

Annual Report

La'o Hamutuk

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La'o Hamutuk's vision

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

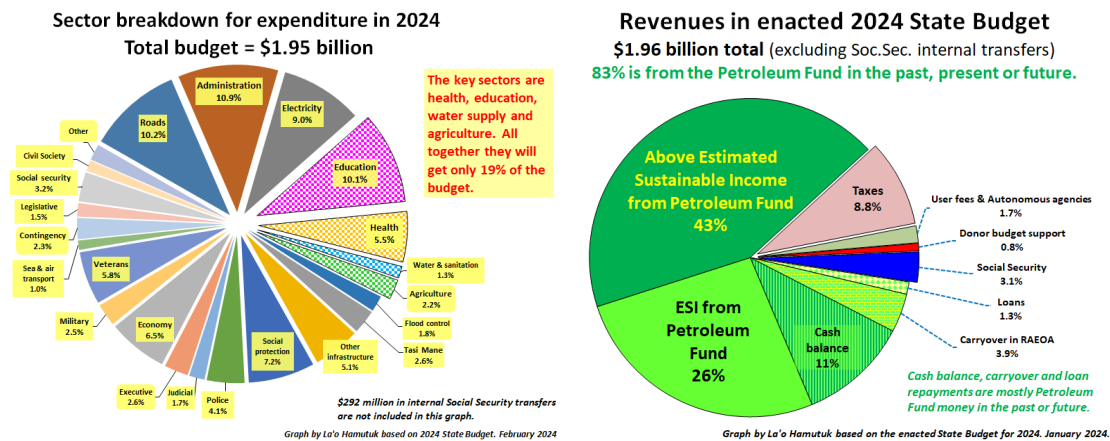
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Mission and Situational Context

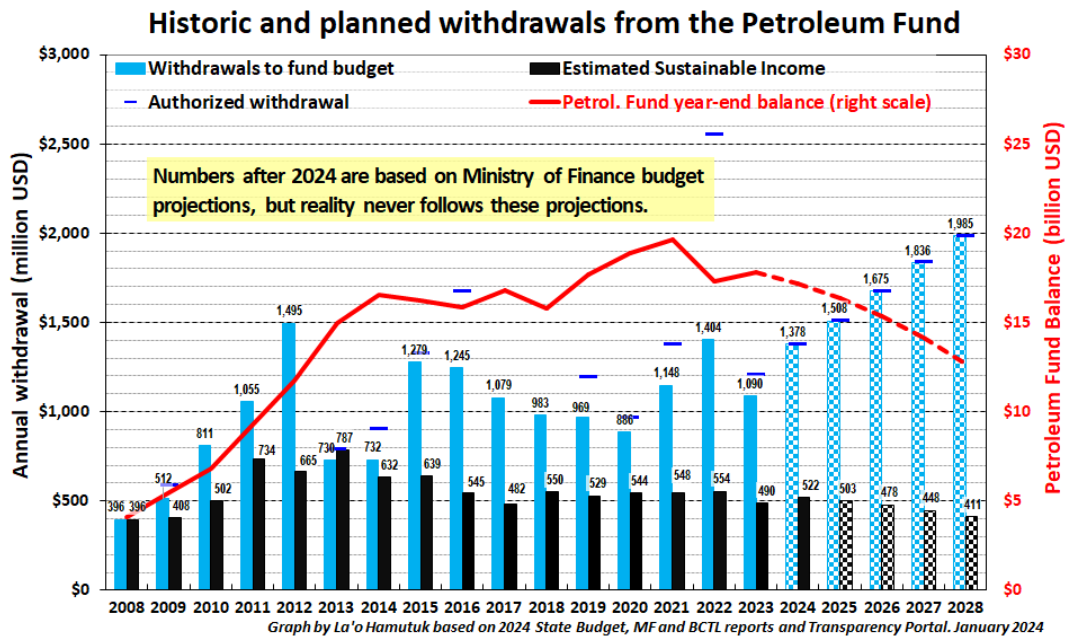
La’o Hamutuk (“Walking Together” in English) is an independent, Timor-Leste nongovernmental organization which monitors, analyzes and reports on development processes in Timor-Leste, particularly the programs and policies of the national government and international agencies operating in the country.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

