

Annual Report La'o Hamutuk January – December 2018

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 center, 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 2005, and much of La'o Hamutuk's work since then has involved exploring how Timor-Leste can avoid the 'resource curse,' where petroleum-export-dependent countries fail to use the revenues from selling non-renewable resources to improve the lives of their citizens. 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 95% 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. During 2018, PF investments lost \$460 million dollars, more than Timor-Leste received from oil and gas revenues. After withdrawing \$982 million from the Fund to finance State activities, the \$15.8 billion end-of-year balance was the lowest it has been since early 2014.

If spending patterns continue and domestic non-oil revenues do not increase dramatically, the PF could be entirely spent within ten years. At that point, the Government will be forced to slash spending by two-thirds. Without a strong, diversified economy and robust social services and infrastructure, the consequences for most Timorese people will be disastrous.

Timor-Leste's political situation caused uncertainty from late 2017 through most of 2018. The Parliament elected in 2017 was unable to form a majority and could not pass the Government program or the 2018 State Budget. Therefore, Timor-Leste used its 'duodecimal system' for the first nine months of 2018, which allows the government to spend up to 1/12th of the previous year's budget each month. The duodecimal system was designed to ensure that the state would continue functioning in the case that a budget was not passed on time, but it was only intended to be used for a few months. The World Bank and ADB have reported significant economic shrinkage due to lower government spending.

At the end of January 2018, President Francisco Guterres 'Lu-Olo' dissolved Parliament and called for new Parliamentary elections, which took place on 12 May and were deemed free and fair by national and international observers, including La'o Hamutuk.

81% of registered voters came out, Timor-Leste's highest voter turnout since independence. The AMP coalition, led by Xanana Gusmão and including CNRT, PLP and Khunto, won 34 of the 65 Parliamentary seats. Fretilin, PD and FDD received 23, five, and three seats respectively. PLP head Taur Matan Ruak became Prime Minister, although the President declined to swear in eight of the ministers he appointed due to allegations of corruption, and those posts remain filled by 'acting' substitutes. The 2018 State Budget was passed at the end of September.

Although political rhetoric was occasionally heated and divisive, Timor-Leste's democratic processes overcame these challenges. The 16-year old nation passed these tests without violence and without unconstitutional or significant illegal actions by anyone. Although the nation still confronts difficult problems, it is clear that democratic traditions are strong and well-entrenched despite the nation's youth and traumatic experiences.

In late September, Government signed an agreement to buy ConocoPhillips' 30% share of the Greater Sunrise offshore oil and gas project for \$350 million, and the next month they agreed to purchase Shell's 27% share for \$300 million. The Sunrise Joint Venture had not agreed with Timorese leaders' dream of bringing a gas pipeline from Greater Sunrise to the south coast of Timor-Leste, so the Government bought a majority share in order to control the decision. La'o Hamutuk has been the leading voice encouraging more comprehensive and objective cost/benefit/risk analysis before Timor-Leste commits to investing \$10-\$20 billion dollars in the Sunrise project.

The Sunrise participation purchases increased the 2019 State Budget to more than \$2.1 billion, the largest in history. Although Parliament passed this budget on 22 December, President Guterres vetoed it, and Parliament passed an amended version at the end of January 2019 without the Sunrise buyout funds. Timor-Leste will be using the duodecimal system again until the President decides whether to sign the revised budget.

In the first version of the 2019 budget, 87% of it was to be financed with \$1.85 billion from the Petroleum Fund, the largest withdrawal in the history of the PF and triple the Estimated Sustainable Income guideline which is intended to make the PF last longer. Even after the revision, the PF will finance 81% of the budget, with a withdrawal more than double the sustainable level.

In the midst of these challenges, La'o Hamutuk continues to carry out research, analysis and advocacy on key challenges facing Timor-Leste. We will continue to urge Parliament and Government to put the needs of the people first and focus on investments in education, health, agriculture and access to clean water to ensure a healthy and prosperous future for all Timorese people.

Program activities

During 2018, La'o Hamutuk continued to be a reliable source of information for the Government, Parliament, President, courts and other state organs, as well as citizens, journalists, academics, civil society, students, consultants, diplomats, international agencies and others.

Many organizations rely on La'o Hamutuk for independent, factual information, and we responded to 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 public and private agencies, as well as providing input to papers and reports by academics and international development agencies about Timor-Leste.

During 2018, La'o Hamutuk staff gave many interviews to local and international journalists, appeared as panelists and moderators on television debates, and contributed to online and print publications. We also continued to monitor coverage of the topics we follow, and tried to correct misinformation spread via print, broadcast, online and social media.

In collaboration with *TV Edukasaun* and the Core Group on Transparency, we produced and moderated a series of televised debates with every political party and coalition before the Parliamentary elections.

La'o Hamutuk was quoted or cited more than 138 times in national and international media, as listed in Appendix 2.

Public meetings, trainings, presentations and testimonies

During 2018, La'o Hamutuk organized six public meetings, and our staff gave more than 40 presentations, briefings and testimony to Government, Parliament, academic researchers, foreign diplomats, international election observers, international agencies, students, civil society and others.¹ Some of the most important examples are listed below, and a more complete list can be found in Appendix 3.

- Twelve televised debates on TVE for parties in the elections.
- Two presentations at Australian National University, on 'The New Land Laws and Their Likely Impact in Rural Areas' and 'Sustainability of Timor-Leste's State Finances'.
- Presentation at an academic conference in Brazil on essential productive economic sectors.
- Testifying to Parliament three times, on Petroleum Laws and state budgets.
- Presenting on Inclusive Water and Sanitation, State Budget and Fiscal Sustainability to a UN Women civil society event.
- Briefings to members of Parliament about oil dependency, the 2019 State Budget, and the Tasi Mane project.
- Speaking on a panel for the launch of a World Bank Economic Report.

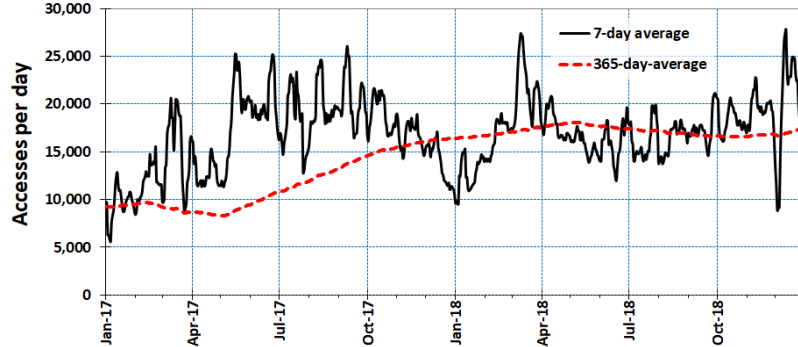
Website, blog and email lists

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 publish documents from a wide variety of sources, in addition to what we write ourselves.

¹ Many of the presentations can be downloaded from <http://laohamutuk.org/pres.htm>.

During 2018, more than 5,400 people visited our website each day on average, 21% more than in 2017. They accessed more than 17,000 pages per day. People also viewed 105,000 articles on our blog during the year, an average of 287 per day. As many online journals, media, blogs and social media repost our information, readership is larger than these numbers indicate.

Pages accessed on La'o Hamutuk website during 2017-2018
Seven-day and one-year moving averages



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 2018. We also continued to add new materials to our reference page.² The following are some of the web pages we created or significantly updated during 2018:

- Pages on the maritime boundary dispute with Australia³ and blog explaining the implications of the treaty⁴
- Regulating Onshore Petroleum Operations⁵
- The National Curriculum for Preschool and Primary Education⁶ and blog ‘Learning from our past to craft educational policy’⁷
- 2018 Parliamentary elections⁸
- 2017 and 2018 State Budgets⁹
- Government’s cash flow problem during duodecimal spending¹⁰
- VIII Constitutional Government¹¹
- 2019 State Budget¹²
- Petroleum production-sharing contracts¹³

² <http://laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexEn.htm>

³ <http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/CMATSindex.htm> and <http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/18ConcilTreaty.htm>

⁴ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2018/03/the-timor-leste-australia-maritime.html>

⁵ <http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/onshore/17OnshorePetrolRegs.htm>

⁶ <http://laohamutuk.org/educ/18CurriculumEn.htm>

⁷ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2018/04/learning-from-our-past-to-craft-good.html>

⁸ <http://laohamutuk.org/Justice/2018/EIPar/18AntElec.htm>

⁹ <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE17/16OGE17.htm>

¹⁰ <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE18/lawrev/18RevPF-BFM.htm>

¹¹ <http://laohamutuk.org/misc/gov8/18VIIIGov.htm>

¹² <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE19/18OGE19.htm>

¹³ <http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/PSCs/10PSCs.htm>

- Timor-Leste buying into the Greater Sunrise LNG project¹⁴ and blog 'Misinformation and Facts about the Greater Sunrise project'¹⁵
- Tibar Port¹⁶
- CAFE schools¹⁷

In addition to these topics, we published blogs in English and Tetum, including:

- 18 Years Later: Should Timor Drop the U.S. Dollar?¹⁸
- Together we can! Trust in ourselves, move forward!¹⁹ on the new Parliament and government
- La'o Hamutuk Reminds Authors that their Writing has Consequences²⁰
- Inclusive Family Planning Takes More Than Words on Paper²¹
- Lisensamentu Ambientál – hodi proteje ita hotu²² updating an earlier English blog on environmental licensing

Radio programs

During 2018, we produced six Tetum-language radio programs which were broadcast on Radio Timor-Leste and seven community radio stations in the districts. Our radio programs are an important medium for sharing information with rural communities who cannot access online materials and public presentations. The programs are listed in Appendix 5, and audio podcasts can be downloaded from

www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm

Bulletin and Surat Popular

During 2018, we published two editions of the La'o Hamutuk *Bulletin*, the first since 2013. We also published a *Surat Popular*²³ on environmental licensing. The *Bulletin* and *Surat Popular* are intended to reach more rural, hard-to-reach communities who may not have access to our website, blog or public meetings. They have been distributed widely via NGOs, academics, national and international researchers, members of government and published on our website.

The first *Bulletin*²⁴ was published in May in English and Tetum with updated articles from our blog and webpages, as well as a new article about Timor-Leste's first Freedom of Information Law (Decree-Law 43/2016) and a cartoon illustrating problems NGOs experienced in accessing official documents on the National Curriculum.

¹⁴ <http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/Sunrise/18SunriseBuyout.htm>

¹⁵ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2019/01/misinformation-and-facts-about-greater.html>

¹⁶ <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/PPP/Tibar/TibarIndexEnTe.htm>

¹⁷ <http://laohamutuk.org/educ/CAFE/18CafeTeEn.htm>

¹⁸ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2018/03/18-years-later-should-timor-drop-us.html>

¹⁹ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2018/07/together-we-can-trust-in-ourselves-move.html>

²⁰ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2018/07/lao-hamutuk-reminds-authors-that-their.html>

²¹ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2018/11/inclusive-family-planning-takes-more.html>

²² <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2018/11/lisensamentu-ambiental-hodi-proteje-ita.html>

²³ <http://laohamutuk.org/surat/SPAmbienteDez2018.pdf>

²⁴ <http://laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2018/May/bulletinv19n1en.html>

We published a second *Bulletin*²⁵ in Tetum in November with many articles from our webpages and blog, as well as on Public Private Partnerships, access to clean water, important recent national reports, and short news updates.

Research, analysis and advocacy

Economy and natural resources

State budget, economy and fiscal sustainability

During 2018, La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the State Budget process, updating our webpages on the 2018²⁶ and 2019 State Budgets. The government used the duodecimal system for the first nine months of the year because of a political impasse which made it impossible to adopt the 2018 budget before new elections. The duodecimal system allows the State to spend up to 1/12th of the previous year's budget each month; this meant that State disbursements were curtailed. Much of the economy, including the private sector, relies on State spending, and therefore overall economic activity slowed throughout 2018. La'o Hamutuk gave early warnings of the vulnerability of the economy to reduced public spending at many events, including The Asia Foundation's strategic planning and a panel discussion organized by the World Bank.

In June, we presented on the sustainability of state finances in Timor-Leste at the Timor-Leste Update at Australian National University, discussing the impact of high government spending, planned mega-infrastructure projects, and declining oil revenues on Timor-Leste's finances.²⁷ In August, we presented a paper at the Timor-Leste Studies Association conference in Brazil on productive economic sectors that are essential for Timor-Leste's sustainable development.²⁸ In October, we wrote a comprehensive chapter on Timor-Leste's oil dependency and economy for a forthcoming book.²⁹

For the first nine months of 2018, the state had no budget law and was therefore unable to withdraw money from the Petroleum Fund. This cash flow crisis was temporarily alleviated, probably illegally, with a pre-election transfer of \$70 million. In July, the new Government proposed legislation to enable transfers without a budget, and La'o Hamutuk testified to Parliament³⁰ urging them to protect the PF's strong management system.³¹ They listened, and passed a simpler law authorizing only a single extraordinary transfer.

