget transparency. We also presented on budget transparency at a CGT seminar in June.



The week before the Parliamentary election, La'o Hamutuk published an article revealing the outgoing Government's intent to award large contracts to companies affiliated with political leaders.⁵⁶ It also discussed a tender for new vehicles for Parliament, and how the previous Parliamentary cars were sold to outgoing Members of Parliament for personal use, at discount rates. Following the publication of La'o Hamutuk's article, students and others protested the policy. The police responded by firing tear gas and arrested around a dozen protesters; however, public pressure mounted, the protesters were released, and the Government eventually passed a resolution ordering the ex-Parliamentarians to give back the cars (which had already been sold).

As in previous years, La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, updating our web page with new information.⁵⁷ In March, Timor-Leste was suspended from EITI for failing to produce its 2014 EITI report, which it should have done by the end of 2016. La'o Hamutuk participated in EITI meetings and trainings, encouraging the civil society members of the local working group to work harder. In June, Timor-Leste submitted its report for 2014, and the international EITI secretariat lifted the suspension.

We continued as the Timor-Leste point-organization for the International Budget Partnership's Open Budget Survey (OBS) project, and presented the results of OBS 2015 at a seminar on legislative control and oversight of public expenditure organized by Parliament and the European Union. We also helped the Natural Resource Governance Initiative develop its new Index.

TimorGAP, Tasi Mane project and onshore extractive industries

La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the implementation of the Tasi Mane Project by the national oil company, TimorGAP, and raised the issue in our discussions with policy makers and journalists, as well as in most of our own publications. In June, we gave a presentation on the impacts of the Tasi Mane Project to local community members in Suai.

In April, the National Authority for Petroleum and Minerals (ANPM) awarded two contracts for onshore oil and gas exploration across a vast area of the south coast of Timor-Leste. We updated our web page with new information,⁵⁸ met with ANPM and TimorGAP several times, and participated in an ANPM public consultation on the draft onshore petroleum regulations,

⁵⁶ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/07/advance-planning-just-in-case.html>

⁵⁷ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/EITI/10EITIindex.htm#2017>

⁵⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetRegime/NOC/10Petronatil.htm#2017>

followed by an extended discussion between La'o Hamutuk and ANPM staff (see photo). ANPM agreed that many of our suggestions and observations were valid.

We created a web page⁵⁹ and wrote a submission⁶⁰ to ANPM on the draft regulations, pointing out their many legal ambiguities and inconsistencies, and recommending further consultations with groups who would be affected, particularly local communities.



We continued to monitor the process of enacting a Mining Law, and created a web page to share information about the law.⁶¹ In April, we testified at a Parliamentary hearing, and made a submission⁶² discussing possible negative impacts of mining, and encouraging more public consultation.



In June, La'o Hamutuk organized a public meeting at the Institute of Business in Dili to share our analysis of the Mining Law and the dangers mining poses to people and the environment⁶³; in addition to La'o Hamutuk, a Timorese academic and the President of Parliamentary Committee C spoke at the event. We then wrote an article on the dangers of mining which was circulated in several local newspapers and blogs.⁶⁴

Two La'o Hamutuk staff members attended the ASEAN People's Forum in Manila in November, and, as members of OilWatch, gave presentations on the impacts of extractive industries – including mining and onshore petroleum – on sustainable, equitable development in Timor-Leste.

Maritime boundary dispute with Australia

In January, Timor-Leste and Australia agreed to terminate the CMATS treaty, with Australia changing its long-standing policy of refusing to negotiate maritime boundaries with Timor-Leste. Negotiations were held throughout 2017, and in September, a joint statement declared that the parties had reached an agreement on the “central elements” of a maritime boundary

⁵⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/onshore/17OnshorePetrolRegs.htm>

⁶⁰ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/onshore/LHSubDecreeLawOnshorePetroActivities15Aug2017en.pdf>

⁶¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/17MiningLaw.htm>

⁶² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/2017/LHSubLeiMineira20Apr2017en.pdf>

⁶³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/2017/Mining13Jun2017en.pdf>

⁶⁴ <http://www.timorhauniandoben.com/2017/05/lei-mineiru-lisensa-ba-lu-ku-iha-rai.html>

and the legal status of Greater Sunrise. Although details of the agreement are not yet public, this is a significant achievement that La'o Hamutuk has advocated for over more than 15 years.

Following the announcement in September, La'o Hamutuk joined a national televised discussion on the results of the negotiations, and we also published a blog⁶⁵ explaining that it is too early to consider the announcement as an unequivocal "victory for Timor-Leste's sovereignty", as we do not yet know the contents of the agreement. La'o Hamutuk continued to urge caution while supporting the Government's negotiation efforts.

Throughout 2017, La'o Hamutuk engaged with Timorese and Australian officials, updated our web page,⁶⁶ received a briefing and discussion from the Government's Maritime Boundary Office and gave many media interviews, including television talk-shows on Al Jazeera⁶⁷ and ABC.⁶⁸ In February, the Australian Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Treaties held an inquiry on terminating the CMATS treaty, and we encouraged people to make submissions. We published ours⁶⁹ and others' on our website.⁷⁰ La'o Hamutuk also gave a presentation about history of the maritime boundary struggle to the youth organisation Movimentu Halibur Juventude Timor-Leste.⁷¹

Environment

La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the implementation of environmental licensing laws, meeting regularly with the Government environmental authority to obtain information on the status of environmental licenses for various private and public projects. We also participated in public consultations for the environmental impact assessments for major public and private projects, as well as meeting privately with the companies conducting the assessments.

In June, La'o Hamutuk gave a presentation⁷² at the Timor-Leste Studies Association conference on environmental licensing; we published an article based on this research,⁷³ and the paper will be published in the TLSA book in 2018. We also gave a presentation on climate change adaptation to local communities in Zumalai, and incorporated environmental analysis and concerns into our research, analysis and publications/presentations on many other topics, including land rights, agriculture, extractive industries and infrastructure projects.

Statistics and data on Timor-Leste

La'o Hamutuk regularly communicates with government and international agencies to improve statistics and data relating to Timor-Leste. During 2017, we brought discrepancies in petroleum revenue reports to the attention of the Central Bank and National Authority for Petroleum and Minerals, communicated with the Directorate-General for Statistics about several of its reports, asked the Ministry of Finance and National Procurement Commission to fix the Government's Procurement Portal, and encouraged the ANPM and EITI to improve the functioning of their websites, among others.

⁶⁵ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/09/copenhagen-agreement-permanent-boundary.html>

⁶⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/CMATSIndex.htm#2017>

⁶⁷ <http://stream.aljazeera.com/story/201701180025-0025361>

⁶⁸ <http://www.abc.net.au/news/programs/the-world/2017-01-09/east-timor-to-tear-up-oil-and-gas-treaty-with/8171466>

⁶⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/JSCOT/2017/Sub16LaoHamutuk.pdf>

⁷⁰ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/CMATSIndex.htm#JSCOT>

⁷¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/2017/FMihaTLOct2017.pdf>

⁷² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/AdilsonEnvLic.pdf>

⁷³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/AdilsonInfraEIATe.pdf>

We also reviewed and commented on numerous academic papers and international reports, including the UNDP National Human Development Report, The Asia Foundation's report on violence in Dili, a review of the Government/UNDP Roadmap for Sustainable Development in Timor-Leste, the World Bank's East Asia Pacific Update, a report on ZEESM, and papers for the Timor-Leste Studies Association book.

Agriculture and land rights

Food sovereignty and sustainable agriculture

In January, La'o Hamutuk wrote a submission to the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs on the risks posed to Timor-Leste's small agricultural producers by joining the WTO⁷⁴ and joined a public consultation on the accession process organized by the Ministry. Our submission was received by the committee in charge of overseeing Timor-Leste's accession to the WTO, and we continued to monitor the process and engage with the government on the issue during the year.



During 2017, La'o Hamutuk carried out research on small food processing industries in rural areas, visiting businesses and organizations in Ainaro, Baucau, Maliana and Suai. This research will be used to produce a report which we will present to the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment in order to help the Government create a policy which can provide assistance to these entrepreneurs, as a strategic non-oil sector. Based on this research, we presented a paper at the Timor-Leste Studies Association conference in June on the challenges faced by small food processing industries in the rural areas.⁷⁵

La'o Hamutuk participated in the drafting of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries' (MAP) Agriculture Policy and Strategic Framework, consulting privately with the FAO team advising the Ministry. Through our involvement with HASATIL (Sustainable Agriculture Network), we coordinated civil society's participation in the drafting process. In June, we wrote a submission to the Ministry on the policy,⁷⁶ and the final version included several of our recommendations,

⁷⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trade/WTOPositionPaper11Jan2017en.pdf>

⁷⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/MaxiIndAgri.pdf>

⁷⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/LHAgriPolicyJun2017.pdf>

including giving top priority to achieving food sovereignty and recognizing the necessity of fair trade rules which prioritize small farmers.

We created a web page⁷⁷ with links and information on new agriculture policies in Timor-Leste, including the Strategic Framework, as well as the Policy on Food and Nutrition Security, and a draft Law on pesticides being prepared by MAP and the FAO. We shared comments on the pesticides Law with MAP.⁷⁸ We also produced a radio program,⁷⁹ wrote a letter to the Government as representatives of HASATIL (Sustainable Agriculture Network) on the agriculture policy, and a press release for HASATIL for World Food Day.

We participated in a workshop organised by the World Food Program and CEPAD on SDG #2 on Food Security, and in MAP workshops on fisheries development in Timor-Leste. We also discussed these issues privately with MAP representatives, who appreciated and agreed with many of La'o Hamutuk's suggestions, and briefed many researchers and student groups on agriculture policies in Timor-Leste. Finally, we assisted farmers from Lospalos in writing a report on their use of local seeds to help them to promote local seeds to other farmers.

Land rights

Parliament continued to debate the new Land Laws during 2017, and La'o Hamutuk followed the Parliamentary debates closely, collaborating with *Rede ba Rai* (Land Network) and briefing them on the Parliamentary process. We also helped them produce a press release calling on the President to promulgate the laws.⁸⁰ During plenary discussions, several members of Parliament referred to recommendations made by *Rede ba Rai* during the debates. Parliament then approved the laws in February; two were promulgated in April, and the third was promulgated in June. We created a web page with information on the new Laws,⁸¹ and continued to meet with Government officials and collaborate with *Rede ba Rai* to follow the implementation process.

We also gave presentations at workshops organized by Oxfam on complementary land laws that will accompany the three primary ones, and presented on land rights and poverty at the Diplomacy Training Program in Dili. Finally, we participated in training organized by Oxfam on how to bring land rights cases and on the implementation of the new Laws.

Governance and democracy

Presidential and Parliamentary elections

To raise public awareness around key challenges facing Timor-Leste and share information about the programs of political parties and presidential candidates, La'o Hamutuk produced a broad range of materials during the election campaigns. We created web pages for the Presidential⁸² and Parliamentary⁸³ elections with information about the parties, candidates, laws and schedules. Before both elections we briefed student groups and Timorese and international election observers on Timor-Leste's economic and political context.⁸⁴

⁷⁷ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/2017/17AgricPolicy.htm>

⁷⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/2017/LHLeiPestisida02Jul2017te.pdf>

⁷⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/media/2017/RadIgPolitikaAgriSep2017.mp3>

⁸⁰ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/land/2017/RbRKonferensia%20Imprensa18Apr2017te.pdf>

⁸¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/land/17LandTe.htm>

⁸² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/17PresElec.htm>

⁸³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/17ParElec.htm>

⁸⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/EIObsJuly2017.pdf>

La'o Hamutuk staff observed both the Presidential and Parliamentary elections at voting stations in Dili and in the districts; we later published observation reports⁸⁵, and presented our findings on the Presidential election at a civil society discussion which included government election agencies, the President's office, the Provedor for Human Rights and Justice (PDHJ) and the UN.

