

Mid-Year Report

La'o Hamutuk

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La'o Hamutuk's vision

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

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Mission and Situational Context

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

The first half of 2021 was shaped by the escalating Covid-19 pandemic and by the calamitous floods on 4 April. When Covid-19 cases increased rapidly in February and March, Timor-Leste enacted and enforced stricter preventive measures, including lockdowns. In March the Council of Ministers approved a proposed revision to the 2021 Budget Law, to fund economic measures to alleviate some of the impacts of the lockdown. Shortly after the revised law was submitted to Parliament, heavy rains and flooding caused widespread damage to large parts of the country. Anticipating additional costs to address and recover from the damage, the Government requested that Parliament adjust the proposed Budget Law. The version passed by Parliament and promulgated on May 4 by the President included \$135 million in additional expenditure, financed with cash balances from 2020 and by shifting money from other appropriations.

The Petroleum Fund balance reached a record \$19.5 billion at the end of June, due to strong returns on investments. However, oil and gas revenues averaged only \$21 million per month during the first six months of 2021, much less than the average of \$42 million in the same period of 2020, and \$72 million in 2019. Between 2011 and 2014, monthly petroleum revenues over the same months averaged more than \$253 million. The Bayu-Undan field, the sole field in operation, will cease production in the near future, and no alternative fields have been shown to be feasible or secured funding. Despite the positive return on the Fund's investments, the declining deposits into the Fund highlight the need to optimize state spending to deliver maximum long-term benefits, and to identify and develop sustainable, non-oil, local economic activities.

On 4 April, heavy rains caused by Cyclone Seroja inundated Dili and surrounding areas. 48 fatalities resulted from the floods, and official figures are that 13,554 people in Dili were forced from their homes into evacuation centers. Across the nation, more than 30,000 households were impacted by the floods and associated landslides, and more than two thousand hectares of agricultural land were damaged. As of mid-June, six evacuation centers in Dili continued to house 813 people.

The impact of the floods highlighted the weaknesses in Timor-Leste's basic infrastructure, particularly water and sanitation systems, roads, and housing. The Timor-Leste Coalition for Education found that 45 schools were damaged, 16 of them seriously. As of June, development partners had committed to \$15 million in additional funding to respond to the floods, and some have also shifted funds from other programs.

In the wake of the floods, the Government temporarily suspended compulsory home confinement. This impacted the transmission of Covid-19, and home confinement was reinstated later that month, and ended in June. The cumulative total of cases had

reached 9,222 by the end of June; the vast majority, around 8,500, were recorded after the floods on April 4. During this period, Timor-Leste recorded its first Covid-related fatalities, reaching 23 recorded deaths at the end of June. Covid-19 escalated rapidly after the reporting period, with more than 60 deaths and 16,500 cases (4,600 of which were still active) at the end of August.

The following are some major results of our work between January and June 2021:

- Several of our recommendations to strengthen the proposed Budget Framework Law were supported by Parliament Committee C's report to the plenary.
- La'o Hamutuk was interviewed and cited more than 20 times in national and international media.
- Despite the limitations of the State of Emergency and lengthy home confinement policy, we facilitated online trainings on budget analysis and advocacy to civil society and public servants.
- La'o Hamutuk's research into small-scale agricultural processing was successfully launched, providing valuable information for decision-makers about effective ways to engage with this important industry.

Program activities

During the first half of 2021, La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor, research and analyze the activities of the Timor-Leste Government and international agencies, including the Government's responses to the changing needs of the population in the context of the pandemic and flooding. We frequently urged policy-makers to defer enacting new fundamental laws at a time when many citizens and civil society organizations are preoccupied with addressing their own urgent needs, or the needs of the communities they serve. We advised delaying debate over several pieces of non-urgent legislation, so that they may be addressed more carefully and by a wider audience than is possible during a State of Emergency. La'o Hamutuk believes that an informed and engaged public, as well as evidence-based decision-making, are essential for Timor-Leste's democracy; the dual challenges of the State of Emergency and the flooding created many obstacles to public engagement during the first half of the year.

Many organizations and individuals, including Government agencies, continue to rely on La'o Hamutuk as a source of independent, factual information. Dozens of local and international researchers, NGOs, academics, diplomats and development partners sought our perspective and expertise on Timor-Leste's economic and social context.

La'o Hamutuk gave many interviews to local and international journalists, and served as panelists or moderators for televised panel discussions. The pandemic has slowed the arrival of international staff in the development sector. This reduced the number of briefings we gave, although we did provide several requested briefings for incoming international staff and diplomats.