In August, the new Government proposed its 2018 budget.³² La'o Hamutuk wrote a submission³³ and testified in Parliament. Our recommendations included: prioritize spending on basic services, stop spending on the dubious Tasi Mane project, and

²⁵ <http://laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2018/Nov/bulletinv19n2te.htm>

²⁶ <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OG17/16OG17.htm#OG17>

²⁷ <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/ScheinerANUJun2018en.pdf>

²⁸ <http://laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2018/TLSABRProdEconJul2018Paper.pdf>

²⁹ <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/After%20the%20oil%20runs%20dry%20Oct2018en.pdf>

³⁰ <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OG18/lawrev/LHSubPNRevLPFnoLOGF9Jul2018en.pdf>

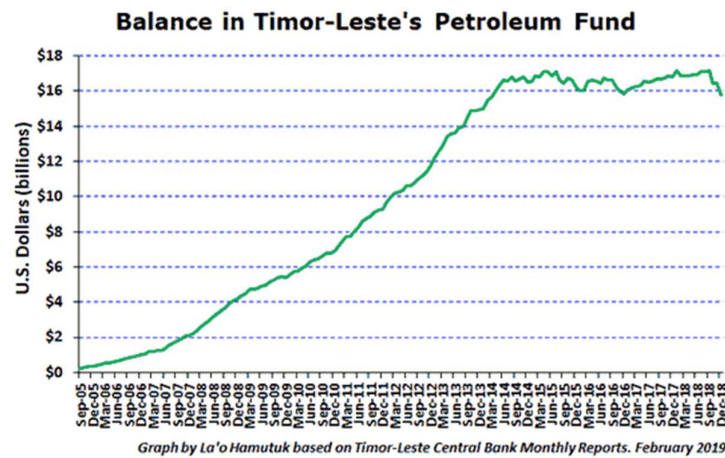
³¹ <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OG18/lawrev/18RevPF-BFM.htm>

³² <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OG17/16OG17.htm#OG17>

³³ <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OG18/LHSubPNOJE2018en.pdf>

seriously invest in diversification, including agriculture and ecotourism. Committee C cited many of our recommendations in their report to Parliament, and the Prime Minister repeated our point that despite political ideologies, the Government should prioritize access to public education, health, basic infrastructure, and sanitation.

La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor and publish updates on the Petroleum Fund (PF), which could be exhausted in a decade if unsustainable withdrawals continue. Another warning came in the fourth quarter, as the PF lost half a billion dollars from stock market downturns. With declining oil revenues and high state spending, the year-end PF balance was the lowest since March 2014.



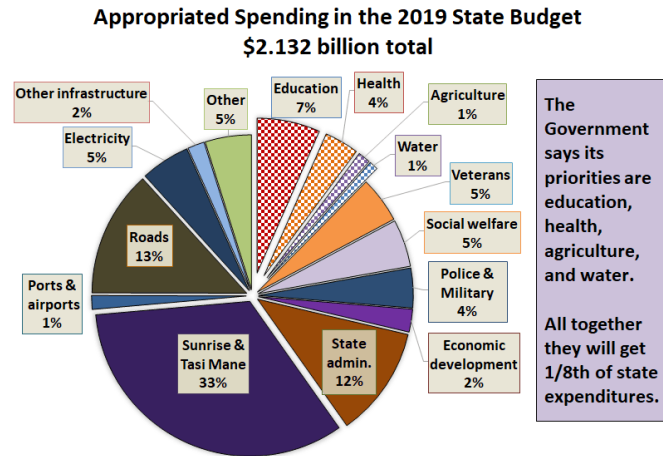
The 2019 State Budget approved by Parliament in late December includes the largest withdrawal in the history of the Petroleum Fund, three and half times the Estimated Sustainable Income. About a third of this withdrawal is to buy out ConocoPhillips' and Shell's participation in the Greater Sunrise project. Withdrawals could expand even more if the \$15 billion Tasi Mane project goes ahead, although it is unclear if that project will be financed through the state budget, by direct 'investment' of the PF, or with external financing. We continue to engage with PF managers and others to encourage responsible and sustainable spending so that the PF can keep its promise to support 'current and future generations.'

In October, Government proposed amending the Petroleum Activities Law to weaken oversight of petroleum deals and open the way for the Fund to directly invest in Tasi Mane through the TimorGAP state-owned oil company.³⁴ We believe that this would violate the Petroleum Fund Law, which states that the Fund must be invested outside Timor-Leste, 95% in stocks and bonds. La'o Hamutuk urged³⁵ Parliament to reject these changes because they threaten the governance and sustainability of the PF. Nevertheless, Parliament approved the amendments and sent them to the President for promulgation. We met with President Francisco Guterres 'Lu-Olo' and recommended that he veto the amendment, which he did on 11 December. (Parliament overrode the veto in January, although several Parliamentarians have filed a court challenge to its constitutionality.)

³⁴ <http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/Sunrise/18SunriseBuyout.htm#weaken>

³⁵ <http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/Sunrise/2018/RevPetActLaw/LHSubKomCPNRevizaunLAP6Nov2018te.pdf>

Beginning in November, La'o Hamutuk engaged in the 2019 State Budget process.³⁶ We collected and analyzed documents; briefed civil society, journalists and Parliamentarians; wrote a submission³⁷ and testified in Parliament; and observed debates, hearings and other events. Parliament approved the 2019 State Budget in late December and sent it to the President. (He vetoed it on 23 January, and Parliament voted for an amended version, so the process continues into 2019.)



Graph by La'o Hamutuk based on 2019 State Budget, December 2018.

Transparency and accountability

In 2018, La'o Hamutuk continued to advocate for transparency and accountability. We wrote an article on Decree-Law 43/2016, Rules Relating to Access to Official Documents.³⁸ Among other recommendations, we called on the Government to improve transparency via the Internet, to publish in a more timely and regular manner, and to ensure that all laws are available in both Tetum and Portuguese. We also met with the Secretary of State of Social Communication to discuss these recommendations. In the meantime, La'o Hamutuk continues to collect and publish many documents from Government, Parliament and other institutions which have not been publicly available.

As in previous years, La'o Hamutuk continued to engage with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), updating our webpage.³⁹ In February, the EITI International Board terminated the suspension of Timor-Leste for its late publication of reports, determining that Timor-Leste again meets all the requirements of the international EITI standard. However, the 2016 EITI report was not published by year-end as the EITI rules require.

We continue to serve as the Timor-Leste researcher for the International Budget Partnership's Open Budget Survey (OBS), and circulated the 2017 Open Budget Survey⁴⁰ when it was released in April.

Maritime boundary with Australia

After decades of campaigning by La'o Hamutuk and others, Australia and Timor-Leste almost resolved their maritime border dispute in 2018. On 6 March, Timor-Leste and Australia signed a Maritime Boundaries Treaty at United Nations headquarters,

³⁶ <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE19/18OGE19.htm>

³⁷ <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE19/LHSubPNOJE2019-29Nov18en.pdf>

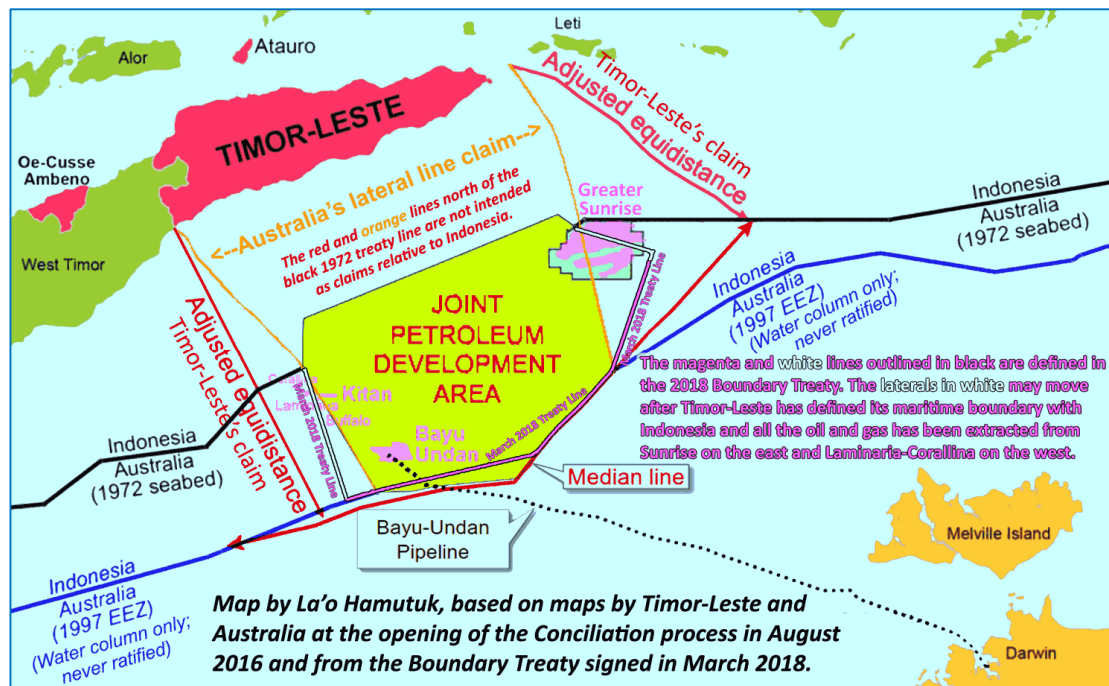
³⁸ <http://laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2018/May/bulletinv19n1en.html#asesu>

³⁹ <http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/EITI/10EITIindex.htm>

⁴⁰ <http://laohamutuk.org/DVD/2018/IBPLH30Apr2018en.pdf> and <http://laohamutuk.org/DVD/2018/TLinOBS2017en.pdf>

although it has yet to be ratified by both Parliaments. The Treaty follows international practice drawing the boundary at the median line between the two countries, and outlines revenue and management options for Greater Sunrise depending on where the gas is processed. La'o Hamutuk has urged the public and government to view this issue primarily as an issue of national sovereignty, not oil and gas wealth.

La'o Hamutuk hosted an early-morning celebration in our office, with live-streamed video of the signing ceremony, where we were joined by many members of the Movement Against the Occupation of the Timor Sea (MKOTT), journalists, veterans, officials and activists. After the ceremony, we made a procession of appreciation to the Australian embassy -- a welcome change from the numerous protests we have organized there since 2004.



La'o Hamutuk frequently updated our webpage⁴¹ with a wide range of materials and analysis on the boundary issue, and we gave many interviews to journalists and diplomats. We also presented our analysis of the Treaty at João Saldanha University in March, and met with Timor-Leste's Maritime Boundary Office and Australian activists and diplomats.

In late March, the Australian Parliament invited submissions on ratifying the Treaty, and La'o Hamutuk wrote asking Australia to return the \$5 billion it has taken from Timor-Leste's territory, to ratify the treaty quickly and unconditionally, and to rejoin international mechanisms for resolving maritime boundary disputes.⁴² In August, we wrote⁴³ to Timor-Leste's National Parliament to celebrate the delineation of the maritime boundary; to urge them to ratify the treaty quickly; to encourage the

⁴¹ <http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/18ConcilTreaty.htm>

⁴² <http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/JSCT/2018/LHtoJSCT18Apr2018.pdf>

⁴³ <http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/2018/LHtoPNTrataduFM6Aug2018en.pdf>

government to maintain its effective, transparent system for managing petroleum activities; and to focus on diversifying our economy away from oil and gas.

TimorGAP, Tasi Mane project and Onshore Petroleum Exploration

La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the planning and implementation of the Tasi Mane Project by the national oil company, TimorGAP, and discussed it with policy makers and journalists, as well as in many of our own publications and public meetings. We raised the issue at the Ministry of Finance's 'Budget Days' event, and asked Prime Minister Taur Matan Ruak to stop spending public money on the Tasi Mane project until a comprehensive, impartial and credible cost/benefit/risk analysis has been conducted and made public.

Money spent, budgeted and required for the Tasi Mane project (millions of USD)								
Component	Location	Status	Spent through 2017	Budgeted 2018	Budgeted 2019	Budgeted 2020-2023	Estimated total capital cost	Percent budgeted
Airport	Suai	Constructed	65	10	10	3	90	98%
Supply base	Suai	Tender pending	5	1	10	677	850	82%
Highway	Suai-Fatukai	Mostly built	170	99	50	8	340	96%
Highway	Fatukai-Beaçu	Not started	3	-	-	-	1,320	0%
Airport	Viqueque	Not started	-	-	-	-	60	0%
Oil refinery & pipelines	Betano	Pending design	3	-	-	-	1,500	0%
Gas pipeline, LNG plant & port	Sunrise-Beaçu	Pending design	12	-	-	-	6,000	0%
57% share of Greater Sunrise Joint Venture	Offshore	Pending OK from government, Parliament and companies	-	-	-	-	650	0%
57% of Sunrise upstream capital expenditure	Offshore	If ownership approved	-	-	-	-	4,700	0%
Administrative and other costs	Dili		37	10	15	2	400	16%
TOTAL			295	121	85	690	15,910	7%

Table by La'o Hamutuk from 2018 and 2019 budget books, transparency portal and our estimates. February 2019

We have also, with the help of outside experts, begun to analyze the biased documents produced by consultants ACIL Allen for TimorGAP, which project proponents cite as evidence that they have done studies. As the Tasi Mane project is endangering Timor-Leste's budgetary and fiscal management systems, it is discussed in more detail above.

In May, La'o Hamutuk travelled to Suai with the Core Group on Transparency to meet with the local community and members of government to discuss the impacts of the Tasi Mane project on the lives of the people. We then met with the President of TimorGAP to discuss our preliminary findings, and we are working with other civil society groups to finalize a report.

La'o Hamutuk published a new webpage⁴⁴ on regulating onshore petroleum operations describing the history and our 2017 analysis of the proposed Decree-Law for Onshore Petroleum Operations. Although the decree-law has not been enacted, TimorGAP and Timor Resources began onshore seismic exploration for oil and gas in October, and we went to Covalima municipality to observe the launching of their program. La'o Hamutuk continues to monitor and report on relevant developments.