During the first eight months of 2023, the Government operated under the original 2023 budget promulgated by President Ramos-Horta, with total spending of \$1.9 billion, consisting of the Budget of the Central Administration, the Social Security Budget and the Budget of the Special Administrative Region of Oe-Cusse Ambeno. The Parliamentary election process – campaigns and voting – happened in May 2023 and every political party carried out consolidation preparations for the community regarding their goals and programs before the election. La’o Hamutuk conducted several strategic activities to update voters and election observers on the situation in the country and provided public education to encourage thoughtful decisions about who will lead the next government.¹



Our analysis of the State Budget allocations indicated that there has been some progress in good governance. Decision makers increasingly discuss issues such as the fiscal cliff, which will drastically impact people’s lives. However, we have learned that the Government’s actions are not always consistent with their public statements. La’o Hamutuk successfully worked to increase decision-makers’ awareness about these key issues, but we observe that work needs to continue to ensure that this translates into action when the new government takes office. The following graph shows planned continuing escalation of Government spending even as the Petroleum Fund is rapidly depleted.

¹ To provide information on election activities and events, we created and frequently updated a page on our website: <https://www.laohamutuk.org/justice/2023/ParlElec/23ParlElec.htm>



We regularly shared information through radio programs, pamphlets, TV talk shows, and interviews by local and international journalists, so that even people who did not come to our events could be informed about the country’s economic situation and conditions, as well as giving the public an idea of how to ask political parties to focus on development that leads to economic diversification, equity, and sustainability.

We continued to monitor developments regarding climate justice, to ensure that global and local climate governance is in the best interests of the people. For a long time, the climate movement, including La'o Hamutuk in Timor-Leste, has insisted that the climate crisis needs to be resolved in a way that is just. Climate justice means that wealthy nations which have caused most of the climate changes should bear the greatest share of responsibility for the impacts experienced by developing countries. It is unjust for developing countries to face a dual crisis, firstly because of the direct impacts of climate change on people and the environment, and secondly from the economic burden of managing or responding to those impacts, which would widen and deepen global inequality. Our previous observations have suggested that the Timorese people do not have access to adequate information about the causes and consequences of climate change, and this restricts their capacity to pursue just outcomes for themselves and their communities.

The following are some major results of our work during 2023:

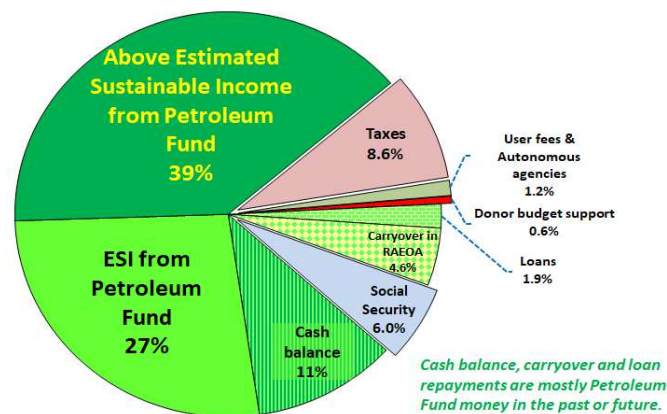
- State’s expenditures have been reduced, with the withdrawal from the Petroleum Fund in 2023 being more than \$300 million lower than in 2022.
- Allocations for essential sectors (health, education, water, and agriculture) in the 2024 Budget are 19.1%, up from 16.9% in the original 2023 budget.
- La'o Hamutuk was interviewed or cited more than 115 times in national and international media (see appendix 2).
- The public, including civil society and media, can access detailed analysis of the budget and participate in public debates, and also improve their coverage.

Program Activities

During the reporting period, La'o Hamutuk monitored and analyzed the enactment and implementation of 2023 rectification budget and the enactment of the 2024 State budget. We participated in the Ministry of Finance's Budget Workshop for Budget Year 2024, in addition to the preparations for the next five years of the Government. We wrote open letters to the newly elected Members of Parliament and to the Prime Minister congratulating them and sharing our thoughts about issues that will be important during their mandate, which we published on our blog. The pie chart below shows the planned withdrawals from the Petroleum Fund (PF), which paid for about 81% of state expenditures in 2023.