We published frequently to our website (www.laohamutuk.org), including valuable updates and resources and the shifting pandemic policy environment. We also

continued to add new information to our reference page.¹ Major new pages or updates published in the first half of 2021 include

- Created new webpage for the 2022 State Budget²
- Created a webpage to house key documents from 2021 Development Partners Meetings, including the Emergency Meeting that followed the April floods³
- Regularly updated our webpage on the State of Emergency, and related pandemic policies⁴
- Updated our webpage on 2021 State Budget with information about the rectified budget and input from civil society.⁵

During the first half of 2021, people accessed our webpages an average of 17,500 times every day. Many of our webpages and articles are reposted on online journals, blogs and other media, so our actual readership is larger than our data indicates.

44,700 people viewed pages on our blog during the six-month period. We posted six new blog entries, in both Tetum and English, including

- Research report on Agriculture Processing Industry in Timor-Leste⁶
- New Budget Framework Law under discussion⁷
- Consultations Begin on Unique ID⁸
- Budget Revision Should Be Just, Equitable and Sustainable⁹
- Carbon Capture and Storage under the Timor Sea: Climate Change Prevention or Carbon Colonialism?¹⁰
- LH asks Parliament to strengthen proposed Budget Framework Law¹¹

Analysis, Monitoring and Research

Economy and Natural Resources

State Budget, Economy and Fiscal Sustainability

La'ó Hamutuk closely followed the ongoing 2021 State Budget adoption and revision process as it continued until May 2021. In April we made a submission to members of

¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexEn.htm>

² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE22/21OGE22.htm>

³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/21TLDPM/21TLDPMindex.htm>

⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2020/20Emergency.htm>

⁵ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE21/20OGE21.htm>

⁶ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/02/relatoriu-peskiza-industria.html>

⁷ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/03/new-budget-framework-law-under.html>

⁸ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/03/consultations-begin-on-unique-identity.html>

<http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/03/identidade-uniku-uid-hahu-halo.html>

⁹ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/04/budget-revision-should-be-just.html>

<http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/04/revizaun-orsamentu-estadu-tenke-justu.html>

¹⁰ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/06/carbon-capture-and-storage-under-timor.html>

<http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/07/kaptura-no-rai-hela-karbonu-iha-timor.html>

¹¹ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/06/lh-asks-parliament-to-strengthen.html>

<http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/06/lh-husu-parlamentu-atu-hametin-proposta.html>

Parliament, urging them to change the Budget based on the principles of equity, sustainability, and justice. The revised budget proposed to provide direct economic support to the population in the form of an Extraordinary Subsidy, to assist people who had been impacted by both the pandemic-prevention home confinement and the floods. We wrote a submission¹² asking Parliament not to use the Social Security system as the basis for calculating the financial subsidy, as it would exacerbate existing economic disparities, and may not benefit many of the most vulnerable people who were outside the formal economy. We also explained these concerns in a letter to the President¹³ before he promulgated the rectified budget, and summarized them on our blog.¹⁴

A proposed Law on the Framework for the General State Budget and Public Financial Management, approved by the Council of Ministers in December 2020 and January 2021, was submitted to Parliament in February. The Law will replace existing Law no. 13/2009 on Budget and Financial Management, and the development of a new law created an opportunity to incorporate more rigorous transparency and oversight mechanisms throughout the process of developing, enacting, executing and auditing the General State Budget. On 8 June, La'o Hamutuk delivered a written and oral submission to Parliament,¹⁵ with specific suggestions to strengthen the proposed law, including ensuring greater public access to budget documents, more effective and transparent use of program-based budgeting, and more stringent caps on the contingency reserve. Our submission identified ten articles in the law where transparency and quality of information could be improved. The report published by Parliamentary Committee C on the Proposed Law, makes several recommendations that echo those made in La'o Hamutuk's submission, and Parliament's normally expeditious approval process has been prolonged because many Members agree with La'o Hamutuk's assessment that these systemic changes need to be extensively considered and revised.

We continued to advocate for economic diversification in a variety of forums, including as guests on several televised programs. In February, La'o Hamutuk staff presented an economic survey of Timor-Leste to a webinar organized by the Australian National University, and a paper expanding on this topic will be published in ANU's Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies journal.¹⁶ The article analyzes Timor-Leste's economic situation and prospects, highlighting the impacts of resource dependence, the small amount of probable future petroleum revenues, and the need for economic diversification

To increase the broader capacity of civil society to engage in budgetary and economic analysis and advocacy, we facilitated a 3-day training organized by Oxfam for 30 local civil society group members, representing a range of organizations in both Dili and in other municipalities.