⁴⁴ <http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/onshore/17OnshorePetrolRegs.htm>

Environment

La' o Hamutuk continued to monitor the implementation of environmental licensing laws, meeting regularly with Government environmental authorities to obtain information on the status of environmental licenses for various private and public projects. We also participated in several 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 presented to journalists at the Media Development Center to strengthen their capacity to report on environmental issues in Timor-Leste.⁴⁵ We introduced the national environmental licensing law, explained key articles, and identified both private and public entities implementing projects in Timor-Leste that require environmental licenses.

When the new Government took office and issued a law explaining the new structure and responsibilities of government entities, La' o Hamutuk studied the law and found a clause which appeared to circumvent the authority of the Secretary of State for Environment, and its environmental licensing directorate, to conduct environmental assessments and issue licenses for petroleum and mining related projects. We discussed this with officials and legal experts, wrote to the Prime Minister,⁴⁶ and produced an article⁴⁷ and a radio program⁴⁸ underscoring the need for independent environmental review before any project is built, especially in the perilous petroleum and mining sectors.

In October, we facilitated the writing and signing of a joint statement from 13 civil society organizations concerned about environmental protection in Timor-Leste; the statement⁴⁹ was issued on the day before the Japanese Foreign Minister's visit to Timor-Leste, and sought to affirm and defend the continued protection of whales and dolphins in the Timor Sea. Together with many of the same civil society groups, we also wrote a submission⁵⁰ on the proposed 2019 State Budget with a focus on budget allocations to agriculture, marine ecotourism and community-based ecotourism, which was presented during Parliamentary budget hearings.

In December, La' o Hamutuk gave a presentation on our environmental work at La' o Hamutuk's fundraising event. We were also appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment as an ad-hoc member of their environmental impact assessment committee on large development projects which will likely have a significant impact on the environment (Category A projects).

Public Private Partnerships (PPP)

In 2019, La' o Hamutuk continued to monitor the implementation of Tibar Port, Timor-Leste's largest PPP project. La' o Hamutuk staff met several times with Bolloré's Regional Implementation Manager to discuss updates and share our concerns during the

⁴⁵ <http://laohamutuk.org/Agri/EnvLaw/2018/FMDJornalizmuJun2018te.pdf>

⁴⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/EnvLaw/2018/LH-PM-EnvironLic11Set2018te.pdf>

⁴⁷ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2018/09/who-should-grant-environmental-licenses.html>

⁴⁸ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/media/2018/RadIlg.ImplementasaunLicenAmbAgo2018.mp3>

⁴⁹ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2018/10/timor-lestes-waters-must-remain.html>

⁵⁰ <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE19/KHNSubOJE2019.pdf>

beginning of the construction phase. We continue to publish updates on Tibar Port to our webpage,⁵¹ to increase transparency and accountability throughout project implementation.

La'o Hamutuk also gave a presentation at a UN Women conference, 'Inclusive Urban Planning: Gender and Urban Water Policy', where we discussed concerns with using the PPP model for basic services and urged the government to avoid the privatization of water. We also published an article on the dangers of the PPP model in our *Bulletin*.⁵²

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. This included monitoring Petroleum production and revenue reports and bringing discrepancies to the attention of the ANPM and Central Bank, researching and fact checking statistics presented in the international media, and analyzing reports produced by the Directorate-General for Statistics and others.

We also reviewed and commented on numerous academic papers and international reports, including the UNDP National Human Development Report, both of the World Bank's East Asia Pacific Update reports, the Asian Development Bank's 2018 Pacific Economic Monitor, and many others.

During 2018, some key international agencies changed their top personnel here, and La'o Hamutuk helped the newcomers improve their understanding of Timor-Leste. We provided a briefing for the new U.S. Ambassador and her key staff, as well as hosted the new Australian Ambassador, the new U.N. Resident Coordinator, the new Country Director of the World Food Program, and the new Senior Economist at the World Bank to our office for get-acquainted meetings. We met frequently with technical experts from the ADB and World Bank, sharing information and encouraging them to prioritize more equitable and sustainable development models. We interacted many times with representatives of the U.S. government's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), and U.S. Agriculture Department as they design their upcoming programs in Timor-Leste.

We obtained the raw data from some surveys that were conducted in Timor-Leste, and have carried out some preliminary analysis on employment, poverty and gender issues. What we have learned so far confirms many conclusions we had already reached, and we will continue to use this data internally, to better understand Timor-Leste's reality. Unfortunately, the authorities responsible for producing official reports based on these data sets often need a long time or political approval, and working with this data will help us overcome some of these limitations.

Agriculture and land rights

Food sovereignty and sustainable agriculture

During 2018, La'o Hamutuk continued researching food processing small industries in rural areas. Our final report will be presented to the Ministry of Agriculture and

⁵¹ <http://laohamutuk.org/econ/PPP/Tibar/TibarIndexEnTe.htm>

⁵² <http://laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2018/Nov/bulletinv19n2te.htm#PPP>

Fisheries and the Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry in 2019. This research will support new policies benefiting entrepreneurs in food processing, which is strategic to diversify the economy away from oil dependency.

In February, La'o Hamutuk organized a public seminar entitled 'Challenges and Potential for the Development of Small Agriculture Processing Industry in Timor-Leste', which included speakers from La'o Hamutuk, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and NGO PARCIC. At this seminar, we presented findings from our research; in addition, we produced a radio program and articles on our blog and in our *Bulletin*.⁵³ We made a submission to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on the Draft Mechanization Policy,⁵⁴ and discussed the issue in other consultations with the Ministry and with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

In June, we broadcast a radio program on sustainable agriculture, interviewing the Manager of the Department of Food Production in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and an activist from PERMATIL, the environmental organization promoting permaculture in Timor-Leste.⁵⁵

We also collaborated with HASATIL to monitor the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Aid Program. We met with the directors of Care International and Mercy Corps, who have applied to implement the Food Aid Program, and raised our concerns that the project may hinder local agricultural activity, local economies and food sovereignty. We will continue to monitor the implementation of this project and advocate that an emergency food aid program is not appropriate for Timor-Leste at this stage in its development.

In October, we issued a press release for World Food Day in collaboration with HASATIL, asking the government to invest more in the production of local foods, horticulture and fishing products, as well as to promote healthy indigenous foods in Timor-Leste. This investment could combat hunger and malnutrition, reduce import dependency and raise the standard of living for our people, most of whom work in this sector. We also advocated for a Government food sovereignty policy, and reaffirmed our position against any emergency food aid programs. We also gave a presentation based on this statement at a La'o Hamutuk public meeting, and published it on our blog.⁵⁶

In November, we participated in the week-long 'Permaculture Youth Camp,' which drew more than a thousand youths from across the country to help them develop practical skills in agriculture. We shared our research on 'Small scale agricultural processing industry' and 'Implementation of the Environmental Licensing Law related to infrastructure projects' at a meeting La'o Hamutuk organized with a focus on research related to women and gender.

⁵³ <http://laohamutuk.org/media/2018/RadigProsAgrikMaiu2018.mp3>
<http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2018/03/potensia-industria-kiik-prosesamentu.html>
<http://laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2018/May/bulletinv19n1en.html#agri>

⁵⁴ <http://laohamutuk.org/Agri/2018/LHDraftMechanizationPolicy01Mar18en.pdf>

⁵⁵ <http://laohamutuk.org/media/2018/RadigSoberaniaAihanJun2018.mp3>

⁵⁶ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2018/10/promove-ai-han-lokal-nutritivu-hodi.html>

Land rights

La'o Hamutuk closely followed and participated in the creation of the Land Laws, which were passed and promulgated in 2017. We continued to monitor the implementation of these laws, as well as the development of complementary laws and policies throughout 2018.



In collaboration with other members of the Land Network Rede ba Rai, we have identified that more than 15 complementary laws and decree-laws are needed to properly implement the primary Land Laws. In March, La'o Hamutuk and other members of the Land Network presented our analysis and recommendations to the Justice Ministry.

We published an article in our *Bulletin* discussing a brief timeline of the Land Laws and some recommendations to ensure proper implementation of the Laws, and continue to update our webpage.⁵⁷

We gave several presentations on the implications of the new Land Laws, including at a training organized by Oxfam and Tahan Consulting, and at the Timor-Leste Update at Australian National University.⁵⁸

We also collaborated with the Land Network to research land registration in Suai. We have compiled our findings and produced a draft report; we will finalize the report in 2019.

Governance and democracy

Elections

In January, President Francisco Guterres 'Lu-Olo' called for early Parliamentary elections following the Fourth Parliament's inability to pass a program or budget. Within this context, La'o Hamutuk helped raise public awareness around party and coalition platforms, policies and programs, as well as sharing our perspective on key challenges facing Timor-Leste. We distributed questionnaires⁵⁹ to each party or coalition, disseminated a brochure⁶⁰ with questions for voters to ask of campaigning politicians, and broadcast a radio program⁶¹ with interviews of voters and community members. We frequently updated our webpage⁶², and encouraged voters to ask candidates about their stances on key issues.

La'o Hamutuk collaborated with TVE and the Core Group on Transparency to produce a series of televised debates with representatives from each party/coalition. The debates

⁵⁷ http://laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2018/May/bulletinv19n1en.html#Lei_ba_Rai
<http://laohamutuk.org/Agri/land/17LandTe.htm>

⁵⁸ <http://laohamutuk.org/Agri/land/2018/LandLaw.pdf>

⁵⁹ <http://laohamutuk.org/Justice/2018/EIPar/LHKestionnaire12Apr2018te.pdf>

⁶⁰ <http://laohamutuk.org/Justice/2018/EIPar/BroxuraEA12Apr2018.pdf>

⁶¹ <http://laohamutuk.org/media/2018/RadIgeleisaunJan2018.mp3>

⁶² <http://laohamutuk.org/Justice/2018/EIPar/18AntElec.htm>

covered a broad range of topics, including education, economics, state finances, gender, health, and human rights.

During the campaign period and on election day, La'o Hamutuk staff served as National Observers in Dili and various municipalities, concluding that the elections were carried out in a transparent, free and democratic manner. We submitted an official observer report⁶³ to the electoral bodies with detailed observations and recommendations.

La'o Hamutuk published one of the first announcements of the results of the election on our blog, with information about the number of seats won by each party/coalition and which candidates from each party would get seats in Parliament.⁶⁴

In the immediate post-election period, many observers, journalists and civil society people were confused about the D'Hondt method for allocating Parliamentary seats. La'o Hamutuk produced a detailed explanation of this system, including a video.⁶⁵

La'o Hamutuk wrote⁶⁶ to the newly elected members of Parliament, encouraging them to prioritize the needs of the people over partisan interests and with specific recommendations on key issues. We also reminded them of the pressing need to diversify the economy and invest in basic services, such as access to clean water, health and education.

We also created a new webpage⁶⁷ on the VIII Constitutional Government, with information about their Program and links to other important documents.

Education

In January, the Council of Ministers approved a proposal from the Ministry of Education and Culture to amend two 2015 decree-laws defining the preschool and primary school curriculum. La'o Hamutuk and other members of the Advocacy Network for Education wrote⁶⁸ to the President, asking him to not promulgate the proposed decree-laws until there was time to independently evaluate the curriculum in place and consider input from civil society. We also issued a joint public statement which was picked up by local paper and on-line media. Despite many attempts to get the texts of the draft laws, we were unable to get them in time to give detailed input before the President promulgated them in early March.⁶⁹

In August, the new Parliament overturned the two decree-laws.⁷⁰ This historic event was the first time Parliament has used Constitution Article 98 to review and revoke a

⁶³ <http://laohamutuk.org/Justice/2018/EIPar/LHRelObsEAMaiu2018.pdf>

⁶⁴ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2018/05/early-election-gives-majority-to-amp.html>

⁶⁵ <http://laohamutuk.org/Justice/2018/EIPar/dHondtMay2018en.pdf>
<http://laohamutuk.org/Justice/2018/EIPar/LHdHondt.mp4>

⁶⁶ <http://laohamutuk.org/Justice/2018/EIPar/KartaAbertaPNJun2018te.pdf>

⁶⁷ <http://laohamutuk.org/misc/gov8/18VIIIGov.htm>

⁶⁸ <http://laohamutuk.org/educ/2018/NGOPR8Feb2018en.pdf>
<http://laohamutuk.org/educ/2018/Petisaun9Abr2018te.pdf>

⁶⁹ <http://laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2018/May/CartoonEn.gif>
<http://laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2018/May/bulletinv19n1en.html#rejeita>

⁷⁰ <http://laohamutuk.org/educ/2018/JRCurrUndone10Aug2018.pdf>

decree-law. During the plenary debates, Parliamentarians read sections of our joint statement out loud.

La'o Hamutuk published a webpage which details the history of the curricula, includes key documents, and is updated as more information becomes available.⁷¹

La'o Hamutuk also gathered and published information⁷² about the Portuguese-language CAFE public schools, the product of a bilateral agreement between Portugal and Timor-Leste which began in 2010 and has been presented by some as an alternate model for the nation's public schools. La'o Hamutuk also offered recommendations related to evaluation of the project, and the need to increase spending in education so that all students in the nation can benefit from CAFE project components such as pre-school enrollment, smaller class sizes and multiple teachers in a classroom.

Human rights

In February, we participated in a civil society consultation with the Ministry of Justice for a Government report under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Also in February, we participated in the launch of the renovation of the *Chega!* Museum. We spoke both personally and publicly with leaders about the importance of the *Chega!* recommendations being incorporated in the Government program, including those related to education and the curriculum.