Before the Presidential election, we held one-on-one live TV interviews with seven of the eight candidates.⁸⁶ We also produced two radio programs,⁸⁷ and distributed brochures⁸⁸ and posters⁸⁹ encouraging voters to ask candidates about their stances on key issues. We distributed questionnaires⁹⁰ to the Presidential candidates and political parties, asking them to explain their views; we published the replies we received on our website.⁹¹ The EU's election observation team report commended La'o Hamutuk's engagement with the election, describing it as a "useful platform" which provided "neutral" and "generally balanced" coverage.⁹² We then organized a post-election talk-show – broadcast on TV Edukasaun – with representatives of the Presidential candidates and parties to discuss the election and the findings of the observer teams.

Prior to the Parliamentary election, the electoral authorities declined to make public the lists of names of the candidates running on each party's slate. La'o Hamutuk obtained the list and circulated it on our website and social media, and it was re-circulated by many others. Had we not done this, most voters would have had no way to know who they were voting for.⁹³



HANOIN MOLOK BA VOTA

**SAIDA MAK PARTIDU POLÍTIKU SIRA NIA
PLANU KONA-BA:**

- Oinsá sustenta finansas estadu bainhira rendementu husi petróleu la iha ona?
- Oinsá investe liu tan ba setór agrikultura, turizmu no indústria naun petrolíferu sira?
- Oinsá hadiak asesu ba sistema edukasaun, saúde, saneamentu no bee moos ba ema hotu?...

Bele hetan broxura iha edifisiu La'o Hamutuk iha Beborá ka iha ami nia website no blog www.laohamutuk.org <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com>

HARE'E PERGUNTA PRINSIPAL SIRA IHA:

Broxura Eleisaun Parlamentar 2017-2022 ne'ebé La'o Hamutuk fahé atu informa kona-ba asuntu sira relevante ho dezentovimentu Timor-Leste nian. La'o Hamutuk mak Institutu Timor-Leste ba Monitor no Analiza Dezentovimentu.

⁸⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/LHRelObsEIPres3Apr2017en.pdf>
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/LHRelObservasaunEIPar2017te.pdf>

⁸⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/17PresElec.htm>

⁸⁷ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm>

⁸⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/BrochuraKandidatuMar2017te.pdf>
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/BroxuraLHELPAR2017.pdf>

⁸⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/LHPoster.jpg>

⁹⁰ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/QuestforPresKandidEn.pdf>
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/KestionariuPartiduPolitiku.pdf>

⁹¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/RespostaAngelaFreitas.pdf>
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/Res/RespostaHusiKHUNTO.pdf>
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/KestionariuFRETILIN.pdf>

⁹² http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/eu_eom_preliminary_statement22Mar2017en.pdf

⁹³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/AllPartyLists.pdf>

In the run-up to the Parliamentary election, we participated in an RTTL-TV roundtable debate organized by the Judicial System Monitoring Program (JSMP). Immediately following the election, La'o Hamutuk published a complete list of elected Deputies,⁹⁴ which remains the only publicly-available source for this vital information. We also wrote⁹⁵ to each Member of Parliament congratulating them on their successful election, and urging them to fulfil their Constitutional duty by prioritizing the interests of the people over any party or other group, and addressing the urgent economic and social needs of the people of Timor-Leste.

Finally, in December, on the 42nd anniversary of Timor-Leste's declaration of independence in 1975, La'o Hamutuk published an article⁹⁶ calling on Members of Parliament and the Government to reflect on the decades of shared struggle, and to work together to resolve the political impasse for the good of all of Timor-Leste's people.

Human rights, freedom of expression and international solidarity

During 2017, La'o Hamutuk continued to advocate for the right of Dili street vendors to work freely and safely without harassment by state security, by helping them to develop a strategy for demanding their rights, and asking PDHJ to mediate between vendors and the Government. This resulted in almost one hundred vendors participating in a discussion in January with PDHJ and civil society, in which PDHJ agreed to bring the issue to the relevant state authorities; representatives of the group of vendors subsequently met with Members of Parliament and advisors to the President. La'o Hamutuk also raised the issue of vendors' rights in our TV interviews with Presidential candidates and in the questionnaire we distributed to candidates.⁹⁷

La'o Hamutuk continued to advocate for accountability for the 2015 extra-judicial killings of Mauk Moruk and his group members, encouraging local journalists to investigate and raising the question to Presidential candidates and the public in our publications around the election.⁹⁸

On 20 May, the fifteenth anniversary of the Restoration of Timor-Leste's independence, we wrote an article to remind the public about ongoing impunity for the crimes committed during the Indonesian occupation, and the need for accountability for these crimes as well as in the Government's economic and social policies.⁹⁹ The article was printed in several local newspapers and blogs. We also contributed information about impunity for past crimes to an Amnesty International report on human rights in Timor-Leste, and updated our website with information on the UN's Universal Periodic Review of human rights in Timor-Leste.¹⁰⁰

At the end of May, the International Platform of Jurists held a conference in Lisbon. La'o Hamutuk joined with solidarity groups and activists from West Papua and Western Sahara, as well as Timor-Leste and Portuguese government officials, strengthening common understanding and relationships.

La'o Hamutuk participated in several events related to Freedom of Expression, including a march in support of Raimundos Oki (a journalist charged with defaming the Prime Minister), and World Press Freedom Day, and gave interviews to local and international media about the importance of media freedom. We also wrote an open letter to UNESCO (the organizers of World

⁹⁴ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/07/who-will-be-in-timor-lestes-next.html>

⁹⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/LHDeputaduAug2017en.pdf>

⁹⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/gov7/MartaLoronImp11Dec2017.pdf>

⁹⁷ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/QuestforPresKandidEn.pdf>

⁹⁸ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/QuestforPresKandidTe.pdf>

⁹⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/Restauraindep20Maiu2017en.pdf>

¹⁰⁰ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/UPR/12UPRIndex.htm>

Press Freedom Day) in Jakarta, calling on them to pressure the Indonesian Government to guarantee free access and safety for journalists, including in West Papua.¹⁰¹

La'o Hamutuk continued to express solidarity with other struggles for self-determination around the world. In June, La'o Hamutuk, as part of the Timor-Leste Association of Ex-Political Prisoners and *Klibur Solidaridade* (Solidarity Association), helped write a press release expressing solidarity with Palestinian political prisoners who successfully pushed for increased rights through a 40-day hunger strike.¹⁰² We also participated in a solidarity event for Western Sahara organized by UNTL students. In September, we published a statement of solidarity with the Rohingya people of Myanmar, calling on the Government to end its military persecution of the Rohingya.¹⁰³

NGO coalitions

Timor-Leste coalitions

- Rede ba Rai (Land Network)
- HASATIL (Sustainable Agriculture Network)
- Core Group on Transparency
- National Alliance for an International Tribunal (ANTI)
- Street Vendors' rights solidarity group (informal)
- PERMATIL (Permaculture Timor-Leste)
- FONGTIL (Timor-Leste NGO Forum)
- Free East Timor Foundation
- MKOTT (Movement Against the Occupation of the Timor Sea)
- Human Rights Defenders Network
- Klibur Solidaridade (Solidarity Association)

International coalitions

- International Budget Partnership
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- International solidarity and human rights organizations, especially ETAN
- Timor Sea Justice Campaign, Australia
- Timor-Leste Studies Association (TLSA)
- Amnesty International
- OilWatch (especially in Southeast Asia)
- Publish What You Pay (PWYP)
- ASEAN People's Forum
- Focus on the Global South

Organizational report

At the beginning of 2017, La'o Hamutuk staffers were Adilson da Costa, Celestino Gusmão, Charles Scheiner, Juvinal Dias, Mariano Ferreira, Marta da Silva, Martinha Fernandes, Maxi Tahu, Niall Almond, Pelagio Doutel, Ricarda Martins, three security people and one cleaner.

Charles was outside Timor-Leste for much of the year, working part-time in the U.S., although he worked full-time for La'o Hamutuk in Dili from April through August.

¹⁰¹ <http://www.etan.org/news/2017/03pressfreedom.htm>

¹⁰² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/TLSolidPalesPrisJun2017en.pdf>

¹⁰³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/SolidarityTimorRohingya11Sep2017en.pdf>

We began the process of recruiting new Timorese and international staff by sharing information about the position with our local and international networks. In July, we organized speaking events at several universities in the UK in order to promote La'o Hamutuk's work among development students, graduates and researchers. Following from this, we received several applications to become staff, as well as internship and volunteer applications. In August and September, we recruited Carly Munnely and Huw Davies-Bell to our staff collective; they both began working at La'o Hamutuk in November. Then, in December, former staff and long-time Board member, Pamela Sexton, applied to re-join La'o Hamutuk as a full-time staff member. La'o Hamutuk welcomed her decision, and she began working in early 2018.

We continued to increase our staff's capacity through trainings - Adilson and Ricarda attended the Mango Basic Financial Training in Dili in February, improving their understanding of financial management. Celestino continued to attend an English course at LELI.

During the reporting period, we updated our internal and financial policies, conducted our annual internal evaluation, updated our team action plans and published our 2016 Annual Report¹⁰⁴ and mid-year report for 2017.¹⁰⁵

In the aftermath of La'o Hamutuk's 2015 financial management problems, The Asia Foundation conducted a "due diligence" review of our improved procedures. That process took place during the first half of 2017, and their funding for La'o Hamutuk was transferred in October.

In late 2016, we submitted a proposal to Misereor (Germany); we signed the contract with them in September 2017, and began to receive their funding in October. During 2017, we also received funding from the Norwegian Embassy in Jakarta and from Development and Peace (Canada).

We further developed our new partnership with CCFD (*Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement-Terre Solidaire*, France), and submitted a proposal to them in December 2017.

Results of La'o Hamutuk's work in 2017

During 2017, major results of La'o Hamutuk's work included:

- In January, after more than a decade of advocacy and activism from La'o Hamutuk and other civil society groups, the Australian Government agreed to terminate the CMATS treaty and enter into negotiations with Timor-Leste about a permanent maritime boundary.¹⁰⁶ An agreement was announced in September, but details are still confidential.
- Parliament invited La'o Hamutuk to present at a public hearing on the draft Mining Law¹⁰⁷ and at a seminar on budget management and transparency.¹⁰⁸
- Seven out of eight Presidential candidates participated in live, one-on-one TV interviews with La'o Hamutuk, including the eventual winner, Francisco Guterres "Lu-Ólo."¹⁰⁹ Our interviews were viewed by thousands of people who appreciated our questioning of candidates on economic sustainability, accountability and rule-of-law, and the President-elect congratulated La'o Hamutuk on bringing these issues to the public.