We continued our work as the International Budget Partnership's local research partner. During the first half of 2021, we collected data for the IBP's survey of Covid-19 measures and researched and completed their detailed biannual Open Budget Survey.

¹² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE21/OR/LHSubOR2021-12Abril2021en.pdf>

¹³ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE21/OR/LHKartaPrezidenteOR2021-3May2021te.pdf>

¹⁴ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/04/budget-revision-should-be-just.html>

¹⁵ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/06/lh-asks-parliament-to-strengthen.html>

¹⁶ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/ScheinerTLEconSurveyJune2021en.pdf>
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/app5.333>

Petroleum and Natural Resources

We continued to monitor, explain and analyze developments related to Timor-Leste's nonrenewable resources, including the infill wells to prolong Bayu-Undan production and future prospects.¹⁷ Our finding that significant future revenues from oil and gas projects are unlikely was echoed by the IMF's Article IV Report published this year.

Following Santos' announcement in May that it was considering working with ENI to repurpose the near-depleted Bayu-Undan gas field as a carbon storage facility, we researched the possible venture and published a blog article.¹⁸ La'o Hamutuk considers carbon storage to be a dangerous distraction from the real changes needed to stop climate change (including reducing fossil fuel production), and this proposed project will be used to legitimize carbon-intensive gas production in Australia. Timor-Leste authorities must agree before the companies can go ahead with this project.

As legal processes against Bernard Collaery and "Witness K" proceeded in Australia, we continued to offer solidarity and make information available to support these whistleblowers who exposed Canberra's spying on Timor-Leste during maritime boundary negotiations 15 years ago.¹⁹

Governance and Human Rights

In January 2021, the Prosecutor-General proposed a Cybercrime Law to the Government, and sent a copy of the draft law to Parliament. This was intended as a partial substitute for the criminal defamation law proposed in 2020, which appears to have been shelved after strong opposition from La'o Hamutuk and others. In June, as Parliament began considering the proposal, La'o Hamutuk wrote an open letter²⁰ to the Speaker urging him not to bring it up during the Emergency period; we highlighted the fact that a major piece of legislation needs to have thorough consultation, made impossible by the State of Emergency. The proposal is not on the agenda for Parliament prior to the July-September recess.

In January 2021, Timor-Leste's Information and Communications Technology Agency circulated a draft Strategic Plan for a Unique Identifier (UID) system for limited consultation. La'o Hamutuk met with the team, and made a written submission²¹ outlining concerns with the proposal. The UID system aims to streamline access to Government services, banking, and telecommunications providers by establishing an online identity verification. La'o Hamutuk's submission questioned, among other things, the capacity of existing systems to ensure data security and uphold constitutional rights; the difficulty of obtaining genuine informed consent across diverse populations, and the efficacy and sustainability of a UID system at local level.

The trial of Richard Daschbach began in February. Daschbach, a now-defrocked Catholic priest from the USA, ran an orphanage in Oecusse for decades and has been accused of systematically abusing more than a dozen young girls in his care. This is the first sexual abuse case against a member of the clergy in Timor-Leste, but the legal process has

¹⁷ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PSCs/10PSCs.htm>

¹⁸ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/06/>

¹⁹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/Collaery/20Collaery.htm>

²⁰ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/defamation/cybercrime/LHtoPPNCybercrime4Jun2021en.pdf>

²¹ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2021/UID/LHSubmisaunTIC-UID26Feb2021te.pdf>

become politicized, and social and mainstream media spread disinformation and undermined the privacy and rights of victims. To facilitate public access to more accurate information, we compiled key materials on a webpage that serves as a reliable reference on the case.²²

We analyzed and commented on the proposed Local Authority Law (Lei Poder Lokál) to a hearing of Parliamentary Committee A. The Local Authority Law is one of a series of planned new laws that will provide the legal framework for decentralization of some aspects of governance, including infrastructure. La’o Hamutuk highlighted the need for transparency and accountability in this process, and the need to increase skills of local communities and local authorities, so that the local decision-making process can be more participatory.

The Anti-Corruption Commission asked us to explain key aspects of the rectified 2021 State Budget, and we gave a seminar to Commission staff to increase their understanding of the budget.