La'o Hamutuk continues to fight for the rights of marginalized groups, including women, the LGBTQ community and people with disabilities. In April, La'o Hamutuk participated in the launch of a report by the National Women's Network and ASEAN SOGIE Caucus on the experiences of lesbian, bisexual and transgender people with violence in Timor-Leste, as well as the launch of a film on LGBTQ issues. We marched in Timor-Leste's second Pride Parade, and included information about the growing movement for LGBTQ rights in our *Bulletin*.⁷³

We also undertook research on the current family planning policy in Timor-Leste and its implementation, in response to a dangerous family planning policy proposed in 2017, which was later withdrawn. That policy would have denied access to family planning to women who weren't married, endangering women's rights. We published the findings of this research on our blog and in our *Bulletin*.⁷⁴

La'o Hamutuk continues to raise the issue of impunity for past crimes with the PDHJ (Ombudsman for Human Rights and Justice), the Prosecutor-General, and other relevant entities.

We remain active in the Human Right's Defenders Network. Through this network, we called for human rights to be upheld throughout the elections, especially by public security officers. We continue to work closely and share information with those in this Network, as well as the U.N. Office on Human Rights and PDHJ.

⁷¹ <http://laohamutuk.org/educ/18CurriculumEn.htm>

⁷² <http://laohamutuk.org/educ/CAFE/18CafeTeEn.htm>

⁷³ <http://laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2018/May/bulletinv19n1en.html#Movimentu>

⁷⁴ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2018/11/inclusive-family-planning-takes-more.html>
<http://laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2018/Nov/bulletinv19n2te.htm#editorial>

Feminist research and analysis

While gender justice and equity has always been a core part of La'ó Hamutuk's mission and work, at the beginning of 2018 we recommitted ourselves to more explicitly include gender disaggregated data and feminist analysis in our work. Besides what is already included in descriptions above, we also initiated a discussion group for women researchers or anyone doing research related to gender. The goal was to offer a space for dialogue and analysis, with a particular focus on younger feminists. Feedback from the meeting was extremely positive, and the group is expected to continue, with different organizations hosting and presenting.

La'ó Hamutuk's networks

Timor-Leste networks

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

International networks

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

Organizational report

At the beginning of 2018, La'ó Hamutuk research staff included Adilson da Costa, Carly Munnely, Celestino Gusmão, Charles Scheiner, Huw Davies Bell, Juvinal Dias, Mariano Ferreira, Marta da Silva, Maximus Tahu, Niall Almond and Pelagio Doutel. Our Finance Officer was Ricarda Martins, and Assistant in Finance and Administration was Martinha A. Fernandes. We also had three security employees and one cleaner.

Charles mostly worked part-time from the U.S. and came to Dili in March, June and November, when he worked full-time for six weeks each time.

La'ó Hamutuk had a number of changes in staffing during 2018. Pamela Sexton and Berta Antonieta joined our staff in January and April respectively. In March, Niall left to pursue his master's degree the United Kingdom, and we mutually agreed to not enter a

new contract with Huw. In May, Juvinal left to complete his bachelor's degree; in June, Pelagio moved to England to be with his family; and in September Maxi started a year-long sabbatical to pursue his Master's in the UK. We recruited Salina Hanjam, but after a few months mutually decided not to continue her contract. We also hired Elizaria Febe Gomes in August.

Therefore, in December 2018 our research staff is made up of Adilson da Costa, Berta Antonieta, Carly Munnely, Celestino Gusmão, Charles Scheiner, Elizaria Febe Gomes, Mariano Ferreira, Marta da Silva, and Pamela Sexton. Carly and Pam left Timor-Leste at the end of 2018, but continue to support La'o Hamutuk part-time from abroad.

We also accepted two Timorese interns in administration, Sri Jeconia Geovania Gomes and Estela J.M. Guterres from STVJ training center; one international intern on the Economics team, Georgia Kelsey; one international intern on the Human Rights and Governance team, Alexandra Scrivner; as well as two international volunteer election monitors: Roelof Lanting and Sapna Reheem Shaila.

We continued to increase the capacity of our staff members by participating in national and international trainings programs:

- A series of in-house sessions to strengthen staff understanding of Economics, Petroleum and State Finances.
- Insight, a partner of our donor Misereor, facilitated two trainings for us on Project Cycle Management and Monitoring and Evaluation.
- Two staff were supported by Hivos to participate in a week-long Financial Resilience Training in Jakarta.
- One staff participated in a two-day training facilitated by Hivos on how to write on the web, collect information and organize press conferences.
- Two staff participated in a three-day 'Elections Observation Training' organized by the European Union.
- All staff participated in a one-day training facilitated by STAE and EU Electoral commission in Dili to prepare for observing the elections.
- We held a series of in-house training sessions on statistics, Excel, Stata, and State Finances.

During the reporting period, we conducted our annual internal evaluations in January and December, updated our team action plans, and published our 2017 Annual Report⁷⁵ and 2018 mid-year report.⁷⁶

Results of La'o Hamutuk's work in 2018

During 2018, major results of La'o Hamutuk's work included:

- On 6 March, after decades of advocacy by La'o Hamutuk and others, Australia and Timor-Leste signed a treaty declaring a permanent maritime boundary according to the international standard median line. La'o Hamutuk congratulates the two nations on the agreement and for finally respecting Timor-Leste's

⁷⁵ <http://laohamutuk.org/AREpt/2017/LHAnnualReport2017en.pdf>

⁷⁶ <http://laohamutuk.org/AREpt/2018/LHMidYearReport2018en.pdf>

national sovereignty. After the treaty was signed, La'o Hamutuk wrote to both Parliaments, asking them to quickly ratify the treaty and for Australia to return oil revenues it stole from territories it now recognizes are Timor-Leste.

- Timor-Leste experienced its highest voter-turnout since independence for the 2018 Parliamentary Elections, with 81% of registered voters casting their vote on 12 May. Timorese voters were able to make informed voting decisions, in part due to a series of televised debates, brochures and radio programs produced by La'o Hamutuk during the campaign season.
- La'o Hamutuk staff observed the 2018 Parliamentary Election, ensuring free, fair and transparent voting procedures. Many of the recommendations from our observer report from the 2017 elections were adopted for the 2018 election, such as allowing people to vote in a location other than the municipality in which they are registered.
- After hearing from La'o Hamutuk, Parliament decided not to revise the Petroleum Fund Law to permit unauthorized withdrawals from the Petroleum Fund.
- More Timorese understood the implications of the complicated new Land Laws and how they affect land registration as a result of our presentations, webpage, radio program, and community outreach.
- Proposed changes to the preschool and primary school curricula were overturned by Parliament after advocacy from La'o Hamutuk and others.
- Many members of Parliament, and the Prime Minister, cited recommendations related to the 2018 State Budget in line with La'o Hamutuk's advocacy, such as increasing investment in basic services and reducing withdrawals from the Petroleum Fund.
- The President vetoed the proposed amendments to the Petroleum Activities Law, citing several of the reasons La'o Hamutuk raised when we met with him.
- Public discussions about the Greater Sunrise buy-in and the Tasi Mane project became more evidence-based as a result of La'o Hamutuk's interventions and publications.
- La'o Hamutuk researchers were interviewed and cited more than 138 times in national and international media, including ABC, the Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Sydney Morning Herald, Irish Times, BBC Radio, Globo TV, Asia Times, and others (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"> • President of the Republic on changes to the Petroleum Activities Law • Parliament on not weakening the Petroleum Fund Law • Parliament and government on restoring the 2015 curriculum • Prime Minister on prioritizing in access to basic services • 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) • Ministry of the Environment on who should grant environmental licensing • More than 200 people in different Government agencies • More than 200 people in international agencies, including UN, World Bank, ADB, IMF • Researchers, donors, advisors, diplomats and others
Alternative proposals/policies are reviewed considered and/or adopted by officials in Government, Parliament and international agencies	<p>Parliament Committees A, C, and D Ministry of Finance Central Bank (PF balance) The Asia Foundation Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Director General for Statistics (Demographics and Health Survey) State Secretariat for the Environment WorleyParsons (EIS for Tibar port) Millennium Challenge Corporation Petroleum Fund Consultative Council World Bank on fiscal sustainability, budget, debt risk ADB on economic diversification, sustainability IMF on fiscal sustainability, budget, debt risk Members of Parliament (Petroleum Fund, Land Laws, ESI) PDHJ (environmental licensing)</p>
Number of people who participate in LH trainings, presentations and other public events	<p>Appendix 3 lists 37 events, which were attended by more than a thousand people. Events which attracted 50 or more participants included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 at 'Perspectives and Challenges of a Local Currency for Timor-Leste's Economy' at the Institute of Business seminar • 50 at celebration of Maritime Boundary Treaty signing • 200 at 'The New Land Laws and Their Likely Impact in Rural Areas' at the Timor-Leste Update conference at the Australian National University • 200 at 'Sustainability of Timor-Leste's State Finances' at the Timor-Leste Update conference at Australian National University • 150 at 'Productive Economic Sectors are Essential for Sustainable Development' at the Timor-Leste Studies Association conference in Brazil • 80 at 'Inclusive Water and Sanitation: Budget and Sustainability' at UN Women's seminar on Inclusive Urban Planning: Gender and Urban Water Policy • 60 at '2018 State Budget and Sustainability' at LH public meeting, and televised on GMN • 50 at Presentations on State Finances and Environmental Licensing at LH public fundraising event • 150 at panel discussion launching World Bank T-L Economic Report <p>We also hosted and participated in many nationally broadcast TV programs, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Series of live debates with Parliamentary candidates televised on TVE • 'Economic Development in the Next Five Years' debate televised on RTTL • 'Economic Challenges in Timor-Leste' debate televised on RTTL
Number of organizations, policy makers and journalists who request LH's expertise	<p>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.</p>
New funding sources are accessed	<p>We signed new funding contracts with Hivos/Norway, The Asia Foundation and CCFD, as well as continued our contract with Misereor.</p>

Achievements in 2018

In our proposals and Annual Report for 2017, we identified new and quantifiable activities to accomplish during 2018, as follows:

Activity	Implemented?
Continue as the primary Timor-Leste researchers for the International Budget Partnership's Budget Tracker.	Done.
Continue to collect and analyze data on petroleum revenues, trade, inflation, employment and other economic statistics.	Done.
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 licensing, petroleum activity, contracting and other issues.	Done. LH wrote 10 submissions, which are described in Appendix 4.
Organize at least two public meetings to share information and alternative perspectives with the public, media, government and civil society.	Done. LH organized six public meetings in 2018 on the topics of: small agricultural industries, maritime boundaries, the impact of Tasi Mane on local communities in Suai, women & research, World Food Day, and the 2019 State Budget.
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.	Partially done. The main organization which paid us to give briefings, AVI, closed their office in Timor-Leste; therefore, we only gave two paid briefings in 2018. However, we gave seven free trainings and presentations.
Post at least 8 new webpages, 20 updated webpages and 20 new blog entries.	Partially done. We published eight new webpages and more than 40 webpage updates, however only 14 blog posts.
Produce at least one edition of La'o Hamutuk's <i>Bulletin</i>.	Done, produced two.
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.	Done. Going forward we have decided to reduce our work on ZEESM due to organizational capacity, especially as the work on Tasi Mane is greatly increasing.
Analyze and explain the new Timor-Leste Australia Boundary Treaty, and advocate with both governments to respect Timor-Leste's rights.	Done.
Produce at least 10 Radio Igualdade programs.	Not done. Six radio programs were produced.

Plans for 2019

In 2019, La'o Hamutuk will continue research, public education and advocacy on the topics discussed above, as most of these issues are ongoing. Specific plans include:

- Continue as the Timor-Leste researcher for International Budget Partnership's Open Budget Survey.
- Continue to collect and analyze data on petroleum revenues, trade, inflation, employment and other economic statistics, engaging with analysts and producers of these reports.
- Monitor and advocate on the draft Anti-Corruption Law.
- Conduct field visits to research agricultural programs, cooperatives and other grassroots economic activities in the districts.
- Continue to monitor the implementation of environmental licensing in relation to large-scale infrastructure projects, and publish documents related to environmental licensing.
- Deepen our research and analysis on the Tasi Mane project, maritime boundary treaty, petroleum legislation and other major private and public infrastructure projects, and report about their economic, social and environmental impacts.
- Monitor, educate and advocate on the implications, risks and legal machinations for Timor-Leste to buy into and develop the Greater Sunrise project.
- Monitor the revenues, investments and spending of the Petroleum Fund, and their implications on the sustainability of state finances.
- Deepen gender analysis on our topics and continue to host "Feto no Peskiza" seminars to discuss related research with academics, CSOs, journalists and others.
- Provide input to and feedback on internationally-supported projects in Timor-Leste, as well as written updates for diplomatic representatives.
- Write at least ten submissions and letters to decision makers in government and international agencies on proposed legislation and policies.
- Organize at least five public meetings to share information and alternative perspectives with the public, media, government and civil society.
- Give at least two paid trainings to other organizations, plus eight free or at-cost trainings and presentations for students, journalists, civil society or local communities.
- Post at least eight new webpages, 20 updated webpages and 20 new blog entries.
- Produce at least one edition of La'o Hamutuk's Bulletin.
- Produce at least six radio programs.
- Present at least four papers at the Timor-Leste Studies Association Conference.
- Recruit at least one new international researcher.
- Organize an international event to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the independence referendum.
- Move to a new office.

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 \$800 per month, plus a legally-mandated '13th month' in December. All staff receive benefits that include health insurance, parental and sick leave.