¹⁰⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/ARept/2016/LHAnnualReport2016.pdf>

¹⁰⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/ARept/2017/LHMidyearReport2017en.pdf>

¹⁰⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/CMATSindex.htm#CMATSends>

¹⁰⁷ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/2017/LHSubLeiMineira20Apr2017en.pdf>

¹⁰⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE17/ParlSem/LHObsPreComCPNte.pdf>

¹⁰⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/17PresElec.htm>

- Timor-Leste voters were able to know who they were voting for after La'o Hamutuk published the names of the candidates on each party's Parliamentary slate.
- La'o Hamutuk researchers presented papers at international conferences, including the International Platform of Jurists for East Timor 25th Anniversary Conference in Lisbon,¹¹⁰ and the Timor-Leste Studies Association Conference in Dili.¹¹¹ We strengthened our relationships with academics in Timor-Leste, Australia and elsewhere.
- The Ministry of Agriculture's National Agriculture Policy and Strategic Framework incorporated several of La'o Hamutuk's recommendations, including prioritizing food sovereignty and fair trade, and declaring food to be a human right rather than a commodity.¹¹²
- After an eight-year process, Parliament passed the Land Laws in April and May;¹¹³ the approved laws incorporated several recommendations made by La'o Hamutuk in collaboration with *Rede ba Rai* (Land Network), including recognising informal land titles and requiring a new, separate law for community land rights.
- The Private Investment Law approved by Parliament in April 2017 included several suggestions La'o Hamutuk had made the previous year.¹¹⁴ In late June, President Lu-Olo vetoed the Law,¹¹⁵ citing some of the same concerns expressed by La'o Hamutuk.¹¹⁶
- La'o Hamutuk researchers were interviewed and cited more than 180 times in national and international media, including appearing on talk-shows on ABC and Al Jazeera in relation to the CMATS termination, and being quoted in reports by Reuters, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Australian*, UCA News, ABC, *Jakarta Post*, *The Economist* and *The Guardian*. (See Appendix 2.)

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

Indicator	Examples of results (more in the text and appendices)
Key policymakers who accept LH ideas and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Minister on SDGs and sustainability • Winning candidate for President of the Republic Lu Olo agreed with LH's concerns about sustainability and democracy • Members of Parliament from Committee C, D, Partidu Demokrátiku and others on mining, private investment, economic sustainability • Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on sustainable agriculture, food sovereignty • Ministry of Finance (aid, budget, WTO, borrowing and fiscal sustainability) • ANPM on onshore regulations • IMF Article IV team • More than 200 people in different Government agencies • More than 200 people in international agencies, including UN, World Bank, ADB, • Researchers, donors, advisors, diplomats and others

¹¹⁰ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/06/timor-lestes-oil-wealth-financing.html>

¹¹¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/TLSA2017.htm>

¹¹² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/2017/17AgricPolicy.htm>

¹¹³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/land/17LandTe.htm>

¹¹⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/16InvestPolicy.htm>

¹¹⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/PrivInvVetoJul2017en.pdf>

¹¹⁶ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/06/private-investment-isnt-panacea.html>

Indicator	Examples of results (more in the text and appendices)
Alternative proposals/policies are reviewed considered and/or adopted by officials in Government, Parliament and international agencies	Parliament Committees A, C, D Ministry of Finance Central Bank (PF balance) ANPM (onshore regulations, missing data on petroleum revenues) The Asia Foundation MECAE on WTO Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries D-G for Statistics (international trade report, Demographics and Health Survey) National Directorate for Environment WorleyParsons (conducting EIS for Baucau Cement / Tibar port) Millennium Challenge Corporation World Bank on fiscal sustainability, budget, debt risk ADB on economic diversification, sustainability IMF on fiscal sustainability, budget, debt risk PD MPs (Petroleum Fund, Land Laws, ESI) PDHJ (environmental licencing, vendors) JICA
Number of people who participate in LH trainings, presentations and other public events	Appendix 3 lists 48 events, which were attended by more than a thousand people. Events which attracted 50 or more participants included: 50 at presentation to IPJET conference, Lisbon More than 250 people at seven LH presentations at TLSA academic conference 50 at three briefings for election observers 100 at LH public meeting on mining 50 at LH presentation at seminar on maritime boundary 60 at LH public meeting on loans/borrowing 100 at LH presentations at ASEAN Peoples Forum, Manila 50 at LH presentation on climate change adaptation, Suai We also hosted and participated in many nationally broadcast TV programs (as well as several global ones), including: Al Jazeera's <i>The Stream</i> on the maritime boundary dispute Live, one-on-one interviews with seven Presidential candidates, broadcast on TVE TVE talk-show on election results TVE talk-show, political parties discuss petroleum dependency TVE talk-show, women from political parties TVE talk-show organised by Core Group on Transparency (CGT), interview PM Mari Alkatiri TVE talk-show, organised by CGT, interview PD's Mariano Sabino
Number of organizations, policy makers and journalists who request LH's expertise	More than 250 organizations and people, including journalists, academics, civil society organizations, researchers, advisors, diplomats, activists, aid agencies, economists, oil company representatives, consultants, government officials, politicians, and IFI and UN representatives. This number includes those who contact us in person or by email, but not everyone who attends our events or uses our website, blog or other publications.
New funding sources are accessed	We signed new funding contracts with Hivos/Norway, Development & Peace, The Asia Foundation and Misereor. We also submitted a proposal to CCFD for 2018-19.

Achievements in 2017

In our proposals and Annual Report for 2016, we identified new and quantifiable activities to accomplish during 2017, as follows:

Activity	Implemented?
Continue as the primary Timor-Leste researchers for the International Budget Partnership's Budget Tracker.	Done.
Continue to collect and analyse data on petroleum revenues, trade, inflation, employment and other economic statistics.	Done; collected and analysed data and incorporated into blogs, articles, testimony, presentations and submissions.
Write at least ten submissions and letters to decision makers in government and international agencies on proposed legislation and policies such as agriculture, land rights, state budget, international trade/investment treaties, public-private partnerships, environmental licencing, petroleum activity, contracting and other issues.	Partially done; wrote six submissions and one letter, including on termination of CMATS, draft Mining Law, SDGs, agriculture policy, draft Law on Pesticides and onshore petroleum regulations and Parliament's responsibility to uphold the national interest. Because no state budgets were debated during 2017, fewer opportunities were available.
Organize at least four public meetings to share information and alternative perspectives with the public, media, government and civil society.	Done; organized public meetings on the draft Mining Law and government borrowing/loans and briefed election observers on key challenges facing TL.
Give at least five paid trainings to other organizations, plus five free or at-cost trainings and presentations for students, journalists, civil society or local communities.	Done; six paid briefings to international agencies and more than fifteen presentations to civil society, students and communities.
Post at least 8 new webpages, 20 updated webpages and 20 new blog entries.	Partially done; 8 new webpages, more than 40 updated webpages and nine blog entries.
Produce at least one edition of La'o Hamutuk's Bulletin.	Not done.
Conduct field visits to research agricultural programs, cooperatives and other grassroots economic activities in the districts.	Done.
Continue our analysis of ZEESM, Tasi Mane project and other major private and public infrastructure projects (including field research at project sites), and produce written articles of their economic, social and environmental impacts.	Partially done; conducted field research in Oecusse and Suai, produced paper on environmental impacts of major infrastructure projects, written articles on Tasi Mane and ZEESM still being developed.
Produce at least 10 Radio Igualdade programs.	Partially done; produced 9 radio programs.

Plans for 2018

Most of our work in 2018 will continue research, public education and advocacy on the topics discussed above, as most of these issues are ongoing. Specific plans for the coming year include:

- ★ Continue as the primary Timor-Leste researchers for International Budget Partnership's Budget Tracker.
- ★ Continue to collect and analyse data on petroleum revenues, trade, inflation, employment and other economic statistics.
- ★ Write at least ten submissions and letters to decision makers in government and international agencies on proposed legislation and policies such as agriculture, land rights, state budget, international trade/investment treaties, public-private partnerships, environmental licencing, petroleum activity and other issues.
- ★ Organize at least two public meetings to share information and alternative perspectives with the public, media, government and civil society.
- ★ Give at least five paid trainings to other organizations, plus five free or at-cost trainings and presentations for students, journalists, civil society or local communities.
- ★ Post at least 8 new webpages, 20 updated webpages and 20 new blog entries.
- ★ Produce at least one edition of La'o Hamutuk's *Bulletin*.
- ★ Conduct field visits to research agricultural programs, cooperatives and other grassroots economic activities in the districts.
- ★ Continue our analysis of ZEESM, Tasi Mane project and other major private and public infrastructure projects and investments (including field research at project sites), and write reports about their economic, social and environmental impacts.
- ★ Analyze and explain the new Timor-Leste-Australia Boundary Treaty, and advocate with both governments to respect Timor-Leste's rights.
- ★ Produce at least 10 radio programs.

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 \$700 per month until September 2017, plus a "13th month" in December. In September, on the recommendation of one of La'o Hamutuk's donors, we increased salaries to \$800/month. All staff receive benefits that include health insurance, some of which is self-insurance funded from a Health Reserve. 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. Staff members who must move to Dili to work at La'o Hamutuk receive \$200/month toward house rental costs.

In order to preserve La'o Hamutuk's independence, 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.

The last two years have been financially difficult for La'o Hamutuk. All of our donors ended their support in 2015 for reasons that had nothing to do with La'o Hamutuk, and we received very little grant funding from mid-2015 to mid-2017. Fortunately, we had some reserves, but we had to draw them down by \$123,000, and very little remains.

With help from The Asia Foundation, we improved our internal and financial systems and passed their due diligence screening in mid-2017, after which they provided \$9,000. In 2017 we signed four new contracts with Development & Peace (D&P, Canada), the Norwegian Embassy in Jakarta (administered by Hivos), The Asia Foundation (TAF) and Misereor (Germany).¹¹⁷ We are also in discussion with Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD, France).

Balance sheet

This table indicates our total cash and bank account balances at the start and end of 2017, amounts of money set aside for specific purposes and from particular donors, and unrestricted money available for general operations.

	Total cash and bank balances	Read-justment reserve	Health reserve ¹¹⁸	Sustain-ability re-serve ¹¹⁹	Opera-tional reserve	Building fund ¹²⁰	Misereor	Norway/Hivos	TAF	D&P	Unre-stricted funds
Balance 31 Dec. 2016	139,013	2,400	17,200	54,226	10,000	12,168	0	0	0	11,358	31,661
Income during 2017	102,634	800	6,702	0		0	29,259	30,000	9,000	24,564	2,309
Expenditure during 2017	161,692	0	6,702	30,000	10,000	0	19,074	30,000	9,000	23,640	33,277
Balance 31 Dec. 2017	79,954	3,200	17,200	24,226	0	12,168	10,185	0	0	12,282	693

¹¹⁷ Misereor's funding is for a two-year project on 'Economic diversification and sustainability', and all other grants are general support for La'o Hamutuk's other work.

¹¹⁸ This is a self-insurance fund for medical expenses for staff who do not have corporate insurance.

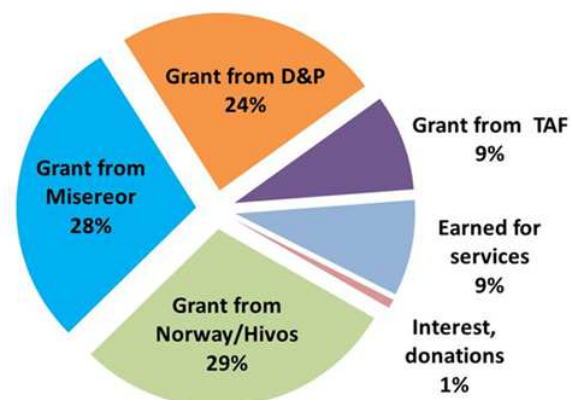
¹¹⁹ The Sustainability Reserve was to replace equipment, although we have used it to cover deficits and hope to replenish it in future years. The Operational Reserve was depleted to cover our funding shortfall.