Agriculture, Land and Environment

In February, La’o Hamutuk launched the results of our research on small-scale agricultural processing industries.²³ Our research identified key areas where existing production systems could be improved, at the stage of preparation, production, transport, and sale. The report highlights the need to consider the whole cycle of small-scale production, and to improve coordination between Government agencies responsible for different parts of the process. The pandemic limited our ability to disseminate the results of this research in person, but the results of the research have informed our engagement with a range of stakeholders across this six month period.

In June, we liaised with regional networks organizing events in the lead-up to the UN’s Food Systems Summit in the second half of the year, which creates an opportunity to advocate for a more inclusive and sustainable approach to agriculture in Timor-Leste. Our collaboration with regional networks is also an opportunity to learn from the experiences of other groups, and share the results of our own research and analysis in Timor-Leste.

We also continued to update our webpage on environmental licensing documents, an effort to fill the gap caused by the government’s failure to maintain a publicly available registry.²⁴

La’o Hamutuk’s Networks

Timor-Leste Networks

- Rede ba Rai (Land Network)
- HASATIL (Sustainable Agriculture Network)
- Core Group on Transparency (CGT)

²² <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2021/RD/21Daschbach.htm>

²³ <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/02/relatoriu-peskiza-industria.html>

²⁴ <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/18EnvRegistry.htm>

- Street Vendor's Rights Solidarity Group (informal)
- FONGTIL (Timor-Leste NGO Forum)
- Human Rights Defenders Network

International Networks

- International Budget Partnership
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- International solidarity and human rights organizations, especially ETAN
- Timor Sea Justice Campaign, Australia
- Timor-Leste Studies Association (TLSA)
- OilWatch
- Publish What You Pay (PWYP)

We also serve on the Steering Committee for USAID's NGO Advocacy for Good Governance program.

Organizational Report

As discussed in the introduction to this report, in March the Government introduced a home confinement policy in response to increased Covid-19 transmission, and maintained this policy until mid-June (although restrictions were briefly eased following the April floods). Our staff worked from home during this period, and our ability to meet with key decision makers, as well as with counterparts in civil society, was limited.

During the first half of 2021, La'o Hamutuk research staff included Celestino Gusmão, Charles Scheiner (part-time, from New York), Eliziaria Febe Gomes, Maxi Tahu, Mariano Ferreira, Bree Ahrens and Marta da Silva. Our Finance Officer was Ricarda Martins, and Assistant in Finance and Administration was Martinha Fernandes. We also have three security employees and one cleaner.

Maxi left the organization in February. Our capacity to recruit and welcome new staff was limited during the reporting period, and this understaffing impacted our ability to carry out some activities. One new researcher, Jonathan Gonsalves, started work in July 2021, and we hope to recruit another researcher before the end of the year.

Appendix 1. Financial Report

This Mid-Year Report is being written before the end of the 2021 financial year. The figures below are preliminary and may differ from the final version in our Annual Report. All amounts are in U.S. dollars.

During the first half of 2021, we received general support funding from the Norwegian embassy (administered by HIVOS, \$45,000), and the Comité Catholique Contre la Faim et Pour le Développement – CCFD (\$35,539). La'o Hamutuk also earned \$5,635 by providing services and briefings.

Some activities and fund transfers were delayed until the second half of 2021 due to the pandemic.

Balance Sheet

A more comprehensive balance sheet will be included in our Annual Report.

	Cash & bank balances	General support donors	Project donor (Misereor)	LH earned & reserve funds
Balance 31 Dec 2020	111,702	14,885	51,554	45,263
Income Jan-Jun 2021	86,178	80,539	4	5,635
Expenses Jan-Jun 2021	62,007	30,217	31,790	0
Balance 30 Jun 2021	135,873	65,207	19,768	50,898

Revenues received during the first half of 2021

Source	Budget 2021	Half year budget	Actual received	Difference	Explanation
Norway/HIVOS grant	55,000	27,500	45,000	17,500	We received most of the 2021 funding in the first half-year.
CCFD grant	34,000	17,000	35,539	18,539	We received entire 2021 grant in the first half-year.
The Asia Foundation grant	12,000	6,000	0	-6,000	Will transfer during the second half of 2021.
Misereor project grant	110,100	55,050	4	-55,046	We received January-March funding in December 2020, and April-June after the reporting period.
Earned for services	5,500	2,750	5,435	2,685	Payments for LH work on Open Budget Survey and webinars for IBON and OXFAM
Interest, donations and sales	700	350	200	-150	
Total	217,300	108,650	86,178	-22,472	