International staff receive one return airfare from their home country, as well as a readjustment allowance of \$200 for each month worked up to the end of their first year, payable after they finish working with La'o Hamutuk. According to Timor-Leste's Labor Code, Timorese staff who have worked for more than one year are entitled to severance pay when they leave. Staff members who must move to Dili to work at La'o Hamutuk receive \$200/month toward house rental costs.

In order to protect La'o Hamutuk's independent analysis, 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.

Our donors during 2018 included Development & Peace (D&P, Canada), the Norwegian Embassy in Jakarta (administered by Hivos), Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD, France), The Asia Foundation (TAF, USA) and Misereor (Germany).⁷⁷

⁷⁷ 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.

Balance sheet

This table indicates our total cash and bank account balances at the start and end of 2017 and 2018, including amounts owed to La'o Hamutuk.

Calendar year ⁷⁸	2018	2017
Cash and bank accounts at start of year	52,701	114,010
Receivables (salary and program advances) ⁷⁹	23,332	21,082
Total assets at start of year	76,033	135,092
Income during year	203,399	102,634
Expenditure during year	200,026	161,692
Cash and bank accounts at end of year	58,194	52,701
Receivables at end of year	21,212	23,332
Total assets at end of year	79,406	76,033

The previous table does not include future obligations that La'o Hamutuk will have to pay in severance, social security and readjustment when staff leave the organization. These depend on length of service, and are required by law (for Timorese staff) and by policy (for internationals). At the end of each year, these accrued obligations were:

2016	2017	2018
\$13,590	\$18,500	\$13,090

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

	Cash & bank balances	General support donors	Project donors (Misereor)	LH assets
Assets 31 Dec 2017	76,033	12,282	10,185	53,566
Income Jan-Dec 2018	203,399	107,467	91,837	4,095
Expenses Jan-Dec 2018	200,026	115,249	78,591	6,186
Assets 31 Dec 2018	79,406	4,500	23,431	51,475

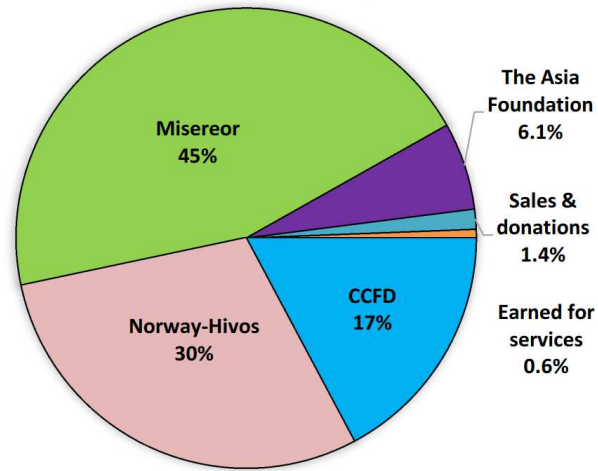
⁷⁸ In prior annual reports, we included some debts which are likely to be uncollectable, and a complicated set of 'reserve funds' holding some of our assets. We have simplified the reporting to be more consistent with standard formats and to more accurately represent the organization's financial situation.

⁷⁹ This includes \$15,692 that was misappropriated by a former staff person that a court has ordered her to repay to La'o Hamutuk. Although she has made some repayments, we might not receive the entire amount.

Revenues

The following table shows revenues received by La'o Hamutuk during 2018 from the Norwegian Embassy (through Hivos), The Asia Foundation (TAF), Comité Catholique Contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD) and Misereor, totaling \$203,399. We also carried over \$22,467 which had been received in 2017 for 2018 expenditures.

Revenues received in 2018
Total \$203,399



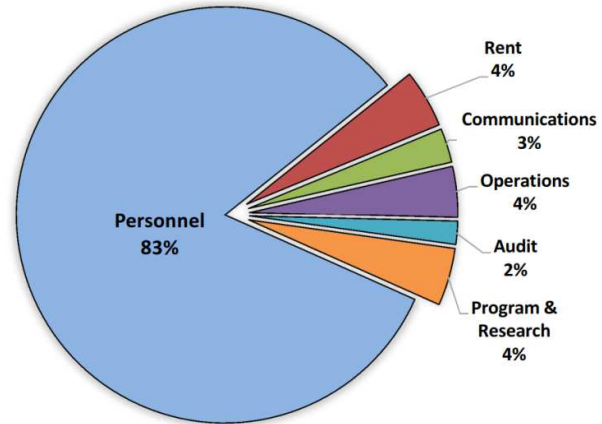
Source	2018 Budget	Actual	Difference	Explanation
Grant from Norway/ Hivos	30,000	60,000	30,000	A new contract was signed for the second half of 2018, providing additional funding.
Grant from D&P	29,000	0	-29,000	Our contract with D&P ended at mid-year, and we spent \$12,282 we had received in 2017 during 2018. D&P cannot renew funding until they work out their own organizational issues.
Grant from CCFD	35,000	34,967	-33	One-year contract
Grant from TAF	12,500	12,500	0	First part of 20-month contract
Project grant from Misereor	89,400	91,823	2,423	Part of a two-year contract
Earned for services	4,200	1,233	-2,967	This is lower because AVI, whose volunteers we frequently trained, closed their country office.
Interest and donations	1,400	2,876	1,476	We held a fund-raising event in December.
Total	201,500	203,399	1,899	

Expenditures

The table below and graph at right show the money spent by La'o Hamutuk during 2018 for different aspects of our work, totaling \$200,026.

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

Expenditures during 2018
Total \$200,026



Category	2018 Budget	Actual			Difference
		Gen'l support & LH funds	Misereor project	Total	
I Non-recurrent expenditure					
Capital Equipment	500	1,380	0	1,380	-880
II Staff costs					
Personnel	163,300	102,321	62,088	164,409	-1,109
Training for Staff	500	369	464	833	-333
III Project activities					
Bulletin	2,000	994	1,575	2,569	-569
Public Meeting	1,000	1,078	485	1,563	-563
Radio Program	1,700	0	819	819	881
Research	3,500	1,004	649	1,653	1,848
Resource Center	1,000	199	427	625	375
Election activities	800	148	300	448	352
Int'l Conference	1,500	900	357	1,257	243
IV Project administration					
Operations & Supplies	4,700	4,536	1,622	6,158	-1,458
Office Rent	9,000	3,600	5,400	9,000	0
Transportation	700	72	336	408	292
Telephone & Internet	5,400	2,633	2,669	5,302	98
Audit	5,400	2,200	1,400	3,600	1,800
Misc. Expenses	250	0	0	0	250
Total	201,250	121,435	78,591	200,026	1,224

Projected budget for 2019

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.

We are planning a major international conference to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the independence referendum on 30 August, and will seek separate funding for it. We also plan to move to a new office in May 2019, as the office we have been in for the last eight years is no longer adequate due to changes made by the landlord, and the end of our lease.

Category	Misereor project	Other	Total	Explanation
1. Non-recurrent expenditure				
Capital Equipment	300	200	500	Laptop
Move to new office	1,800	1,200	3,000	Furniture, rehabilitation, moving costs
2. Staff costs				
Personnel	71,300	63,900	135,200	Salaries, wage tax, social security tax, health insurance, housing allowance, international staff air fare and visa fees. We will add one international staff in 2019.
Training for staff	300	200	500	
3. Project activities				
Bulletin	1,000	1,000	2,000	Printing and distribution of one issue
Public meeting	1,900	800	2,700	Space rental, publicity, refreshments
Radio Program	1,200	500	1,700	Production and fuel for community radio stations.
Research	2,400	1,100	3,500	Travel and accommodation for conducting field research in Timor-Leste.
Resource center	600	400	1,000	Books, videos and other materials.
Int'l conference		1,500	1,500	Non-reimbursed costs to attend international conferences.
Special event		7,000	7,000	To commemorate anniversary of referendum
4. Project administration				
Operations & Supplies	2,500	1,800	4,300	Electricity, supplies, bank charges, photocopying, etc.
Office rent	6,300	4,200	10,500	11% rent increase in new office. One month overlapping
Transportation	300	200	500	Transport and motorcycle maintenance in Dili and nearby
Communication	2,900	2,100	5,000	Telephone, internet and website
Auditor	2,800	2,600	5,400	Two audits for the Misereor project and one for the whole organization
Miscellaneous	300	200	500	
Total	95,900	88,900	184,800	

Projected revenues to be received during 2019

During 2018, La'o Hamutuk received some revenues on multi-year grant contracts that will be expended during 2019, including \$23,745 from Misereor and \$4,500 from TAF. As we may have similar balances carried forward between 2019 and 2020, we have not included them in the following table.

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

Source	Amount	Explanation
Norway (Hivos) grant	32,500	If Norway renews their support, there may be additional funding during the second half of 2019.
CCFD grant	34,000	Contract agreed upon but not yet signed
The Asia Foundation grant	7,500	Balance of 2018-2019 contract
Misereor project grant 2017-19	77,700	End of two-year contract
Misereor project grant 2019-21	18,200	Start of next contract (not yet signed)
Grant for commemoration	7,000	Project grant to host international events to commemorate 20 th anniversary of referendum; we have a promise from a donor.
Additional general support donor	2,800	We are talking with potential funders, but have not finalized a contract.
Earned for services	3,000	
Sales, interest, donations	2,100	
Total revenue	184,800	

Appendix 2. Media Coverage

La'o Hamutuk is frequently asked 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 2018, 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	Authors	URL	Comment
The Origins and Onset of the 2006 Crisis in Timor-Leste	Feb 2017	Ph.D. Thesis	Ruth Elizabeth Nuttall	https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/117527	Cites LH and describes our work (we just learned about this)
Momentu importante ba povu Timor-Leste atu aprende husi pasadu	Jan 12, 13, 15, 16, 17	Independente	Marta da Silva		Published LH article
Moeda Timor nian	Jan 29	GMN TV			Interviews Juvinal
Rui Gomes: TL seidauk bele uza moeda rasik	Jan 30	Jornal Diario			Quotes Juvinal
Estudante IOB realiza seminar moeda rasik	Jan 30	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal
Kapital Fundu Petroliferu Hamutuk Biliaun 16.80	Feb 1	Independente			Quotes Juvinal
Australia's secret Timor Sea deal could pave oil and gas revenue future for East Timor	Feb 11	Age and SMH	Lindsay Murdoch	http://www.smh.com.au/world/australia-s-secret-timor-sea-deal-could-pave-oil-and-gas-revenue-future-for-east-timor-20180210-p4yzxn.html and https://www.theage.com.au/world/asia/australia-s-secret-timor-sea-deal-could-pave-oil-and-gas-revenue-future-for-east-timor-20180211-p4yzxn.html	Quotes Charles on maritime boundaries
Timor-Leste's Oil: Blessing Or Curse? – Analysis	Feb 16	Eurasia Review	Viji Menon, RSIS	https://www.eurasiareview.com/16022018-timor-lestes-oil-blessing-or-curse-analysis/	Cites LH on Petroleum Fund running out
Fronteira Maritima no oinsá pipeline dada mai TL	Feb 21	RTTL TV			Interviews Juvinal
Peskiza preliminar La'o Hamutuk hatudu dezafiu ba prosesamentu produktu agrikola	Feb 22	Tatoli		http://www.tatoli.tl/2018/02/peskiza-preliminaria-lao-hamutuk-hatudu-dezafiu-ba-prosesamentu-produtu-agrikola/	Quotes La'o Hamutuk data
Peskiza indústria ki'ik no enkontru públiku	Feb 23	RTTL radio			Interviews Mariano
Arsenio Bano expels journalist in public place	Feb 27	Raimundos Oki Journal	Raimundos Oki	https://raimundosoki.blogspot.com/2018/02/arsenio-bano-expels-journalist-in.html	Misquotes LH on ZEESM budgets (we corrected in a comment)

Title	Date	Medium	Authors	URL	Comment
Clouds part on 'Greater Sunrise' gas fields	Mar 1	Asia Times	David Hutt	http://www.atimes.com/article/clouds-part-greater-sunrise-gas-fields/	Draws extensively on LH economic analysis
Governu TL rekomendadu mantein ho Kompañia haat esplora GS	Mar 1	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal
Parlamentu TL ho Australia mak retifika akordu Fronteira Maritima	Mar 2	Timor Post			Cites LH on maritime boundary
Overblown Expectations For East Timor's Greater Sunrise Oil And Gas	Mar 3	Forbes.com	Damon Evans	https://www.forbes.com/sites/damonevans/2018/03/02/overblown-expectations-for-east-timors-greater-sunrise-oil-gas/#4c54353f299a	Cites LH on economic future of TL
Falta de fronteira com a Austrália custou a Timor-Leste 5 mil milhões de dólares	Mar 3	Lusa	Antonio Sampaio	http://noticias.sapo.pt/portugues/lusa/artigo/23800189.html	Based on LH information
Timor-Leste and Australia to sign a historic treaty on maritime boundaries Tuesday	Mar 3	Lusa	Antonio Sampaio	http://noticias.sapo.pt/portugues/lusa/artigo/23800187.html	Cites LH on \$5bn of oil revenues taken by Australia
Agio Pereira no Julie Bishop representa estado TL-Australia asina akordu FM.	Mar 4	Timor-Post			Cites Juvinal and LH on Maritime boundary
Overblown Expectations for East Timor's Greater Sunrise Oil and Gas	Mar 5	Forbes	Damon Evans	https://www.forbes.com/sites/damonevans/2018/03/02/overblown-expectations-for-east-timors-greater-sunrise-oil-gas/#7617212299a3	Quotes LH on greater sunrise potential
Julie Bishop: Tratado de fronteiras com Timor-Leste é novo capítulo na relação bilateral	Mar 5	Lusa	Antonio Sampaio	http://noticias.sapo.pt/portugues/info/artigo/1521722.html	Cites LH on money Australia has taken from the JPDA
Basics in East Timor allowed as Oil Wealth Poured Away	May 5	The Australian	Amanda Hodge	https://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/basics-in-east-timor-allowed-slip-as-oil-wealth-poured-away/news-story/c0ca5ac41bcb49110f54fab88f03f952	Quotes LH concerns on Tasi Mane
Australia to use East Timor boundary treaty to bolster ASEAN ties	Mar 6	Nikkei Asian Review	Simon Roughneen	https://asia.nikkei.com/Politics-Economy/International-Relations/Australia-to-use-East-Timor-boundary-treaty-to-bolster-ASEAN-ties	Cites LH on PF running dry
Australia and East Timor Sign Maritime Border Treaty	Mar 6	USNews / AP	Edith M. Lederer and Rod McGuirk	https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2018-03-06/australia-and-east-timor-sign-maritime-border-treaty	Cites LH on PF sustainability
Académica: Política interna ajudou a mudar postura australiana sobre fronteiras com Timor-Leste	Mar 6	Lusa	Antonio Sampaio	http://noticias.sapo.pt/portugues/info/artigo/1521727.html	Interviews Charles on Maritime Boundary Treaty
Organização timorense celebra em Díli 30etifikas de 30etifik com Austrália	Mar 6	Lusa	Antonio Sampaio	http://noticias.sapo.pt/portugues/lusa/artigo/23824958.html	Discusses LH celebration of Maritime Boundary Treaty