¹²⁰ This fund was established to build and furnish La'o Hamutuk's office in 2011. The balance will be applied to future repairs and equipment for our building.

Revenues

The following table shows revenues received by La'o Hamutuk during 2017 from Development & Peace (D&P), Norway/Hivos, The Asia Foundation (TAF) and Misereor, totaling \$102,634.

Revenue received during 2017
Total \$102,634

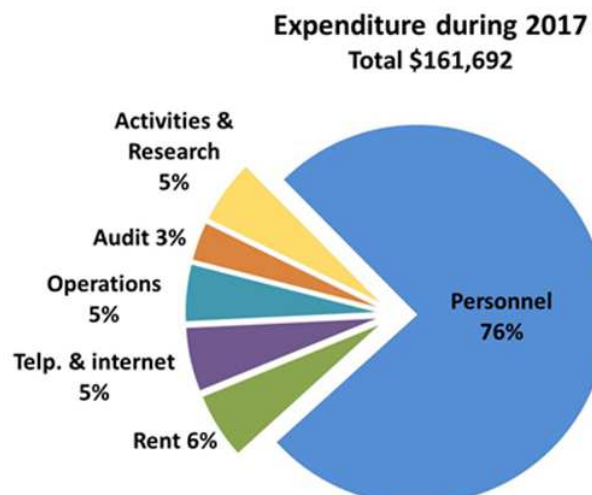


Source	Budget 2017	Received	Difference	Explanation
Grant from Norway/HIVOS	30,000	30,000		
Grant from D&P	11,750	24,564	12,814	For the period July 2017 – June 2018
Grant from TAF	15,000	9,000	-6,000	
Project grant from Misereor	31,008	29,259	-1,749	
Earned for services	2,000	8,966	6,966	Mostly from the International Budget Partnership. The rest is for briefings provided by LH.
Interest and donations	1,000	845	-155	Bank interest and donations from individuals
Total	90,758	102,634	11,876	

Expenditures

The table below and graph at right show the money spent by La'o Hamutuk during 2017 for different aspects of our work, totalling \$161,692.

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.



Category	Budget	Actual			Diff.	Explanation
		Misereor project	Other work	Total		
1. Non-recurrent expenditure						
Capital Equipment	250	-	-	-	-250	Purchase deferred
2. Staff costs						
Personnel	111,787	23,352	98,324	121,675	9,888	Increased due to new staff recruitment and raises, which had been delayed during our low-income period
Training for Staff	1,000	-	700	700	-300	
3. Project activities						
Bulletin	1,400	-	-	-	-1,400	Not published
Public Meeting	1,400	266	180	446	-954	We presented at many events organized by other organizations
Radio Program	3,175	360	1,084	1,444	-1,731	Broadcast on community radio, but not the more expensive Radio Timor-Leste
Research	4,000	617	2,495	3,112	-888	
Resource Centre	780	148	820	968	188	
Election	4,000	-	1,215	1,215	-2,785	Lower cost for TV air time
Int'l. Conference	2,000	-	1,493	1,493	-507	Most expenses were covered by the organizers
4. Project administration						
Operations & Supplies	6,553	436	6,984	7,421	868	Includes \$1,500 to settle tax accounts from past years
Office building	100	-	-	-	-100	
Office Rent	9,000	1,350	7,650	9,000	-	
Transportation	720	125	194	319	-401	Most staff use their own transport
Telephone and Internet	7,865	1,307	7,394	8,701	836	
Audit	3,000	-	5,200	5,200	2,200	Includes \$2,600 payment for 2015 audit.
Total	157,030	27,960	133,732	161,692	4,662	

Projected budget for 2018

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

Category	Misereor project	Other work	Total	Explanation
1. NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE				
Capital Equipment	300	200	500	Laptop
2. STAFF COSTS				
Personnel	69,100	94,200	163,300	Salaries, health insurance, housing allowance, international staff air fare, readjustment and visa fees. We have increased staff since 2017.
Training for staff	300	200	500	
3. PROJECT ACTIVITIES				
Bulletin	1,000	1,000	2,000	Printing and distribution
Public meeting	500	500	1,000	Space rental, publicity, refreshments
Radio Program	1,000	700	1,700	Production costs and fuel for community radio stations
Research	2,100	1,400	3,500	Travel and accommodation for conducting field research in Timor-Leste
Resource centre	600	400	1,000	Books, videos and other materials
Special activities related to election	400	400	800	Radio and TV talk show with political parties, monitoring and reporting on the early parliamentary election
Int'l conference	-	1,500	1,500	Non-reimbursed costs to attend international conferences
4. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION				
Operations & Supplies	2,100	2,600	4,700	Electricity, supplies, bank charge, photocopying, etc.
Office rent	5,400	3,600	9,000	
Transportation	400	300	700	Transport and motorcycle maintenance in Dili and nearby
Communication	3,100	2,300	5,400	Telephone, internet and website
Auditor	2,800	2,600	5,400	Two audits for the Misereor project and one for the whole organization
Miscellaneous expenses	300	200	500	
Total	89,400	112,100	201,500	

Projected revenues during 2018

Source	Amount	Explanation
Norway/Hivos grant	30,000	Balance of funding contracted in 2017
Development and Peace grant	29,000	Including \$12,500 from existing contract that covers through June 2018, and hopefully a new one
CCFD grant	35,000	Agreed in principle, no contract signed
The Asia Foundation grant	12,500	Committed
Misereor project grant	89,400	Contract signed, for specific project
Earned for services	4,200	Income from La'o Hamutuk work
Sales, interest, donations	1,400	Bank interest, and donations from individual and organizations who support our work
Total Income	201,500	

Appendix 2. Media Coverage

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

The following table lists some of the coverage of La'o Hamutuk's work in international and local media during 2017, as well as citations of our work in academic journals, and articles written by La'o Hamutuk and published elsewhere. It leaves out most publications not in English or Tetum, and does not include many of our articles or releases which were copied or referenced by journals, online publications or websites.

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URL	Comment
A Detour in the Local Turn: Roadblocks in Timor-Leste's Post-Conflict Peacebuilding	Jan	Asian Journal of Peacebuilding	Dahlia Simangan	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/321824918_A_Detour_in_the_Local_Turn_Roadblocks_in_Timor-Leste%27s_Post-Conflict_Peacebuilding	Cites LH and Charlie on UN role, fiscal sustainability
East Timor tears up oil and gas treaty with Australia after Hague dispute	09-Jan	ABC News	Henry Belot	http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-01-09/east-timor-to-tear-up-oil-and-gas-treaty-with/8171466	Interview with Juvinal
LH Husu Tribunal de Contas Labele Fo Vistu	09-Jan	Timoroman			Interview Juvinal about Suai Supply Base
Juvinal: "Ezekusaun OJE 2017 sei La Kualidade"	09-Jan	Timoroman			Interview Juvinal
Ezekusaun oje 2017 sei la kualidade	09-Jan	Dia rio			Quotes Juvinal on State Budget
Gov hakarak imprestosa n ADB, LH husu TC labele fo vistu	09-Jan	Dia rio			Quotes Juvinal on loans
Desenvolve rekursu iha Kosta sul, la iha serteza kona-ba rekursu	11-Jan	Timor Post			Quotes Niall
Estadu Presiza Aprende husi Tratadu CMATS	11-Jan	Timor Post			Quotes Niall
Hapara tratadu CMATS, solusaun di'ak ba povu TL	11-Jan	Timoroman			Quotes Niall
Sosiedade Sivil Apresia Desizaun Governu Hako tu Tratadu CMATS	11-Jan	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal and Niall
Economic diplomacy brief: Japan relations, Timor gas, Asian business and Indonesia banking	12-Jan	Lowy Interpreter	Greg Earl	https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/economic-diplomacy--japan-relations-timor-gas-asian-business-indonesia-banking	Links to LH web page on Petroleum Fund
Estadu Presiza Aprende husi Tratadu CMATS	12-Jan	Timor Post			Quotes Niall (repeat of 11 Jan article)
Southeast Asia's newest nation faces an election that could make or break its future	16-Jan	SE Asia Globe	David Hutt	http://sea-globe.com/east-timor-elections-2017/	Quotes Charlie on better priorities than ASEAN; LH on accuracy of gov't claims of progress
Projetu Tasi Mane tenke lao	16-Jan	Suara Timor Lorosa'e (STL)			Quotes Juvinal questioning Tasi Mane

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URL	Comment
Delimitation of Maritime Boundary	16-Jan	STL	Vicente Maubocy		Cites LH data on petroleum running out
Hakotu tratadu CMATS lori vitoria foun ba TL	16-Jan	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal
Maritime row in the Timor Sea	18-Jan	Al Jazeera The Stream		http://stream.aljazeera.com/story/201701180025-0025361	Juvinal was a panelist on talk-show
Iha vantazen ba TL bainhira hakotu tratadu CMATS	23-Jan	Timor Post			Uses graphic by LH on Timor Sea treaties
Povu kontinua ezije esplikasaun estudu viabilidade ba ZEESM no projetu Tasi Mane	06-Feb	Timor Post			Quotes Celestino
Life after oil: The truth behind East Timor's fading future	07-Feb	ASEAN Today	Victoria Wah	http://www.aseantoday.com/2017/02/life-after-oil-the-truth-behind-east-timors-fading-future/	Quotes LH and Charlie
Environmental concerns for Timor-Leste cement project	11-Feb	The Saturday Paper	James Norman	https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/news/politics/2017/02/11/environmental-concerns-timor-leste-cement-project/14867316004216	Quotes Charlie
Governu la iha vontade proteze negosiante ambulante	13-Feb	Business Timor			Quotes Celestino on street vendors' rights
Ukun na'in sira sei proteje malu ho korupsiun	13-Feb	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on government corruption
Governu TL-Australia konkorda hapara tratadu CMATS iha fulan Abril	20-Feb	Business Timor			Quotes Celestino
Timor-Leste: An Uncertain Future and an Unsettled Boundary	23-Feb	Future Directions international	Jarryd de Haan	http://www.futuredirections.org.au/publication/timor-leste-uncertain-future-unsettled-boundary/	Cites and links to LH
LH la kontenti Xanana hakuak Wiranto	24-Feb	Diaro			Quotes Celestino on Wiranto war crimes
Maritime Boundary Dispute Masks Need for Economic Diversity in Timor-Leste	27-Feb	Inter Press Service, MENA News	Stephen de Tarczyński	http://www.ipsnews.net/2017/02/maritime-boundary-dispute-masks-need-for-economic-diversity-in-timor-leste/ http://menafn.com/1095279298/MELBOURNE-Australia-Maritime-Boundary-Dispute-Masks-Need-for-Economic-Diversity-in-Timor-Leste	Interview with Juvinal
Past the Tipping Point? Contract Disclosure within EITI	Mar	Report by NRGi	Don Hubert and Rob Pitman	http://www.resourcegovernance.org/analysis-tools/publications/past-tipping-point	Cites LH as a CSO publishing contracts when the government fails to.
East Timor to Elect New President as Oil Revenues Rapidly Run Dry	17-Mar	US News/ Reuters	Alexandre Assis	https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2017-03-17/east-timor-to-elect-new-president-as-oil-revenues-rapidly-run-dry	Quotes Charlie
Frontrunner for East Timor presidency offers Australia hope on oilfields deal	19-Mar	Sydney Morning Herald	Lindsay Murdoch	http://www.smh.com.au/world/frontrunner-for-east-timor-presidency-offers-australia-hope-on-oilfields-deal-20170318-gv1a42.html	Quotes Charlie