Expenditures during the first half of 2021

Category	Budget half year 2021	Actual	Difference	Explanation
I Non-recurrent expenditure				
Capital Equipment	700	1,300	-600	Purchased one motorbike
Computer Stand	400	0	400	
Office Maintenance	600	0	600	
II Staff costs				
Personnel	81,459	47,382	34,077	Recruitment suspended due to the pandemic. Some payments budgeted for the first half of 2021 were made after the reporting period.
Training for Staff	1,050	0	1,050	No trainings during pandemic
III Project activities				
Bulletin	1,061	0	1,061	Will be published in second half of year
Public Meeting	1,273	0	1,273	Not held due to pandemic
Radio Program	849	30	819	Pandemic limited possibility of interviews
Research	2,122	1,600	522	Launching of report on small-scale agricultural processing industry
Resource Center	681	337	344	Office closed for several months due to pandemic.
Short video production	750	0	750	Will be done in second half-year
Publication	500		500	Will be done in second half-year
International Conference	750	0	750	Not done due to pandemic
IV Project administration				
Operations & Supplies	2,352	1,588	763	Office closed for several months due to pandemic.
Office Rent	5250	5,100	150	
Transportation	322	63	259	
Telephone and Internet	2,867	1,435	1,432	Internet annual costs will be paid in second half-year; landline not used while office closed.
Audit	3,364	0	3,364	Will be done in second half-year
Miscellaneous Expenses	305	3,171	-2,867	Support from Hivos for victims of the April floods; will be reimbursed in second half-year.
V. Evaluation				
Evaluation	2,000		2,000	Will be done in second half-year
Total	108,654	62,007	46,647	

Appendix 2. Media Mentions of La'ó Hamutuk

Date	Title	Medium	URL	Comment
1 Jan	Sudah Dicap Negara Termiskin di Dunia Timor Leste Ternyata Juga Terancam Kehabisan Uang, Laporan Ini Ungkap Skenario Runtuhnya Ekonomi Negara Tersebut	Intisari	https://intisari.grid.id/read	Quotes La'o Hamutuk on state finances.
1 Jan	Timor Leste, Negara Kecil yang Sukses Taklukkan COVID-19	Mukisi.com	https://mukisi.com/4210/timor-leste-negara-kecil-yang-sukses-taklukkan-covid-19/	Quotes Mariano about Timor-Leste's Covid-19 response
6 Jan	Kampu Mina Bayu Undan Maran, Presiza Diskuti Kle'an Jestaun FP	Dili Post		Quotes Celestino on the future of Bayu Undan
6 Feb	LH: Governu la'o tuir hela lei jestaun finanseira	GMNTV	https://youtu.be/gXzPgI54uDY	Quotes Febe on State Budget management
16 Feb	Governu tenke haforsa medida prevensaun atu labele iha transmisaun lokal	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/2021/02/16/governu-tenke-haforsa-medida-prevensaun-atu-labele-ih-transmisaun-lokal/	Lists LH as part of civil society monitoring group for Covid-19 emergency
18 Feb	NGO LH Lansa relatóriu peskiza no analiza kona ba Dezafiu no poténsia indústria transformadór produktu agrikultura iha TL	GMNTV		Television interview with Mariano about the launch of agricultural processing research report
18 Feb	Hasa'e Produsaun iha Setor Agrikultura, Governu Presiza Hadia Irigasaun	Independente		Interviews Mariano on agriculture
19 Feb	East Timorese politics in flux	Inside Story	https://insidestory.org.au/east-timorese-politics-in-flux/	Cites LH on Tasi Mane and budget priorities
23 Feb	Sosiedade Sivil Konsidera Governu Ladun Fo Prioridade ba Seitor Agrikultura	Independente		Quotes Mariano on agriculture
1 Mar	Water and Soil, Blood and Oil: Demarcating the Frontiers of Australia, Indonesia and Timor-Leste	Chapter in <i>Frontiers in International Environmental Law: Oceans and Climate Challenges</i>	https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004372887_003	Quotes "the impressively well-informed NGO, La'o Hamutuk" about 10 times
2 Mar	La'o Hamutuk Nia Submisaun kona ba Planu Estratijiku Identidade Uniku	Timor Post	https://timorpost.com/lh-nia-submisaun-kona-ba-planu-estratijiku-identidade-uniku/	Publication of LH's submission on the proposed Unique ID