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Timor-Leste Hetan tan Direitu Soberania	Mar 6	Tatoli		http://www.tatoli.tl/2018/03/timor-leste-hetan-tan-direitu-soberania/	Quotes Juvinal on maritime boundaries
Ativistas timorenses celebram 31etifik com a Austrália e pedem ratificação imediata	Mar 7	Lusa (with video)	Antonio Sampaio	https://www.dn.pt/lusa/interior/ativistas-timorenses-celebram-tratado-com-a-australia-e-pedem-ratificacao-imediata--9167007.html	About LH celebration of Maritime Boundary Treaty
BBC World Update	Mar 7	BBC Radio	Don	https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w172vsm28bzf6f9	Interviews Charles on Maritime Boundary Treaty
Parabéns Xanana no Ekipa FM	Mar 7	STL			Quotes Juvinal
Treaty confirms Australia profited from Timor-Leste oil and gas, rights groups say	Mar 7	Guardian	Helen Davidson & Christopher Knaus	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/mar/07/treaty-confirms-australia-profited-from-timor-leste-oil-and-gas-rights-groups-say	Cites LH on stolen oil revenues
MKOTT ezije Parlamentu TL no Austrália Ratifika Akordu Ketan Tasi	Mar 7	Tatoli		http://www.tatoli.tl/2018/03/mkott-ezije-parlamentu-tl-no-australia-ratifika-akordu-ketan-tasi/	La'o Hamutuk involvement with Maritime Boundaries
Parlamentu TL-Australia tenke ratifika lalais akordu FM	Mar 8	Independente			Quotes Juvinal
Timor-Leste hetan tan direitu soberania	Mar 8	STL			Interviews Juvinal
Governu sei husu Ministru Agio kona ba Greater Sunrise	Mar 8	Independente			Quotes Juvinal
MKOTT Festeza Vitoria FM	Mar 8	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal
Veteranus MUTL fó Parabéns ba Xanana no nia ekipa (LH)	Mar 8	Timoroman			Quotes Juvinal
NGO ezije kadoras mai TL.	Mar 9	STL			Interviews Juvinal
MKOT husu tenke separa FM ho desenvolvimentu kampu mina rai	Mar 13	Independente			Quotes Juvinal
Ekipa Negosiador FM tenke apresenta relatóriu	Mar 21	Independente			Quotes Juvinal
Timor perde 5.500 USD por hora até ratificação de 31etifik de fronteiras com a Austrália	Mar 22	Lusa	Antonio Sampaio	http://noticias.sapo.tl/portugues/info/artigo/1522229.html	Based on LH analysis of boundary treaty
Tenke halo estudu kle'an molok lori kadores greater sunrise mai TL	Mar 26	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on Greater Sunrise pipeline
KKFP Desimina informasaun ba MT no estudante Akadémiku	Mar 27	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on economic diversification
KKFP husu dezenvolve setór turizmu	Mar 27	Independente			Quotes Juvinal

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Maritime Boundary Office briefs La'o Hamutuk	Apr 4	Maritime Boundary Office Newsletter		http://www.gfm.tl/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/MBO-April-2018-NEWSLETTER.pdf	Photo of meeting
La'o Hamutuk Rekomenda Hadi'ak Transparénsia Orsamentál	May 2	Timor Agora		http://timoragora.blogspot.com/2018/05/lao-hamutuk-rekomenda-hadiak.html#more	Cites LH's calls for improved transparency
KAK informa lei anti korrupsaun ba estudante UNTL	May 3	Timor Post	Iza		Quotes Juvinal
Basics in East Timor allowed slip as oil wealth poured away	May 5	The Australian	Amanda Hodge	https://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/basics-in-east-timor-allowed-slip-as-oil-wealth-poured-away/news-story/c0ca5ac41bcb49110f54fab88f03f952	Cites LH warnings about Tasi Mane and needs for diversification
Tenke ratifika lalais Fronteira Maritima	May 8	Timoroman			Quotes Juvinal
2018 orsamentu fundu mina-rai biliaun \$16.85 TL lakon valor tokon \$91.50	May 9	Independente	Media Independente teams		Quotes Juvinal
Can elections put East Timor on a more stable path?	May 9	Sydney Morning Herald	Avery Poole	https://www.smh.com.au/world/asia/can-elections-put-east-timor-on-a-more-stable-path-20180509-p4zea1.html	Cites LH on election issues
Sixteen years on from independence, Timorese go to polls after bitter campaign	May 12	Irish Times	Mary Boland	https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/asia-pacific/sixteen-years-on-from-independence-timorese-go-to-polls-after-bitter-campaign-1.3492240	Cites Pelagio and LH on need for diversification and oil money running out
La'o Hamutuk Sujere Opozisaun Forte iha PN	May 30	Tatoli		http://www.tatoli.tl/2018/05/lao-hamutuk-sujere-opozisaun-forte-ih-pn/	Quotes La'o Hamutuk data on elections
Timor-Leste enfrenta desafios económicos e sociais	May 31	Sem Fronteiras, Globo TV, Brazil	Simone Delgado	https://globosatplay.globo.com/globonews/v/6778121/	Interviews Charlie on TL history
Karta Aberta La'o Hamutuk ba Deputadu/a Legislatura 2018-2023	Jun 26	Tatoli		http://www.tatoli.tl/2018/06/karta-aberta-lao-hamutuk-ba-deputadua-lejislatura-2018-2023/	La'o Hamutuk's letter to new members of parliament
La'o Hamutuk karta aberta ba distintu deputadu/a`	Jun 28	Timor Agora			Published LH's letter to new Parliamentarians
NZDF 'puppet' officer leaves Timor-Leste	Jul 4	NZ Newsroom	Sam Sachdeva	https://pro.newsroom.co.nz/articles/3470-nzdf-puppet-officer-leaves-timor-leste	Interviews Charlie
Estadu Timor-Leste hasoru emerjénsia finansial temporáriu komunikadu La'o Hamutuk	Jul 12	Timor Agora		http://timoragora.blogspot.com/2016/07/time-to-end-impunity-for-suhartos.html	Publishes LH article on addressing cash-flow emergency
Submisaun ba Parlamentu husi La'o Hamutuk kona-ba proposta Orsamentu Jeral Estadu 2018	Jul 22	Timor Agora		http://timoragora.blogspot.com/2018/08/submisaun-ba-parlamentu-husi-lao.html#more	Publishes LH submission on the 2018 State Budget

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Solidariedade Bernard Collaery & Witness K ba Problem Tratadu Fronteira Maritima Timor-Leste	Jul 23	Tafara	Moises Vicente	https://tafara.tl/solidariedade-bernard-collaery-witness-k-ba-problema-tratadu-fronteira-maritima-timor-leste/	Cites LH submission to Australian Parliament
La'o Hamutuk fó Hanoin ba Autór sira katak sira nia Hakerek iha Konsekuénsia	Jul 31	Timor Agora		http://timoragora.blogspot.com/2018/07/lao-hamutuk-fo-hanoin-ba-autor-sira.html	Published LH blog
A note on “unconstructive and irresponsible commentary” on the Constitution of East Timor	Jul 31	East Timor Law and Justice Bulletin	Warren Wright	http://www.easttimorlawandjusticebulletin.com/2018/07/a-note-on-unconstructive-and.html	Response to LH blog article
'Buying Peace' in Timor-Leste: Another UN-success Story?	July	PHRG: Peace Human Rights Governance	Alberto Dal Poz	http://phrg.padovauniversitypress.it/system/files/papers/2018_2_3.pdf	Cites LH materials more than 30 times.
La'o hamutuk hakerek submisaun ba parlamentu Australia no Timor-Leste hodi ratifika tratadu fronteira maritima	Aug 7	Timor Agora		https://timoragora.blogspot.com/2018/08/lao-hamutuk-hakerek-submisaun-ba.html	Published LH submission to TL Parliament
Submisaun ba Komisaun Permanente Konjunta kona-ba Tratadu sira Uma Fukun Parlamentár, Canberra, Australia	Aug 9	Timor Agora		http://timoragora.blogspot.com/2018/08/submisaun-ba-komisaun-permanente.html	Published LH submission to Australian Parliament
Pembakaran hutan setiap tahun	Aug 10	Radio RTTL			Interviews Mariano on deforestation
Report on proposed 2018 State Budget	Aug 27	Official document	Parliament Committee C	http://laohamutuk.org/econ/0GE18/RelatorioComC-OJE2018ocr27Aug2018pt.pdf	Quotes LH submission extensively on TL context
Agrikultura no importasaun	Sept 12	Radio RTTL			Interviews Mariano on the role of agriculture in reducing import dependency
Petroleum Planning as State Building in Timor-Leste	Sep 12	Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology	Judith Bovensiepen & Maj Nygaard-Christensen	https://doi.org/10.1080/14442213.2018.1513060	Extensive use of LH information
ONG timorensa questiona autorização do Ministério do Petróleo para dar licenças ambientais	Sept 15	Diario de Noticias & Timor Agora		https://www.dn.pt/lusa/interior/ong-timorensa-questiona-autorizacao-do-ministerio-do-petroleo-para-dar-licencas-ambientais-9849323.html and http://timoragora.blogspot.com/2018/09/ong-timorensa-questiona-autorizacao-do.html#more	Discusses LH concerns with Environmental Licensing process
Lei Organika Found Ameasa Ita-nia Ambiente ho Konflitu Interesse	Sept 15	Timor Agora		http://timoragora.blogspot.com/2018/09/lei-organika-foun-ameasa-ita-nia.html	LH analysis of the new Decree-Law on Environmental Licensing

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La' o Hamutuk Husu PN Ratifika Tratadu Ketan Tasi	Sept 20	Tatoli	Julia Chatarina & Rita Almeida	http://www.tatoli.tl/2018/09/lao-hamutuk-husu-pn-ratifika-tratadu-ketan-tasi/#respond	Cites LH submission to Parliament on maritime boundary treaty
Aeropuerto timoroan Suainian hahu nian voo 34etifikasaun34 ho ligasaun be Darwin	Sept 25	SAPO Noticias		http://noticias.sapo.tl/tetum/info/artigo/1527414.html	Cites LH data on petroleum revenues
Senador 34etifikasau escreve a ONU para criticar julgamento sobre escutas a Timor	Sept 27	Lusa		http://noticias.sapo.tl/portugues/lusa/artigo/24866813.html	Cites LH analysis of maritime boundary
Timor perto de comprar 30% da participação da ConocoPhillips em campos petrolíferos	Sept 27	Lusa		http://noticias.sapo.tl/portugues/lusa/artigo/24866780.html	Cites LH analysis of maritime boundary
Introduction: The Political Dynamics and Social Effects of Megaproject Development	Sep 28	Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology	Judith Bovensiepen & Laura S. Meitzner Yoder	https://doi.org/10.1080/14442213.2018.1513553	Extensive use of LH information
International Criminal Tribunals and Civil Society: Impediments and Opportunities for Engagement	Sep 2018	Syria Justice and Accountability Centre	Jennifer Keene	https://syriaaccountability.org/library/3501/	Several comments from TL/LH experience, based on interview with Charlie
Timor-Leste Pride 2018: Marsu Diversidade	Oct 1	Video by Hatutan		https://www.facebook.com/HatutanYouth/videos/518100535329728/	Interviews Charles at LGBTQ pride parade
East Timor Eyes Billion Dollar Oil Bonanza, As Wildcat Drilling Starts In 2019	Oct 1	Forbes.com	Damon Evans	https://www.forbes.com/sites/damonevans/2018/10/01/east-timor-eyes-oil-bonanza-as-wildcat-drilling-starts-in-2019/#6f75720e73ac	Cites LH on need to diversify the economy
Timor-Leste representa TimorGap sosa asoes (saham) husi ConocoPhillips	Oct 2	Radio RTTL			Interviews Berta and Celestino on ConocoPhillips buyout
Timor-Leste: LNG pipeline push continues with \$484 million stake in Greater Sunrise fields	Oct 3	ABC News Australia	Stephen Dzedzic	http://www.abc.net.au/radio-australia/programs/pacificbeat/timor-sunrise/10331752 or http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/radioaustralia/radioaustralia/audio/201810/pba-2018-10-03-timor-sunrise.mp3	Interviews Carly on ConocoPhillips Buyout
Sosiedade sivil duvida dada kadoras GS mai TL	Oct 4	JN Diario			Interviews Berta and Celestino on ConocoPhillips buyout
ONG Timorense quer debate alargado sobre o projeto Greater Sunrise	Oct 4	LUSA and several Portuguese media		https://www.rtp.pt/noticias/mundo/ong-timorense-quer-debate-alargado-sobre-o-projeto-greater-sunrise_n1102753	Interviews Charles on Tasi Mane