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Timor-Leste votes for new president amid poverty	20-Mar	Jakarta Post	Ina Parlina	http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/03/20/timor-leste-votes-for-new-president-a-mid-poverty.html	Cites LH and Charlie on oil running out
Timor poll a test for old heroes	20-Mar	The Australian	Amanda Hodge	http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/east-timor-presidential-election-tests-old-heroes-gusmao-and-alkatiri/news-story/2edb6ec57ccb5c4233c2b5183d665b4c	Quotes Niall on need for issue-based campaigning
East Timor electing new president as oil revenue dries	20-Mar	Otago Daily Times	Reuters	https://www.odt.co.nz/news/world/east-timor-electing-new-president-oil-revenue-dries	Cites LH and quotes Charlie
Asia's youngest nation looks to elect new president	20-Mar	UCA News	Thomas Ora	http://www.ucanews.com/news/asias-youngest-nation-looks-to-elect-new-president/78704	Cites LH on need to reduce oil dependency
East Timor holds first presidential election since UN peacekeepers left	20-Mar	DW.com		http://www.dw.com/en/east-timor-holds-first-presidential-election-since-un-peacekeepers-left/a-38017195	Cites LH and Charlie on oil running out
Timor-Leste elections: Citizens head to polls to cast vote for president to 'speak for the people'	20-Mar	ABC	Felicity James	http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-20/timor-leste-elections-citizens-head-to-polls-to-cast-vote/8367948	Quotes Charlie on election and oil fields depleted
Timor-Leste election: Likely victory for Lu Olo suggests business as usual	21-Mar	Lowy Interpreter	Michael Leach	https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/timor-leste-election-likely-victory-lu-olo-suggests-business-usual	Links to LH website and refers to criticism of infrastructure spending
Timor-Leste shows maturity to organise well-run and peaceful elections	22-Mar	EU election observer report	EU election observer mission	https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/eu_eom_preliminary_statement_en.pdf	Cites LH-TVE partnership is a "useful platform" which was "neutral [and] generally balanced."
Tough times continue for the people of East Timor	24-Mar	Sydney Morning Herald	Lindsay Murdoch	http://www.smh.com.au/world/tough-times-continue-for-people-of-east-timor-20170323-gv4lsd.html	Quotes Charlie on Tasi Mane and economic diversification
Certain Maritime Arrangements	01-Apr	Timor Agora blog	LH	http://timoragora.blogspot.com/2017/04/certain-maritime-arrangements.html	Re-posted LH submission to Australian Parliament
La'o Hamutuk Rekomenda STAE-CNE Hadi'a Frakeza	12-Apr	Tatoli	Rafi Belo	http://www.tatoli.tl/2017/04/la-o-hamutuk-rekomenda-stae-cne-hadia-frakeza/	Based on LH election observation report
As maritime agreement with Australia dissolves, Timor-Leste left exposed	13-Apr	Lowy Interpreter	Bec Strating	https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/maritime-agreement-australia-dissolves-timor-leste-left-exposed	Cites LH prediction of when Petroleum Fund will be empty
East Timor needs more than peaceful elections to survive	19-Apr	Global Risk Insights	Jeremy Luedi	http://globalriskinsights.com/2017/04/east-timor-more-than-elections-needed/	Quotes Charlie on oil running out
Sestu Governu Falla Poupa Orsamental	22-Apr	STL	Raimundo Fraga		Quotes Juvinal on state spending
Ekonomia TL Nafatin Hakdasak	24-Apr	STL	Raimundo Fraga		Quotes Juvinal on non-oil economy
Sosieda de Sivil Kontra Bandu FP Tuir Kampana	25-Apr	Timoroman			Interviews Juvinal about election campaign

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LH Kestiona Servisu PDHJ	25-Apr	Timoroman			Interviews Juvinal about election campaign
La'o Hamutuk Preokupa Kapasidade Kompania Timor Resources	26-Apr	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal
Rezerva mina no gas ha hú menus, Governu tenke iha política di'ak jere fundu petroliferu	01-May	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal
Calls for safety of Indonesian, West Papuan journalists to be prioritised	03-May	Asia Pacific Report		http://asiapacificreport.nz/2017/05/02/calls-for-safety-of-indonesian-west-papuan-journalists-to-be-prioritised/	Quotes Celestino on the importance of independent media
Wake up and sell the coffee: Timor-Leste's big-spending leaders are squandering its savings	04-May	The Economist	Mark Johnson	http://www.economist.com/news/asia/21721685-costly-projects-pile-up-petrodollars-dwindle-timor-lestes-big-spending-leaders-are-squandering	Uses LH info, graphic
LH Konsidera VI Governu La Susesu	11-May	Independente	Ligia Noronha		Quotes Juvinal
LH Konsidera Governu Laiha Planu Diak	11-May	STL	Lucia Ximenes		Quotes Juvinal
Politika imprestimu fo tusan ba jerasaun foun	18-May	Diario			Quotes Juvinal on loans
Lei Mineiru: lisensa ba luku iha rai okos, estraga rai murak	17-19 May	STL	Juvinal Dias		Printed article by Juvinal
Lei Mineiru: lisensa ba luku iha rai okos, estraga rai murak	17-19 May	Independente	Juvinal Dias		Printed article by Juvinal
Timor-Leste's new president Francisco Guterres is unlikely to rock the boat	19-May	Southeast Asia Globe	Euan Black	http://sea-globe.com/francisco-lu-olo-guterres/	Quotes Charlie on difficulties of transitioning away from oil
New president for Timor-Leste	20-May	SBS	Rhiannon Elston	http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2017/05/20/new-president-timor-lestes	Quotes Charlie on independence history of leaders
Resta urasaun Independensia no Resta urasaun dignidade emania nian	21-May	Timor Haunian Dobe nian	Celestino Gusmão	http://www.timorhauniandoben.com/2017/05/restaurasaun-independensia-no.html	Re-posted article by Celestino on restoration of independence
Talk Fusion Pratika Krime Brankamento Capital, Autoridade Kompetente Tenke Investiga	22-May	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal
Governu gasta ona billaun \$9 husi fundu minarai	22-May	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal
Juvinal: Governu Laiha Politika Poupa Orsamental	23-May	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on state budget and spending
Laiha rezultadu Signifikativu, Mari Alkatiri duvidas ba programa ODS	23-May	Diario			Quotes Juvinal about SDGs
Many challenges await new Timor-Leste president	23-May	UCA News	Thomas Ora	http://www.ucanews.com/news/many-challenges-await-new-timor-lestes-president/79296	Quotes Adilson on economic diversification
From guerrilla fighter to president: Francisco Guterres' plans to rebuild Timor-Leste	24-May	SBS	Rhiannon Elston	http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2017/05/24/guerrilla-fighter-president-francisco-guterres-plans-rebuild-timor-lestes	Quotes Charlie on government prioritizing institutions

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LH Hein Governu Foun, Lori Mudansa Foun ba Timor-Leste	25-May	Independe nte			Quotes Juvinal on new Government, prioritizing social sectors
Timor-Leste's big spending: a brave way to tackle economic crisis or just reckless?	25-May	The Guardian	Helen Davidson	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/25/timor-leste-spending-big-economic-crisis	Quotes Niall and LH on ZEESM and economic development
Lei Mineiru: lisensa ba luku iha rai okos, estraga rai murak	25-May	Timor Hau Nian Doben	Juvinal Dias	http://www.timorhaunianidobe.com/2017/05/lei-mineiru-lisensa-ba-luku-ihai.html	Re-posted a article by Juvinal
Lei Mineiru: lisensa ba luku iha rai okos, estraga rai murak	26-29 May	Timor Post	Juvinal Dias		Printed article by Juvinal in three parts
Jornalista timoroan lutu ba liberdade imprensa	30-May	Independe nte			Interviews Juvinal about peaceful action to support freedom of expression
Kazu Oki, Jornalista halo asaun solidaridade	30-May	STL			Interviews Juvinal on Oki case and freedom of expression
TLPU-AJTL Entrega Karta ba PM Rui: "Husik Tribunal Mak Disidi"	30-May	Timoroman			Interviews Juvinal on Oki case and freedom of expression
Kick-Starting Inclusive growth: Timor-Leste's Transition to a Post-Conflict, Post-Oil Economy	June	Australian MDF report	Melina Heinrich-Fernandes	http://marketdevelopmentfacility.org/timor-leste-case-study/uploads/kick-starting-inclusive-growth-timor-leste.pdf	Quotes and references LH several times on TL economic context
Charles Schinner: Fundu soberanu Timor-Leste nian sei dura tina n 10 ho ritmu atual gastu nian	02-Jun	Timoroman		http://noticias.sapo.pt/tetum/info/artigo/1505132.html	Quotes Charlie from IPJET conference
PM Rui: Kapasidade membru Governu limitada, implikasi ezekusa un OJE	02-Jun	Dia rio			Quotes Juvinal
Autoridade RAEOA duvida ho planu OD's	04-Jun	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on ZEESM
New Hope for fair deal over oil below Timor Sea	07-Jun	NZ Herald	Maire Leadbeater		Quotes LH on how much oil money Australia has stolen
Labele harii kolobnial iha Oe-kusi	10-Jun	Timor Post			Quotes Pelagio on ZEESM
A shotgun marriage and a blank cheque: political and economic trends in East Timor	10-Jun	ASPI Strategist	James Scamby	https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/shotgun-marriage-blank-cheque-political-economic-trends-east-timor/	Cites LH figure on ZEESM spending
La'o Hamutuk kritika konstrusaun Portu Tibar	19-Jun	Business Timor			Quotes Niall on Tibar port
Suai International Airport Opens "New Frontier for Timor-Leste," Lu-Olo	22-Jun	Independe nte	Humberto Santos		Quotes LH and Charlie about high spending and non-viability of Tasi Mane project
Saida mak signifika eleisa un jerál 2017 ba ita povu ki'ik sira ?	22-Jun	Timor Hau Nian Doben	Juvinal Dias	http://www.timorhaunianidobe.com/2017/06/saida-mak-sig-nifika-eleisa-un-geral-2017.html	Post article by Juvinal on Parliamentary election
LH preokupa nafatin projetu ZEESM	26-Jun	Business Timor			Quotes Niall