Date	Title	Medium	URL	Comment
18 Mar	TL Tenke Kuidadu ho Politika WTO	KSI	https://kdadalak.org.tl/nostia/10-tl-tenke-kuidadu-ho-politika-wto	Quotes Mariano on possibility of TL's entry to the WTO
19 Apr	Relatório e Parecer Primeira alteração ao Orçamento Geral do Estado para 2021	Parliament Committee C	http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE21/OR/RelComCOR21-19Apr2021.pdf	Refers to LH Submission to Parliament on the 2021 Budget
30 Apr	Less than 20 years after independence, Timor-Leste is running on fumes	Australian Financial Review	https://www.afr.com/companies/energy/less-than-20-years-after-independence-timor-leste-is-running-on-fumes-20210429-p57nc7	Quotes Charlie on BU Production and PF Sustainability
4 May	La'o Hamutuk Husu Governu Apoiu Sosial Inklui ema Hela iha "Kost"	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/2021/05/04/lao-hamutuk-husu-governu-apoiu-sosial-inklui-ema-hela-kost/	Quotes Celestino and LH submission on the fair implementation of the Extraordinary Subsidy
5 May	ONG LM Lamenenta Subsídium extraordináriu la Tuir Prinsípiu Justisa Sosiál no igualdade	Nautil	https://www.naunil.com/2021/05/05/ong-lm-lamenenta-subsidium-extraordinariu-la-tuir-prinsipiu-justisa-sosial-no-igualdade/	Quotes Celestino and LH submission on the fair implementation of the Extraordinary Subsidy
14 May	East Timor faces energy transition early	Petroleum Argus	https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news/2215303-east-timor-faces-energy-transition-challenge-early	Based on interview with Charlie, many quotes
20 May	Governu Presiza Apoiu Subsidiu Ba Agrikultor	Tempo Timor	https://tempotimor.com/politika/6210-governu-presiza-apoiu-subsidiu-ba-agrikultor	Quotes Mariano on Government support for farmers
27 May	The future of the Greater Sunrise project	Ita nia Bainaka program RTTL-TV	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZbW2aGFlpA	Celestino appears as television guest with heads of ANPM and TimorGAP.
May	Oiling the Rigs of State-building: A Political Settlements Analysis of Petroleum Revenue Management in Timor-Leste	Asian Journal of Peace-building Vol. 9 No. 1	https://ipus.snu.ac.kr/eng/archives/ajp/volume-9-number-1-may-2021/research-article/oiling-the-rigs-of-state-building-a-political-settlements-analysis-of-petroleum-revenue-management-in-timor-leste	11 references to LH publications
30 Jun	Relatório e Parecer Lei Enquadramento Orçamental	Parliament Committee C	http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/Framework/210630RelComCLEO.pdf	Refers to LH submission to Parliament

Appendix 3. Presentations and Programs by La’o Hamutuk²⁵

Topic	Date	Speaker(s) from LH	Event
Rights and Sustainability in Timor-Leste	Jan	Charlie	Briefing for incoming US Ambassador, over three meetings.
Small-Scale Agricultural Processing Industries in Timor-Leste	Feb	Mariano, Maxi	Launch of LH research report
Timor-Leste: 2021 Economic Survey	Feb	Charlie	Public webinar for the Australian National University’s Development Policy Centre
Development in Timor-Leste	Mar	Febe, Marta	Roundtable dialogue with incoming US Ambassador
Sustainability of the Petroleum Fund and Economic Diversification	April	Charlie	Presentation for Oxfam Webinar
State Budget Analysis, Economic Diversification, and Advocacy	May	Febe, Marta, Bree	3-day training workshop, hosted by OXFAM and conducted by LH
Analyzing the 2021 Rectified Budget	May	Marta, Bree, Febe	Online presentation to staff of the Anti-Corruption Commission
Diversifying the economy by investing in agriculture and other productive industries	June	Febe	Discussion panel on agriculture and economic diversification; first in a series of Oxfam-sponsored televised panels
Diversifying the economy by investing in agriculture and other productive industries	June	Mariano	Discussion panel on agriculture and economic diversification; second in a series of Oxfam-sponsored televised panels
Chinese involvement in Timor-Leste: myths and facts	June	Febe	German Geographical Society (DGfG) Annual Conference

²⁵ Most of these presentations are available from <http://www.laohamutuk.org/pres.htm>