Title	Date	Medium	Authors	URL	Comment
ONG timoroan hakarak halo debate boot konabá projetu Greater Sunrise	Oct 5	LUSA and several Timorese media	Antonio Sampaio	http://noticias.sapo.tl/tetum/info/artigo/1527663.html	Based on statement from Charlie
Sosiedade sivil duvida dada kadoras GS mai TL	Oct 5	GMNTV Online		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7YBTuE	Interviews Berta and Celestino on ConocoPhillips buyout
Sosa no faan asoens (saham)	Oct 5	Radio RTTL			Interviews Berta and Celestino on ConocoPhillips buyout
Sosa asaun conocophillips, LH seidauk iha garantia kadoras mai timor leste	Oct 5	Independente			Interviews Berta and Celestino on ConocoPhillips buyout
Lao Hamutuk Questions Timing of Government's Conoco Phillips Deal	Oct 8	Independent			Interviews Berta and Celestino on ConocoPhillips buyout
LH ejiji Governu Sosializa Lei Rai Ba Komunitade	Oct 9	Dili Weekly	Paulina Quintão	https://www.thediliweekly.com/tl/noticias/dezenvolvimentu/16277-lh-ejiji-governu-sosializa-lei-rai-ba-komunitade	Interviews Mariano on new Land Laws
Sosa Partisipasaun iha Greater Sunrise husi ConocoPhillips Signifika saida mai Timor-Leste? Signifika saida kona-ba kadoras?	Oct 9, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30	Independente			Uses LH analysis of Greater Sunrise
Why Timor-Leste took its \$484 million Greater Sunrise gamble	Oct 9	Crikey	Sophie Raynor	https://www.crikey.com.au/2018/10/09/timor-leste-greater-sunrise-gamble/	Quotes Celestino on Greater Sunrise project
Timor-Leste Tenke Mantein Proteje Animal Protejidu	Oct 11	Tatoli	Julia Chatarina	http://timoragora.blogspot.com/2018/10/timor-leste-tenke-mantein-proteje.html	Based on LH statement on dolphins and whale protection
Sosa Partisipasaun iha Greater Sunrise husi ConocoPhillips	Oct 11	Timor Agora		https://timoragora.blogspot.com/2018/10/sosa-partisipasaun-ih-greater-sunrise.html	Publishes LH article on buyout of ConocoPhillips
Timor-Leste nia tasi tenke mantein nudár area protejidu ba ikan baleia no golfiñu	Oct 12, 15, 16	GMN and Timor Agora		http://timoragora.blogspot.com/2018/10/timor-leste-nia-tasi-tenke-mantein.html	Reprints LH blog on protecting dolphins and whales
Power Play: East Timor Bets Big on Oil and Gas	Oct 13	Wall Street Journal	Jake Maxwell	https://www.wsj.com/articles/power-play-tiny-east-timor-bets-big-on-oil-and-gas-1539435601	Quotes Charles and LH data on Greater Sunrise
ONG timorense quer debate alargado sobre o projeto Greater Sunrise	Oct 14	Business Timor			Quotes Charles on Greater Sunrise
Hasatil kontra programa food aid hosi EUA, Mariano: la ajuda ekonomia no produsaun rai laran	Oct 15	Tafara	Zevonia Vieira	www://tafara.tl/hasatil-kontra-programa-food-aid-hosi-eua-mariano-la-ajuda-ekonomia-no-produsaun-rai-laran/	Quotes Mariano on impact of U.S. food aid program

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Ratifika FM Hein Xanana	Oct 22	STL	Natalino Costa		Cites LH letter to Parliament on Maritime Boundary treaty
HAK husu governu halais prosesu 36etifikasaun akordu FM	Oct 22	Timor Post			Uses LH map showing Maritime Boundary treaty
Woodside dada-an investeiha Downstream Greater Sunrise	Oct 26	GMN TV			Interviews Celestino on Greater Sunrise project
What's Next for Timor-Leste's Economy?	Oct 30	The Diplomat	David Hutt	https://thediplomat.com/2018/10/whats-next-for-timor-lestes-economy/	Cites LH analysis on Greater Sunrise Project
La'o Hamutuk Rekomenda Governu Prioritiza Setor Produtivu	Oct 30	Tatoli	Rafy Belo & Rita Almeida	http://www.tatoli.tl/2018/10/lao-hamutuk-rekomenda-governu-prioritiza-setor-produtivu/	Quotes Celestino and Febe on economic diversification
La'o Hamutuk Rekomenda Governu Prioritiza Setor Produtivu	Oct 30	GMN TV			Interviews Celestino on economic diversification
Will Timor-Leste become China's next debt trap?	Nov 2	Asia Times	David Hutt	http://www.atimes.com/article/will-timor-leste-become-chinas-next-debt-trap	Uses LH analysis and information; quotes Charlie
Apakah Timor Leste Menjadi Perangkap Utang China Berikutnya?	Nov 5	Asia Times	David Hutt	https://www.matamatapolitik.com/akankah-timor-leste-menjadi-perangkap-utang-china-berikutnya	Quotes Charles on debt
La'o Hamutuk Warns Against Government's Proposal to Remove Inspection Clause from Petroleum Contracts	Nov 7	Independente			Cites LH on petroleum regulations
Proposta Revizaun ba Lei Atividade Petroliferu Hafraku Governasaun Hafasil Sosa Parte iha Sunrise	Nov 8	Independente			Publishes LH submission to Parliament on changes to Petrol. Activities Law
Proposta atu Hafraku Governasaun Hafasil Sosa Parte Iha Sunrise	Nov 8	Timor Agora		https://timoragora.blogspot.com/2018/11/proposta-atu-hafraku-governasaun.html	Publishes LH submission on changes to Petrol. Activities Law
Organização timorense considera 'muito perigosas' alterações a lei de atividades petrolíferas	Nov 8	Lusa		https://timoragora.blogspot.com/2018/11/organizacao-timorense-considera-muito.html	Cites LH analysis of proposed changes to the Petroleum Activities Law
Lao Hamutuk-Fongtil Fo Agradese Ba Comisaun C	Nov 13	STL			References LH submission on 2019 budget
Submissaun Husi FONGTIL no La'o Hamutuk ba Komisaun C	Nov 14	Timor Post			References LH submission on 2019 budget
Primeiro troço de autoestrada em Timor-Leste inaugurado hoje no sul do país	Nov 17	LUSA	Antonio Sampaio	http://noticias.sapo.pt/portugues/lusa/artigo/25147520.html	Cites LH on the cost of the highway

Title	Date	Medium	Authors	URL	Comment
Timor-Leste: Refining Agreements in the Greater Sunrise	Nov 21	Lowy Interpreter	Michael Sainsbury	https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/greater-sunrise-timor-leste	Cites LH on viability of the Tasi Mane project
Timor-Leste Sosa Tan Asaun iha Konsorsiu Greater Sunrise	Nov 22	Timor Post			Quotes Celestino on Greater Sunrise
Opiniaun: Sosa Partisipasaun Shell Iha Konsorsiu Greater Sunrise	Nov 22	Tatoli		http://www.tatoli.tl/2018/11/opiniaun-sosa-partisipasaun-shell-ih-konsorsiu-greater-sunrise/	Quotes Celestino on Greater Sunrise
Sosa Partisipasaun Shell iha Konsorsiu Greater Sunrise	Nov 22	Timor Agora			Quotes Celestino on Greater Sunrise
Sosiedade Sivil Husu Xefe Estadu Veta Proposta Alterasaun Lei Atividade Petroliferu	Nov 26	Tatoli	Xisto Freitas & Rita Almeida	http://www.tatoli.tl/2018/11/sosiedade-sivil-husu-xefe-estadu-veta-proposta-alterasaun-lei-atividade-petrolifera/	Discusses LH meeting with the President of the Republic
Sosiedade Bele F6 Hanoin ba Prezidente Rep6blika	Nov 27	Timor Post			Discusses LH meeting with President
PTR Lakohi Pronunsia Uluk Alterasaun Lei Atividade Petroliferu SS hein Desizaun Lu-Olo	Nov 27	Timor Post			Discusses LH meeting with President
Sosiedade Propoin Veta Lei Petroliferu	Nov 27	STL	Carme Ximenes & Guilhermina Franco		Discusses LH meeting with President
Husu PR Lu-Olo Veta Alterasaun Lei Petroliferu Labele Manda Xefe Estadu	Nov 27	Independente			Discusses LH meeting with President
OJE 2019 Possible 2 Billion	Nov 27	STL	Carme Ximenes		Cites LH analysis of 2019 State Budget
PR Rejeita Espekula Desizaun Ba Proposta Alterasaun Lei Atividade Petrolifera	Nov 27	Tatoli		http://www.tatoli.tl/2018/11/pr-rejeita-espekula-desizaun-ba-proposta-alterasaun-lei-atividade-petrolifera/	Cites LH meeting with the President
PR Sei Estuda Lei Petrolifera	Nov 29	STL			Discusses LH asking President to veto changes to Petroleum Activities Law
Antes decide promulga ka veta, PR sei estuda lei atividade petroliferu	Nov 29	GMN		http://gmntv.tl/en/politika/2018/11/antes-decide-promulga-ka-veta-pr-sei-estuda-lei-atividade-petrolifera/	Discusses LH asking President to veto changes to Petroleum Activities Law
PR sei Estuda Lei Atividade Fundu Petroliferu	Nov 29	Independente	Cristina Ximenes		Discusses LH asking President to veto changes to Petroleum Activities Law

Title	Date	Medium	Authors	URL	Comment
Sosiedade Sivíl Husu Xefe Estadu Veta Diploma PN Kona Ba Alterasaun Atividade Petrolifera	Nov 29	RTTL			Discusses LH asking President to veto changes to Petroleum Activities Law
Sosiedade Sivíl Husu Xefe Estadu Veta Lei Petrolíferu, Lu-Olo: Ha'u Sei Estuda	Nov 29	The Timor News			Discusses LH asking President to veto changes to Petroleum Activities Law
Submisaun sobre OGE 2019 – La'o Hamutuk	Dec 1	Timor Agora		http://timoragora.blogspot.com/2018/12/submisaun-sobre-oge-2019-lao-hamutuk.html#more	Publishes LH submission on 2019 State Budget
Submisaun La'o Hamutuk 'OJE 2019 Boot iha Istória Timor'	Dec 3, 4, 5	Timor Post			Discusses LH submission on 2019 State Budget
Ministru Agrikultura: Tenta Uza OJE 2019 Ho Másimu	Dec 10	Tatoli		http://www.tatoli.tl/2018/12/ministru-agrikultura-tenta-uza-oje-2019-ho-masimu/	Cites LH 2019 State Budget Analysis
Bankada Fretilin: Timor-Leste Presiza Diversifikasaun Ekonomika	Dec 10	Tatoli		http://www.tatoli.tl/2018/12/bankada-fretilin-timor-leste-presiza-diversifikasaun-ekonomika/	Uses LH data on 2019 State Budget
Desizaun Xefe Estadu Hodi Veta Alternasaun Lei Aktividade Petrolifera Kumpri Lei Inan	Dec 12	RTTL TV		http://rttlep.tl/id/tv-news/read/20181212/225514/48856/desizaun-xefe-estadu-hodi-veta-alterasaun-lei-aktividade-petrolifera-kumpri-lei-inan.html	Interviews Celestino on Petroleum Activities Law
Ruinous project in East Timor could open door to China	Dec 18	The Sydney Morning Herald	Hamish McDonald	https://www.smh.com.au/world/asia/ruinous-project-in-east-timor-could-open-door-to-china-20181217-p50mpk.html	Cites LH analysis of Tasi Mane project
Armajen Aihan iha Tibar no Bebora	Dec 19	Radio Timor Leste			Interviews Mariano
Legislative delay slows progress on Sunrise	Dec 20	Upstream	Russell Searancke	https://www.upstreamonline.com/hardcopy/1658794/legislative-delay-slows-progress-on-sunrise	Cites LH on contents of veto
An unsavory record	Dec 2018	Arena Magazine #157	James Scambary	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/James_Scambary/publication/329934824_An_Unsavory_Record/links/5c246120a6fdccfc706b2106/An-Unsavory-Record.pdf	Cites LH as 'detractor' of Tibar Port
The Promise of Prosperity: Visions of the Future in Timor-Leste	2018	Book, ANU Press	Judith M. Bovensiepen et al	https://press-files.anu.edu.au/downloads/press/n4586/pdf/book.pdf	About 100 citations and references to La'o Hamutuk materials