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LAK la aprova fo impaktu ba dezentvolvimentu	26-Jun	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on Anti-corruption Law
GDP TL kontinua depende ba fundu minarai	26-Jun	Business Timor			Quotes Niall
Review of the Roadmap for Sustainable Development in Timor-Leste: An Economic Policy Report	July	UNTL/Federation Uni report	Jerry Courvisanos and Matias Boavida		Cites or quotes La'o Hamutuk more than 30 times.
LH Konsidera Planu Governu La Adekuadu	01-Jul	Timor Post			Interview Juvinal on Government Program
Governu foun	04-Jul	GMN TV			Interview Juvinal on new government
TR Deside Juis Julga Kazu HYUNDAI	04-Jul	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on Suai Supply Base
Lao Hamutuk calls on new govt to prioritize agricultural sector	07-Jul	Radio Timor-Leste			Quotes Niall on agriculture spending
Juvinal Husu Jornal Hatudu Evidensia	12-Jul	Timoroman			Interviews Juvinal on ZEE SM
They will decide: Timor-Leste prepares for parliamentary elections	16-Jul	ABC Radio Australia		http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/2017-07-16/they-will-decide-timor-leste-prepares-for-parliamentary-election/1686270	Interviews Juvinal and Charles
La'o Hamutuk preokupa kada tina n governasa un gasta \$100 milloens ba sentral eletrika Kera-Betanu	16-Jul	Business Timor			Interview Celestino on electricity sector and government spending
Governu tenke jere fundu minarai ho kuidadu	16-Jul	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on government spending
'They will decide': Timor-Leste prepares for parliamentary election	17-Jul	ABC	Felicity James	http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-16/timor-leste-preview-parliamentary-election/8711420	Quotes Juvinal on election
Labele banati naksalak Governu Anterior	18-Jul	Timor Post			Quote Juvinal on new government's responsibility to ensure sustainability
Timoroan barak sei kiak	18-Jul	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on poverty statistics
15 Years After Independence, Whatever Happened to East Timor?	18 July	Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada	David Webster	https://www.asiapacific.ca/canada-asia-agenda/15-years-after-independence-what-ever-happened-east-timor	Cites LH on oil revenues ending
Timor-Leste island community fears large-scale tourism development on Atauro	18-Jul	ABC		http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-17/timor-leste-island-community-fears-tourism-development/8713414	Quotes Charlie on developing agriculture

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URL	Comment
East Timor vote highlights young nation's uneven progress	20-Jul	AP wire service, reprinted in many newspapers, Morning Journal, ABC	Raimundo s Oki & Stephen Wright (AP)	http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20170720/east-timor-vote-highlights-young-nations-uneven-progress http://www.newsobserver.com/news/business/article162610768.html http://www.islandpacket.com/news/business/article162610768.html http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/east-timor-vote-highlights-young-nations-faltering-progress-48739342	Cites LH figure on petroleum revenues and PF running out within a decade.
Timorese go to the polls unaware of 'gas shadow' over their nation's future	21-Jul	The Age		http://www.theage.com.au/world/timorese-go-to-the-polls-unaware-of-gas-shadow-over-their-nations-future-20170720-gxeud9.html	Cites LH figure on poverty, subsistence farmers
Timor-Leste election: 'Disenfranchised youth' party wins first seats in parliament	23-Jul	ABC Radio Australia		http://www.asia-pacific-solidarity.net/news/abc_timorlesteelectiondisenfr_230717.htm	Interviews Juvinal on politics and election
Timor-Leste election: 'Disenfranchised youth' party wins first seats in parliament	24-Jul	ABC		http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-23/disenfranchised-youth-party-wins-seats-in-timor-leste-election/8736032	Quotes Juvinal on youth and election
Oil, money and revolutionaries: Timor-Leste votes	25-Jul	UCA News	Craig Skehan	http://www.ucanews.com/news/oil-money-and-revolutionaries-timor-leste-votes-/79831	Doesn't refer directly to LH but refers to 'some critics of current policies' and 'resource curse'
Relatoriu observasaun ba eleisaun parlamentar 2017-2022	04-Aug				Quotes Celestino on Parliamentary Election
LH kestiona orsamentu imprestimu	07-Aug	Business Timor			Quotes Celestino on government spending
Prao US\$ 63,000 lelaun ba US\$ 8,000, LH konsidera pratika korupsiun	08-Aug	JN Diario			Quotes Juvinal on government corruption
Political alliance collapses in Timor-Leste	08-Aug	East Asia Forum	Damien Kingsbury	http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2017/08/05/timor-leste-fortifies-democracy/	Refers to TL being 'bankrupt within a decade at current rates of spending'
East Timor youth change face of parliament	11-Aug	SBS		http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2017/08/11/east-timor-youth-change-face-parliament	Quotes Charlie on election results and unemployment
Lelaun kareta PN nudar korupsiun legal	14-Aug	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on government corruption
Presiza kria sistema foun ba dezvoltimentu ekonomiku	14-Aug	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on 2017 Election and economy
TL presiza hamosu politika ESG	14-Aug	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on government planning
Politik Hafra ku Dezenvolvimentu TL	16-Aug	STL			Quotes Juvinal on the government plans for development
Novo Governo deve ter postura politica	16-Aug	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal

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Deklarasaun Konjunta Koligasaun Sosieda de Sivil Kontra Leilaun Kareta Prado Iha Parlamentu Nasionál	17-Aug				Civil society statement against auction of Parliamentary cars
ONG Kontra PN Leilaun Kareta HUGO: Desizaun Koletivu	17-Aug				Quotes Juvinal on auction of Parliamentary cars
Leilaun Kareta PN "Motivu" Korupsaun Imposivel Sae Kuda	17-Aug				Quotes Juvinal on auction of Parliamentary cars
Leilaun kareta ho folin US\$ 8000, KSS-TL konsidera PN hab lei ba benefisia-an	17-Aug	GMN			Quotes Juvinal on auction of Parliamentary cars
Juvinal: OJE la Ezekuta ho tu bele tama fali ba kofre estadu	17-Aug	Timoroman			Quotes Juvinal on budget
Prado, Pensaun Vitalisia no Regalias seluk ba Deputadu sira iha P.N	18-Aug	STL			Quotes Celestino on government corruption
LH kestiona ezekusaa un OGE VI governu	22-Aug	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal budget execution
Governu tenke kuidadu no hili dalan sustentabilidade	22-Aug	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on diversifying government investment
Tenke promove valor turizmu hodi atrai turista	22-Aug	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on tourism sector in Timor Leste
Membru koligasaun sosieda de sivil kontra leilaun kareta prado iha PN	22-Aug	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on government spending
Formasaun Governu Tarde Implika Oje	22-Aug	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on formation of government
Australia Tenke Respeita Prinsipiu UNCLOS	29-Aug	Timor Post			Interviews Juvinal on maritime boundaries and UNCLOS
Fundu Mina Rai Hela Billa un 16.5	29-Aug	STL			Quotes Juvinal on Petroleum Fund
Sosieda de Sivil Labele Vikula Desizaun Partidu	30-Aug	Tempo Semanal			Quotes Juvinal on the role of civil society in politics
Tarde Forma Governu, Fo Inserteza ba Instabilidade Politika	31-Aug	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on political instability
Relatoriu BCTL, Numeru Fundu Minarai Tun	31-Aug	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on the Petroleum Fund
RTTL 7 Minutes: new government formation	Sep	RTTL 7 Minutes			Interviews Juvinal on the formation of the new government
RTTL 7 Minutes: Formation of the new government	02-Sep	RTTL 7 Minutes			Interviews Juvinal on the formation of the new government
RTTL 7 Minutes: Copenhagen Agreement related to maritime boundary	02-Sep	RTTL 7 Minutes			Interviews Juvinal on Copenhagen Agreement as it relates to maritime boundaries
Sosieda de sivil konsidera governu ignora loron 30 Agostu	09-Sep	Diaro (GMN)			Quotes Juvinal on government spending

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A \$50 Billion 'Breakthrough' For Timor-Leste?	04-Sep	The Diplomat	Anthony Fensom	https://thediplomat.com/2017/09/a-50-billion-breakthrough-for-timor-leste/	Cites LH figures for State Budget and PF running out
Sosieda de Sivil Labele Vikula Desizaun Partidu	04-Sep	Tempo Semanal			Quotes Juvinal on political party activities
Juvinal: Miliaun \$3 Sosa Kareta Foun ba Deputadu Elemina ba Area Seluk	05-Sep	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on government budget
Copenhagen Agreement: Permanent Boundary or CMATS redux?	05-Sep	Crikey Northern Myth Blog	LH	https://blogs.crikey.com.au/northern/2017/09/05/copenhagen-agreement-permanent-boundary-cmats-redux/	Reposted LH blog article
Poor, Catholic Timor-Leste finally gets government	06-Sep	UCA News	Thomas Ora	http://www.ucanews.com/news/poor-catholic-timor-leste-finally-gets-government/80187	Quotes Pelagio on oil dependency
LH Husu VII Governu Mai Ho Planu Sustentavel	06-Sep	Timoroman			Quotes Juvinal on government plan
Lao Hamutuk Konsidera FM Sai Konfidensial	06-Sep	STL			Quotes Juvinal on maritime boundaries
Vitoria Timor ba Fronteira Maritima Seida uk Serteja	06-Sep	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on maritime boundaries
TL Presiza Laboratoriu Teste Produitu Importasaun	11-Sep	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on imported products
Sosieda de Sivil Otimista ho Koligasaun Lidera VII Governu	12-Sep	Independente			Quotes Juvinal on new government
LH husu VII Governu rezolve problema desempregu	12-Sep	GMN			Quotes La'o Hamutuk, Juvinal on unemployment
Pesoal saude business aimoruk ba pasiente, Sosiedade Sivil konsidera MS falla kontrola	15-Sep	Diaro (GMN)			Quotes Juvinal on health businesses
Moeda centavu la fo valr ekonomia BCTL seida uk introdus politika monetariu	19-Sep	Diaro (GMN)			Quotes Juvinal on currency
Lei internasional maka bele rezolve FM	19-Sep	Diaro (GMN)			Quotes Juvinal on maritime boundaries
LH Hein Governu Foun Lori Mudansa Foun Ba TL	20-Sep	Independente			Quotes Juvinal on government's strategic plan
NGO LH Husu Deputadus Foun Fo Prioridade Ba Lei Anti Korupsaun	21-Sep	STL			Quotes Juvinal on anti-corruption law
Timor-Leste, Australia and Asia's contested maritime order	23-Sep	Jakarta Post	Evan Laksmana	http://www.thejakartapost.com/academia/2017/09/22/timor-leste-australia-and-asias-contested-maritime-order.html	Cites LH figures for State Budget, GDP and PF running out
Deals, drills and declarations on Asia's contested waters	23-Sep	Straits Times	Evan Laksmana	http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/deals-drills-and-declarations-on-asias-contested-waters	Cites LH figures for State Budget, GDP and PF running out
Tenke halo investigasaun klea n ba dividas \$1.6 Billaun	25-Sep	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on corruption
Sirkulasaun moeda sentavos 200 depende mos ba ekonomia rai laran	25-Sep	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on currency

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Opozisaun ho Governu "soke malu" povu mak sofre no lakon	25-Sep	GMN			Quotes Juvinal on the formation of the 7th government
Fears Timor-Leste could face economic collapse	30-Sep	News Hub NZ	Caitlin McGee	http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/world/2017/09/fears-timor-leste-could-face-economic-collapse.html	Cites LH figures for petroleum revenues, PF running out and Tasi Mane spending
Oil pipe dreams	30-Sep	The Nation TV, NZ	Caitlin McGee	http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/shows/2017/09/oil-pipe-dreams.html	Interviewed Charlie, echoed our perspective
Eleisaun Antesipada, Sei Lori Konsekuensia ba Opozisaun FRETILIN: Petisaun Opozisaun Tarde Ona	10-Oct	Independente			Quotes Juvinal on elections
Juvinal Dias: Opozisaun Devia Koalia konaba Vantajen no Desvantajen VII Governo	16-Oct	Tatoli	Jesuino Marcal de Jesus	https://tafara.tl/sosial-politika/juvinal-dias-opozisaun-devia-koalia-konaba-vantajen-no-desvantajen-vii-governo/	Interviewed Juvinal
Interese Politika Makaas iha Debate Programa Governu	18-Oct	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on the government program
LH Konsidera Opozisaun Hakarak Hadau Poder	19-Oct	Independente			Quotes Juvinal on political situation
Governu Tenke Lori Lei Minarai ba PN	21-Oct	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on petroleum regulation
Tensaun Politika fo Impaktu ba OJE	21-Oct	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on state budget
Sustenta Makina Estadu Juvinal Husu Aplika Orsamentu 'Doadesimu'	21-Oct	Timoroman			Quotes Juvinal on state budget
La'o Hamutuk Apresia Servisu IPJ	25-Oct	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on Institute of Petroleum and Geology
Setting Timor-Leste's boundaries	09-Nov	Petroleum Economist	Selwyn Parker	http://www.petroleum-economist.com/articles/politics-economics/asia-pacific/2017/setting-timor-lestes-boundaries	Quotes Charlie on Bayu-Undan running out and Sunrise prospects
Empréstimu sei fo todan ba TL	14-Nov	Tatoli	Rafy Belo	http://www.tatoli.tl/2017/11/emprestimu-sei-fo-todan-ba-tl/	Quotes Niall at LH public meeting on gov't borrowing
Portuguese couple detained in Darwin after arriving by boat from Timor-Leste	14-Nov	The Guardian	Helen Davidson	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/14/portuguese-couple-detained-in-darwin-after-arriving-by-boat-from-timor-leste	Cites LH information on Guerra corruption case
LH konsidera empresta osan iha Banku Internasionál Risku ba Futuru	15-Nov	Independente	Humberto dos Santos		Quotes Niall at LH public meeting on gov't borrowing
Portuguese couple detained in Darwin after arriving by boat from Timor-Leste	15-Nov	Independente			Cites LH information on Guerra corruption case
Where On Earth Did East Timor Go?	16-Nov	Forbes	Peter Pham	https://www.forbes.com/sites/peterpham/2017/11/16/where-on-earth-did-east-timor-go/#1a2aa82545f7	Cites LH date for PF running out

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URL	Comment
Timor Sea dispute: progress and prospects as a deal emerges	22-Nov	Lowy Interpreter	Bec Strating	https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/timor-sea-dispute-progress-and-prospects-deal-emerges	Links to LH web page on Tasi Mane
Battle over the Timor Sea	26-Nov	ABC Radio National	Keri Phillips	http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/rearvision/battle-over-the-timor-sea/9158200	Many references to La'o Hamutuk; link to our website
Timor-Leste EITI report for 2015	Dec	RDTL Government		https://eiti.org/document/2015-timorleste-eiti-report	Three citations of LH for information on state budget and maritime boundaries
Hanging by a Thread: Timor-Leste Government Losing Grip on Power	06-Dec	Future Directions International	Jarryd de Haan	http://www.futuredirections.org.au/publication/hanging-by-a-thread-timor-leste-government-losing-grip-power/	Cites LH analysis of Parliament's debate on VII Gov't program
Jose Ramos-Horta: East Timor will survive as oil ends	07-Dec	Al Jazeera	Faisal Edroos	http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/12/jose-ramos-horta-east-timor-survive-oil-ends-171206204731242.html	Quotes LH submission on 2017 State Budget
Momentu importante ba povu TL atu aprende Husi Pasadu	13-Dec	STL			Quotes Marta on reflecting about the past and current political situation
NZ stresses Timor Leste's safety	15-Dec	Radio NZ	Sally Round	http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/programmes/dateline/pacific/audio/2018626594/nz-stresses-timor-leste-s-safety	Quotes Juvinal on need to address people's needs – justice, water, education -- to ensure stability
Insight: Rebuilding Timor-Leste	17-Dec	Radio NZ	Sally Round	https://www.radionz.co.nz/international/programmes/insight/audio/2018625261/insight-rebuilding-timor-leste	Interview Juvinal on political, economic situation
Momentu importante ba povu TL atu aprende Husi Pasadu	19-Dec	Independe nte			Quotes Marta on reflecting about the past and current political situation
Momentu importante ba povu TL atu aprende Husi Pasadu	20-Dec	Independe nte			Re-print article by LH researcher Marta da Silva
Resistance leaders' sway still strong in Timor	20-Dec	Radio NZ	Sally Round	https://www.radionz.co.nz/international/programmes/dateline/pacific/audio/2018627104/resistance-leaders-sway-still-strong-in-timor	Quotes Juvinal on how power changes people
Perilous road to a sovereign state	21-Dec	The Indian Express	Arnab Neil Sengupta	http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/perilous-road-to-a-sovereign-state-4991976/	Cites LH on impending bankruptcy of TL

Appendix 3. Presentations and Programs by La'o Hamutuk

During 2017, La'o Hamutuk organized and provided speakers for many events, as well as conducting briefings and trainings for groups of students, researchers and civil society. Many of our PowerPoint presentations are available at <http://www.laohamutuk.org/pres.htm> in English and/or Tetum. The following list includes lectures and briefings given to organized groups; we gave many others to individual journalists, diplomats, researchers and others.

Topic	Date	Speaker(s)	Event or audience
Rights and sustainability	17-Jan	Niall Almond and Adilson da Costa	Briefing to incoming AVI volunteers
Economy and Petroleum Fund	17-Jan	Adilson da Costa	Presentation to UNITAL Faculty of Political Science students and lecturers
Budget transparency	08-Feb	Juvinal Dias	Implementation of the Social Accountability Framework workshop, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Presidential election – key issues	18-Feb	Adilson da Costa and Pelagio Doutel	Presentation to group 'Youth for National Development'
Post-election results	Mar	Juvinal Dias and Celestino Gusmão	Moderated and presented on TVE talk-show on results of election and observer mission reports
Agriculture and economy in Timor-Leste	Mar	Mariano Ferreira	Briefing to UNTL students
Rights and sustainability	07-Mar	Niall Almond and Adilson da Costa	Briefing to incoming AVI volunteers
Presidential election	07-Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate António 'Kalohan' da Conceição for TVE talk-show
Presidential election	09-Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate Maria Angela Freitas da Silva for TVE talk-show
Presidential election	09-Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate António 'Fatuk Mutin' Maher Lopes for TVE talk-show
Presidential election	11-Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate Amarin Vieira for TVE talk-show
Presidential election	13-Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate José António 'Samala Rua' de Jesus Neves for TVE talk-show
Presidential election	14-Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate Francisco 'Lu-Olo' Guterres for TVE talk-show
Presidential election	16-Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate Luis Alves Tilman for TVE talk-show
LH election observation results	20-Apr	Celestino Gusmão	Civil society meeting organized by the UN and attended by government election agencies.

Topic	Date	Speaker(s)	Event or audience
Problematizing Petro-State	27-Apr	Juvinal Dias	Democratization in petro-states, seminar held by UNTL Faculty of Political Science
Agriculture and economy in Timor-Leste	10-May	Mariano Ferreira	Briefing to UNTL students
Rights and sustainability	12-May	Niall Almond and Pelagio Doutel	Briefing to incoming AVI volunteers
Budgetary oversight and transparency	24-May	Juvinal Dias	National seminar on legislative oversight of public expenditure, organized by National Parliament
Timor-Leste's oil wealth: financing government, building for development and providing for its people	29-May	Charles Scheiner	Presentation to the Conference marking 25 Years of the International Platform of Jurists for East Timor, Lisbon, Portugal
Mining in Timor-Leste: Economic opportunity or threat to people's lives?	13-Jun	Niall Almond	La'o Hamutuk / IOB public meeting
Rights and sustainability	21-Jun	Niall Almond, Charles Scheiner and Pelagio Doutel	Briefing to incoming AVI volunteers
Effects of Tasi Mane Project on people's lives and the economy	23-Jun	Juvinal Dias	Presentation to local community members in Suai
Petroleum Fund	28-Jun	Juvinal Dias	Seminar organized by the Core Group on Transparency
Implications of Timor-Leste's borrowing	29/30 Jun	Niall Almond	Presentations at TLSA academic conference
Challenges of Bayu-Undan running out	29/30 Jun	Charles Scheiner	Presentations at TLSA academic conference
The resource curse in Timor-Leste: Petroleum Fund management and budget policy	29-Jun	Juvinal Dias	Presentation at TLSA academic conference
Infrastructure projects and the challenges of environmental licensing	30-Jun	Adilson da Costa	Presentation at TLSA academic conference
Challenges for small-scale agricultural product processing industry	30-Jun	Maxi Tahu	Presentation at TLSA academic conference
Reducing inequality	05-Jul	Juvinal Dias	Conference on SDGs organised by Victoria University and UNTL
Australia's support for the Indonesian occupation	07-Jul	Peter Job	Program organized by La'o Hamutuk to share information with students
Important issues in the 2017 election	13-July	Charles Scheiner	Briefing for election observers from various organizations at LH
Facilitate political party debate on petroleum dependency	17-Jul	Juvinal Dias	Host live TV show on TVE, organized by the Core Transparency Group in Novo Tourism

Topic	Date	Speaker(s)	Event or audience
Political party debate including women representatives	18-Jul	Juvinal Dias	Host live TV show on TVE, organized by the Core Transparency Group in Novo Turismo
Important issues in the 2017 election	18-July	Charles Scheiner	Briefing for election observers from various organizations at LH
Important issues in the 2017 election	21-July	Charles Scheiner	Briefing for Members of the European Parliament
Rights and sustainability	25-Jul	Niall Almond and Pelagio Doutel	Presentation at SOAS, University of London on Timor development
New government program	25-Jul	Juvinal Dias	Host live TV show on TVE, organized by the Core Transparency Group in Novo Turismo. Interview Fretilin Secretary General Mari Alkatiri on new government
Rights and sustainability	27-Jul	Niall Almond	Presentation at IDS, University of East Sussex on Timor development
New governing coalition	27-Jul	Juvinal Dias	Host live TV show on TVE, organized by the Core Transparency Group in Novo Turismo. Interview with president of PD, Mariano Sabino
Rights and sustainability	28-Jul	Niall Almond and Pelagio Doutel	Presentation at Kent University on Timor development
Rights and sustainability	23-Aug	Niall Almond and Adilson da Costa	Briefing to incoming Peace Corps volunteers
State Budget and Petroleum Fund	07-Sep	Juvinal Dias	Community briefing in Oecusse
History of maritime boundary dispute between Timor-Leste and Australia	21-Oct	Niall Almond	Presentation at maritime boundary seminar with Movimentu Halibur
Land rights and poverty in Timor-Leste	Oct	Mariano Ferreira	Presentation to Diplomacy Training Program
Oil, debt and sustainability	14-Nov	Niall Almond	La'o Hamutuk public meeting on government borrowing
Risks of mining to sustainable development in Timor-Leste	10-Nov	Juvinal Dias	Speaker as member of OiWatch at ASEAN People's Forum workshop on extractive industries
Risks of Mining to sustainable development in Timor-Leste	11-Nov	Maximus Tahu	Speaker as member of OiWatch at ASEAN People's Forum workshop on extractive industries
Rights and sustainability	17-Nov	Niall Almond and Adilson da Costa	Briefing to incoming AVI volunteers
Timor-Leste: Progress and Prospects	07-Dec	Charles Scheiner	ETAN public meeting in New York
Economic issues in Timor-Leste	08-Dec	Juvinal Dias	UN retreat at Novo Turismo