Appendix 3. Presentations and Programs by La'o Hamutuk

During 2018, 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	Event or audience
Perspectives and Challenges of a Local Currency for Timor-Leste's Economy	29 January	Juvinal	Institute of Business Seminar
Rights and Sustainability in Timor-Leste	7 February	Charles	Briefing for new U.S. Ambassador and her staff
Challenges and Potential for Small Agricultural Processing Industry in Timor-Leste	22 February	Maxi, Mariano	LH public meeting
Analysis of Land Laws and Complementary Laws	March	Mariano	Ministry of Justice
Signing of the Maritime Boundary Treaty with Australia	6 March	Several	LH Reception and briefing to celebrate the treaty signing
LH Perspective on the Maritime Boundary Treaty with Australia	28 March	Juvinal	Joao Saldanha University
How Timor-Leste can Reduce Imports	11 April	Juvinal	Televised debate series during Parliamentary campaign, in collaboration with CGT and TVE
How to Ensure Inclusive Education	16 April	Juvinal	Parliamentary debate on TVE
Management and Investment of the Petroleum Fund	18 April	Juvinal	Parliamentary debate on TVE
Sustainable, Inclusive, Participatory and Democratic Development	20 April	Juvinal	Parliamentary debate on TVE
Transparency and Accountability of the State Budget	23 April	Juvinal	Parliamentary debate on TVE
Development of Tasi Mane	25 April	Juvinal	Parliamentary debate on TVE
Improving the Health System	27 April	Juvinal	Parliamentary debate on TVE
Public Administration	30 April	Juvinal	Parliamentary debate on TVE
Budget Transparency for Good governance in Timor-Leste	2 May	Juvinal	Seminar at UNTL
Justice and Human Rights	2 May	Juvinal	Parliamentary debate on TVE
Anti-Corruption	4 May	Juvinal	Parliamentary debate on TVE
ZEESM	7 May	Juvinal	Parliamentary debate on TVE
Gender	9 May	Berta	Parliamentary debate on TVE

Economic Development in the next five years	29 May	Adilsonio	Televised debate organized by RTTL
Economic Challenges in Timor-Leste	12 June	Adilsonio	Televised debate organized by Timor-Leste Press Council and RTTL
The New Land Laws and Their Likely Impact in Rural Areas	21 June	Mariano	Timor-Leste Update conference at Australian National University
Sustainability of Timor-Leste's State Finances	21 June	Charles	Timor-Leste Update conference at Australian National University
History of Australian boundary policy with Timor-Leste	4 July	Dan Nicholson (TSJC)	Discussion at LH with activists and students
Productive Economic Sectors are Essential for Sustainable Development	9 July	Adilsonio	Timor-Leste Studies Association Conference in Brazil
Rights and Sustainability	10 July	Charles	Briefing to Victoria University students
Budget trends, sustainability and 2018 budget analysis	21 September	Carly	LH public meeting: Women and Research
Small industrial agricultural processing potential		Mariano	
Inclusive Family Planning policy How do Timorese men and women make a living?		Berta Febe	
Inclusive Water and Sanitation: Budget and Sustainability	26 September	Marta	UN Women seminar: Inclusive Urban Planning: Gender and Urban Water Policy
Budget and Sustainability Trends	9 October	Febe	UN Women state budget training for CSOs
Promoting Nutritious Local Food to End Hunger and Malnutrition	16 October	Mariano	LH & HASATIL public meeting
Budget Trends to Nutrition and Agriculture	18 October	Carly	Presentation to WFP country director and key staff
2018 State Budget Analysis	30 October	Febe	LH public meeting
Sustainability of Timor-Leste's Finances		Celestino	
Suai's Culture and Impact of Tasi Mane	7 November	Bruna Kalowa, Adilsonio	LH public meeting
Timor-Leste's economy and key issues	14 November	Charles	TAF Strategic planning group
Response to World Bank Economic Update	26 November	Charles	World Bank Timor-Leste Economic Update Event (panel discussion)
Learning from the bad experience of violating environmental licensing	8 December	Adilsonio	LH public fundraising event
Oil dependency, 2019 state budget, and the Tasi Mane project	3-4 December	Charles	Briefings for members of Parliament

Appendix 4. Submissions and Testimony

During 2018, 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
On proposed changes to the preschool and primary school curriculum	8 Feb	http://laohamutuk.org/educ/2018/NGOPR8Feb2018en.pdf	President Francisco Guterres
Draft Mechanization Policy	1 Mar	http://laohamutuk.org/Agri/2018/LHDraftMechanizationPolicy01Mar18en.pdf	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and Food and Agriculture Organization
Submission to Australian Parliament on Maritime Boundary Treaty	18 Apr	http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/ISCT/2018/LHtoISCT18Apr2018.pdf	Australian Parliament Committee on Treaties
Observation report from the Early Parliamentary Elections	30 May	http://laohamutuk.org/Justice/2018/EIPar/LHRelObsEAMai2018.pdf	STAE and CNE
Letter to Parliament members following the early elections in May	25 Jun	http://laohamutuk.org/Justice/2018/EIPar/KartaAbertaPNJun2018te.pdf	Parliamentarians
Proposed Revisions to the Petroleum Fund Law and the Budget and Financial Management Law	11 and 18 Jul	http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OG18/lawrev/LHSubPNRevLPFnoLOGF9Jul2018en.pdf	Submission and oral testimony to Parliament Committee C
On ratifying the Maritime Boundary Treaty between Australia and Timor-Leste	6 Aug	http://laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/2018/LHtoPNTreatyFM6Aug2018en.pdf	Letter to Timor-Leste Parliament
State Budget 2018	20 Aug	http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OG18/LHSubPNOJE2018en.pdf	Submission to Parliament Committee C
Granting the Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals the power to issue environmental licenses for petroleum related projects	11 Sep	http://laohamutuk.org/Agri/EnvironmentLaw/2018/LH-PM-EnvironLic11Set2018en.pdf	Prime Minister Taur Matan Ruak
State Budget 2019	29 Nov	http://laohamutuk.org/econ/OG19/LHSubPNOJE2019-29Nov18en.pdf	Submission and oral testimony to Parliament Committee C

Appendix 5. Radio Programs

La 'o Hamutuk's Tetum-language Radio Igualdade program is broadcast nationwide on public 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
January	Voices of the Voters on the Early Elections	Joana de Jesus Soares (UNTIL Student), Frederico Hornay (Manager of the Inclusive Program in the SOVER Center), Domingus do Reis (UNTIL Student), Julio da Silva (UNDIL Professor), Carly Munnely (LH)
February	Voices of the Atauro Community on ZEESM	Zito Freitas Ximenes (Administration Official for Atauro), Mariano da Cruz (President of the Fishing Cooperative Federation of Atauro), Putri does Santos (Student at ICS), Jonas Fernandes (Parliament), Daniel Martina (Xefe Suku Bikeli), Pinto Araujo (Youth from Makadadi)
May	Small Industries for Agricultural Processing	Antonio da Costa (General Director of Industry and Cooperatives in the Ministry of Commercial Industry and Environment), Natersia Matos da Costa Lemos (Coordinator for the Processing Group TRM-OCA in Baucau), Adilson da Costa Junior (LH)
June	Food Sovereignty	Rofino Soares Gusmão (Department Head of Food Production in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries), Eugenio Lemos (Permaculture Timor-Leste, PERMATIL)
August	Implementation of the Environmental Licensing Decree-Law in Timor-Leste	Demétrio Amaral (Secretary of State for Environment, SEA), Bebiana Asunção Madalena Soares (Tafon Green Association), Adilson da Costa Junior (LH)
September	Why Must We Promote Agro-Ecology and Biodiversity in Timor-Leste?	Hermínia Pinto (PERMATIL), Sr. Rui dos Reis Pires (National Director for Protection and Recuperation of Biodiversity, SEA), Jenito Santana (KSI)

Appendix 6. Blog

The most substantive postings on La'o Hamutuk's blog (<http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/>) during 2018 include the following:

Date	Title
7 March	Poténsia Indústria Ki'ik Prosesamentu Produtu Agríkola
16 March	18 Years Later: Should Timor Drop the U.S. Dollar? Depois tinan 18: Presiza atu husik Dolar Amerika?
25 March	The Timor-Leste-Australia Maritime Boundary Treaty
19 April	Learning from our past to craft educational policy Aprende husi pasadu hodi konstrui polítika edukasaun
13 May	Early election gives majority to AMP Eleisaun Antesipada fó maioria ba AMP
24 July	Together we can! Trust in ourselves, move forward! Hamutuk ita bele! Fiar an, la'o ba oin!
30 July	La'o Hamutuk Reminds Authors that their Writing has Consequences La'o Hamutuk fó Hanoin ba Autór sira katak sira nia Hakerek iha Konsekuénsia
7 August	LH letters to Parliaments on Maritime Boundary Treaty LH karta ba Parlamentu rua kona-ba Tratadu Fronteira Maritima
19 September	Who should grant environmental licenses for mining and petroleum? Sé mak bele emite Lisensa Ambientál ba petróleu no mineiru?
4 October	Buying part of Greater Sunrise from ConocoPhillips Sosa Partisipasaun iha Greater Sunrise husi ConocoPhillips
11 October	Timor-Leste's waters must remain a sanctuary for whales and dolphins Timor-Leste nia tasi tenke mantein nudár area protejida ba ikan-baleia no golfiñu
16 October	Promove Ai-han Lokál Nutritivu hodi Hakotu Hamlaha no Mal-nutrisaun
4 November	Planeamentu Familiar ida Inkluzivu La'ós iha Surat-Tahan De'it Inclusive Family Planning Takes More Than Just Words on Paper
9 November	Lisensamentu Ambientál – hodi proteje ita hotu
29 November	Submisaun kona-ba Orsamentu Estadu 2019

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

During 2018, La'o Hamutuk permanent staff included eleven Timorese and four foreigners, seven 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 permanent staff during 2018.

Adilsonio da Costa Junior

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



Berta Antonieta

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



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 works for La'o Hamutuk on economics, state finances and fundraising. In late 2018, Carly left Timor-Leste but continues to work part-time for La'o Hamutuk from abroad.



Celestino Gusmão Pereira

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



Charles Scheiner

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



Elizaria Febe Gomes

Febe was born in Dili in 1994. She graduated from the Institute of Technology Sepuluh Nopember-Surabaya in 2017 with a Bachelor's in Urban and Regional Planning. She moved back to Dili, and started working with La'ó Hamutuk this year on state finance and economics issues. She speaks Tetum, Portuguese, English, and Bahasa Indonesian. Febe strongly believes that the information and analysis La'ó Hamutuk publishes helps the public understand complex topics better.



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 worked at the HAK Association, focusing on fisherfolk and researching agriculture. Mariano joined La'ó Hamutuk in 2009, where he works on agriculture, land rights and justice, and serves on the personnel team.



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'ó Hamutuk in 2016, having worked previously with the Australian-supported water and sanitation program BESIK and UNFPA. Marta speaks Fataluku, Tetum, Indonesian and English. Currently Marta works on freedom of expression, good governance and justice issues.



Martinha Fernandes

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

**Maximus Tahu**

Maxi was born in Selo Kraik, Aileu district. He studied philosophy and theology in Major Seminary Dili. Maxi worked at La'ó Hamutuk from 2007 to 2011, having previously worked at Radio Timor Kmanek. From 2011 to 2014, Maxi studied agriculture at New England Uni in Australia, and then returned to La'ó Hamutuk. Maxi speaks Mambae, Tetum, Indonesian, Portuguese and English. Maxi works on agriculture, land rights, climate change, governance and trade. He was La'ó Hamutuk's interim finance officer in 2015-2016. In September 2018, Maxi began a one-year sabbatical in the U.K. to pursue a Masters in Agriculture.

**Niall Almond**

Niall came to Timor-Leste from Ireland in 2014 as an independent volunteer, and started working at La'ó Hamutuk in 2015. Niall has a Bachelor's degree in English, Media and Cultural Studies. He speaks English, Irish, Tetum, and some French and Indonesian. He worked on international trade/investment, state finances and sustainability, and megaprojects. He was also a member of La'ó Hamutuk's personnel and fundraising teams. Niall left La'ó Hamutuk to pursue his Masters in International Development in March 2018.

**Pamela Sexton**

An educator and long-time solidarity activist from the USA, Pamela has extensive experience in Indonesia and Timor-Leste. In May 2000, Pam helped set up La'ó Hamutuk and served on our staff until 2003, focusing on popular education, gender issues, and organization/movement building. In 2003, Pam became a member of our Board; in late 2017 she resigned from this role to rejoin La'ó Hamutuk's staff, focusing on gender, environmental, governance and human rights issues, and assisting our personnel team. She speaks English, Tetum, Indonesian, Spanish and some Portuguese. Pam returned to the U.S. at the end of 2018, but continues to work part-time for La'ó Hamutuk.



Pelagio Sarmento

Pelagio is from Bucoli, Baucau district. He studied communications at Hawaii University, and worked at the U.S. embassy and CEPAD before joining La'o Hamutuk in 2015. He left to study at SOAS from mid-2015 until late 2016, when he returned to work with La'o Hamutuk, focusing again on the ZEESM project in Oecusse. Pelagio speaks Waima'a, Makasae, Tetum, Indonesian and English. Pelagio left La'o Hamutuk in June 2018 to pursue new opportunities in London, UK.

**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. Fifteen years later, 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 Laçlo 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 orangutan conservation with Yayasan Palung in West Kalimantan, Indonesia. From 2012-2014, he was based in Bangkok with Focus on the Global South, and since then is working with Peace Brigades International in Indonesia. Andrew continued to help La' o Hamutuk throughout this journey, and he joined our board in 2012.

Santina Soares

Santi was born in Beaçu, Viqueque district. She graduated from the Social Welfare University in Bandung. On returning to Timor-Leste in 2002, she volunteered at the Denore Foundation and worked at the Peace and Democracy Foundation. She was on La' 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 and is now part of the AMP majority coalition. He has returned to Australia to complete his PhD.