Appendix 4. Submissions and Testimony

During 2017, La'o Hamutuk gave testimony, and wrote submissions and letters to the President, Government, National Parliament, international donors and others, as described below:

Topic	Date	URL	To
Mining Law	19-Jan		Testified to RDTL Parliament Committee D
Termination of CMATS	10-Mar	http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/JSCT/2017/Sub16LaoHamutuk.pdf	Australian Parliament Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Mining Law	20-Apr	http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/2017/LHSubLeiMineira20Apr2017en.pdf	Submission to Committee D
Observations for the Conference on SDGs and 2030 Agenda	21-May	http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/SDG/LHCommentsSDGConference22May2017en.pdf	Prime Minister, Government, donors
Agriculture policy and strategic framework	21-Jun	http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/2017/LHAgriPolicyJun2017en.pdf	Comments to FAO and Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAP)
Draft Law on pesticides	02-Jul	http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/2017/LHLeiPestisida02Jul2017te.pdf	Submission to FAO and MAP
Constitutional obligations of Parliament	14-Aug	http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/LHDeputaduAug2017en.pdf	Letter to Members of new Parliament
Draft onshore petroleum regulations	16 Jun & 06 July		ANPM public hearing and LH meeting with ANPM
Draft onshore petroleum regulations	15-Aug	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/onshore/LHSubDecreeLawOnshorePetroActivities15Aug2017en.pdf	Submission to ANPM

Appendix 5. Radio Programs

La 'o Hamutuk's Tetum-language Radio Igualdade program is broadcast nationwide on (state) Radio Timor-Leste, as well as on seven community radio stations across the country. Podcasts of each program can be downloaded from <http://www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm>

Date	Topic	Participants
Jan 2017	Why diversify Timor-Leste's economy?	Leovegildo dos Santos (Director-General of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment), Guteriano Neves (economist), Maximus Tahu (LH)
Feb 2017	Negative implications of joining the WTO	Arsenio Pereira (Executive Director, FONGTIL), Agostu da Conceição Soares (Rector, IOB), Niall Almond (LH)
Mar 2017	Presidential Election	Eight candidates for the Presidency, and Pelagio Doutel (LH).
May 2017	Private Investment Law	Jacinta Abu Cau Pereira (President, Parliament Committee D), Juviano Xavier (Lecturer, IOB), Niall Almond (LH)
Jun 2017	Important issues in the Parliamentary election campaign	LH researchers: Juvinal Dias (Natural Resources and Economy), Maximus Tahu (Agriculture and Land), Adilson da Costa (Good Governance and Justice)
July 2017	Constituent's Voices on the Parliamentary Election 2017-2022	Lidia Borges (JSMP), Seza rio da Silva (Association of Defense for Timor-Leste ADTL), Tita (ADTL, Merizito Nunes Ribeiro (Student – UNITAL), Marta da Silva (LH)
Aug 2017	Popular Day Consultant and Past Crime 1975-1999	Horacio de Almeida (Associate PDHJ), Hugo Fernandes (Executive director for the Chega National Commission), Celestino Gusmão (LH)
Sept 2017	Revision of the National Agriculture Policy of Timor-Leste	Paula Lopes da Cruz (FAO), Acasio Guterres (UNTL), Maximus Tahu (LH)
Oct 2017	7th Constitutional Government's Program	Matias Freitas Boavida (Secretary of the State Council Ministry and Social Communication), Manuel Tilman (Jurist/lawyer), Juvinal Dias (LH)

Appendix 6. Blog

The most substantive postings on La'o Hamutuk's blog (<http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/>) during 2017 include the following:

Date	Title
23 May	Observations for the Conference on SDGs and the 2030 Agenda
16 June	Private Investment isn't a panacea
20 June	Timor-Leste's oil wealth: financing government, building for development and providing for its people
9 July	Information on 2017 Parliamentary Election Informaun kona-ba Eleisaun Parlamentár 2017
19 July	Advance planning ... just in case Governu nia planu sedu ... atu antisipa buat ruma?
23 July	Who is in Timor-Leste's new Parliament? / Se tuir iha Parlamentu Nasionál foun?
4 September	Copenhagen Agreement: Permanent Boundary or CMATS redux? Konkordánsia Copenhagen: Fronteira Permanente ka Neo-CMATS?
28 November	TL is borrowing more - will we be able to repay?

Appendix 7. La'o Hamutuk staff and advisory board biographies

During 2017, La'o Hamutuk staff included eight Timorese and four foreigners, four women and eight men. Our organization is non-hierarchical and makes decisions collectively, with two rotating coordinators. Staff share administrative and program responsibilities and work together to transfer skills.

The following people were on our staff during 2017.

Adilson da Costa Junior

Adilson is from Lore, Lospalos, and was born in Dili. He speaks Fataluku, Tetum, Indonesian and English. Adilson studied Law at Pasundan University, Bandung, where he was also a facilitator at Clinical Legal Education. He co-founded the NGO Community Development Interest in 2006, and then joined La'o Hamutuk in 2012 and focuses on governance, justice, environmental and economic issues. Between 2013 and 2015, Adilson served on our coordination team, and he is also a member of the fundraising team.



Carly Munnelly

Carly was born and raised in New York, USA. Carly received her Bachelor's in Economics from Boston College, and her Master's in International Development from King's College London. Upon graduating, she worked in rural Kenya for the UK based NGO Education Partnerships Africa. Carly's passion for development economics and travel brought her to Timor-Leste, where she started working for La'o Hamutuk in November 2017.



Celestino Gusmão Pereira

Celestino is from Laga, Baucau district, and studied public administration at the National University of Timor-Leste. He speaks Tetum, Indonesian, Makasae and is learning English. He has been a leader of the Student Movement. Atino joined La'o Hamutuk in 2011, and he focuses on justice, democracy, solidarity and economics issues. He is active in MKOTT and is our focal point in the National Alliance for an International Tribunal (ANTI) and is a member of our coordination team.



Charles Scheiner

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

**Huw Davies-Bell**

Huw was born in London, England and studied Archaeological Sciences at the University of Sheffield. He speaks English and some French. Huw has been involved in a number of activist organizations, including Stop the War Coalition, International Workers of the World Union (IWW) and Anti-Fascist Network (AFN). Huw joined La'o Hamutuk in late 2017 after previously working with Amnesty International as a research and campaigns assistant for Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

**Juvinal Dias**

Juvinal studied Agriculture at the National University of Timor-Leste. He was born in Tutuala, and speaks Fataluku, Tetum, Indonesian and English. Juvinal joined La'o Hamutuk in 2009, and works on Natural Resources, Economy and Governance. Since 2013, he has been the principal Timor-Leste researcher for the Open Budget Survey. During 2017, he represented La'o Hamutuk at the APF conference in Manila, and was the main spokesperson for MKOTT. Juvinal also serves on our coordination and fundraising teams.

**Mariano Ferreira**

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

**Marta da Silva**

Marta was born in Gariuai, Baucau, and grew up in Lospalos. She studied social and political science at the National University of Timor-Leste, where she was also part of the FORAM students' movement. She joined La'o Hamutuk in May 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.



Martinha Fernandes

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

**Maximus Tahu**

Maxi was born in Selo Kraik, Aileu district. He studied philosophy and theology in Major Seminary Dili. Maxi worked at La'o Hamutuk from 2007 to 2011, having previously worked at Radio Timor Kmanek. From 2011 to 2014, Maxi studied agriculture at New England University in Australia, and he returned to La'o Hamutuk in November 2014. Maxi speaks Mambae, Tetum, Indonesian, Portuguese and English. Maxi works on agriculture, land rights, climate change, governance and trade, and represented La'o Hamutuk at the APF in Manila in 2017. He also served as La'o Hamutuk's interim finance officer in 2015-2016.

**Niall Almond**

Niall came to Timor-Leste from Ireland in 2014 as an independent volunteer, and started working at La'o Hamutuk in early 2015. Niall has a Bachelor's degree in English, Media and Cultural Studies and a strong interest in social justice, economics and political issues. He speaks English, Irish, Tetum, and some French and Indonesian. He works on international trade/investment, state finances and sustainability, and megaprojects. He is also a member of La'o Hamutuk's personnel and fundraising teams.

**Pelagio Sarmento**

Pelagio is from Bucoli, Baucau district. He studied communications at Hawaii University, and worked at the US embassy and CEPAD before starting with La'o Hamutuk at the beginning of 2015. In mid-2015, he left Timor-Leste to pursue a Master's degree in International Relations at SOAS, University of London. After completing his studies, he returned to work with La'o Hamutuk in late 2016, focusing again on the ZEESM project in Oecusse. Pelagio speaks Waima'a, Makasae, Tetum, Indonesian and English, and can read and write Portuguese.

**Ricarda Martins**

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



Advisory Board

Selma Hayati

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

Inês Noronha Martins

Inês was studying economics at the University of Timor Leste before the Indonesian military destroyed it in September 1999. Born in Bobonaro, Inês is fluent in Tetum, Portuguese, Indonesian and English. Inês joined La'o Hamutuk staff in 2000, where she worked on agriculture and land rights and coordinated our personnel team. In late 2015, she left La'o Hamutuk to manage Oxfam's new land rights project, and joined our Board in 2017.

Justino da Silva

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

Oscar da Silva

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

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. He has worked in Washington for the Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala and on environmental justice and orang-utan conservation with Yayasan Palung in West Kalimantan, Indonesia. From 2012-2014, he was based in Bangkok with Focus on the Global South, and then began working with Peace Brigades International in Indonesia. Andrew continued to help La'o Hamutuk throughout this journey, and he joined our board in 2012.

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, and observed the referendum in Suai. In May 2000, Pam helped set up La'o Hamutuk and served on our staff until 2002, focusing on popular education, gender issues, and international exchanges. When Pam returned to California, she became a member of our board, returning to Timor-Leste for most of 2009 (working in the Ministry of Social Solidarity). Pam moved back to Timor-Leste in 2012 and worked in curriculum development for the Ministry of Education until 2017, while cooperating closely with La'o Hamutuk on capacity development and other issues. In late 2017, she resigned from the Board to rejoin La'o Hamutuk staff.

Santina Soares

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

Adérito de Jesus Soares (on leave)

Adérito is a lawyer and human rights advocate. Born in Maliana, Adérito has served as director for ELSAM, a Jakarta-based human rights organization. In 2002, Adérito was elected to Timor-Leste's Constituent Assembly where he took a leading role writing the Constitution. He resigned from Parliament to study at New York University. He returned to Dili in 2003, and left in 2006 for a Ph.D. program at Australian National University. In 2010, Adérito returned to Timor-Leste to head the Anti-Corruption Commission, and took a leave of absence from La'o Hamutuk's board. In 2014, after finishing his mandate, he returned to ANU to complete his Ph.D. He came back to Timor-Leste in 2015, and helped to establish the Popular Liberation Party, which won eight seats in the 2017 Parliamentary elections. He then returned to Australia to complete his PhD.