Revenues in 2023 State Budget rectification

\$1,827 million total (excluding Soc.Sec. internal transfers)
81% is from the Petroleum Fund in the past, present or future.



Graph by La'o Hamutuk based on the rectified State Budget for 2023. October 2023

We took advantage of opportunities to strategically advocate for better governance and human rights, because of the parliamentary election in May. At the same time, La'o Hamutuk brought these issues to the public through a round-table discussion about Opportunities and Challenges facing the new Government, which drew critical questions from civil society colleagues who were concerned about living conditions that have not improved for a long time, as well as the impending fiscal cliff.

We continued regular monitoring and analysis of new reports and data from the RDTL Government, oil companies and international agencies on Business Activities, inflation, external trade, the Petroleum Fund, Timor GAP, ANPM, National Accounts, and Bayu-Undan production and revenues. We met with several relevant decision-makers to update ourselves about the progress of Greater Sunrise and other oil and gas projects; we also attended the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) Conference and Exhibition in Adelaide, Australia.

We understand, through our work, that leaders of political parties and the community are more realistic in discussing the real condition of TL's oil and gas depletion leading to the fiscal cliff, and economic diversification, good governance, and transparency, including how to improve basic infrastructure, is a priority for the new government to ensure economic sustainability.

We also continued to update our web pages on the 2023 and 2024 State Budgets, environmental licensing, and petroleum projects with new documents and information, as well as our reference pages, and created a web page on the new government, with names and contact information for officials.

We gave input to consultations related to the draft law on climate change, Bayu-Undan decommissioning, Australia-Timor-Leste relations and fiscal sustainability. We wrote a submission to the Australian Parliament about the status of their military forces in Timor-Leste, and another to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority about Santos' intentions to develop the Australian Barossa gas field with Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) in Timor-Leste's territory. We continued conducting research for the International Budget Partnership's Open Budget Survey (OBS).

We continued to meet with influential actors, including international agencies, to update them on our thoughts, perspectives, and analysis about the current situation in Timor-Leste, as well as conducting advocacy to influence their work. We met with the World Bank, oil and gas company Santos, embassies (UK, EU and France), the Minister of Petroleum, TimorGAP and ANPM. The aim of these meetings was to share a civil society perspective regarding conditions that should be considered by the government as well as observations related to government programs, and to expand our advocacy so that the government can also hear from those who are considered their development partners.

In addition, we consistently provided our opinions and results of our analysis through several events and TV shows related to issues of transparency, the fiscal cliff, the development of Greater Sunrise and economic diversification – including the development of Timor-Leste's 'Blue Economy'. We presented at three public seminars held by the government, media, and the National University.

We developed our annual action plan to decide our priorities, especially how we update, inform, and educate the public so that they can better understand key issues facing the country and government policies, to help them participate as active citizens in the democratic process. Therefore, in March, we conducted four public meetings on economic, politic, and social issues.

To facilitate our activities, we also provided handouts of the materials we presented, such as printing *Surat Popolar*, *Bulletins* and presentation materials. In the end of the year, we published one edition of our Bulletin and one edition of our popular education newsletter, *Surat Popolar*.

Public events

With COVID restrictions over, we were able to carry out public activities – including seminars, round table discussions, public meetings, media briefings and field research in 2023. These activities targeted a range of audiences including civil society, university students, and rural communities in the municipalities of Dili, Manatuto (Laclo), Baucau (Baguia), Ermera, and Aileu. Those meetings aimed to update the communities about the condition of TL's Petroleum Fund, the annual state budget allocation, economic diversification, and how to improve basic services in Timor-Leste. We also organized a seminar national and TV talk show about TL's alternative development after oil.

We also presented two research papers at the 2023 Timor-Leste Studies Association (TLSA) conference about the exploration of oil and gas in Covalima by the Timor Resources company and about Preventing Timor-Leste from Falling over a Fiscal Cliff. We have finalized the papers for publication in the TLSA proceedings.

LH staff were invited to give briefings and presentations to several entities:

- CAC (Anti-Corruption Commission) to brief their new staff about transparency and accountability, in relation to the 2021 Open Budget Survey report.
- UNDP, to share civil society perspectives at a round table discussion on entrepreneurship as a driver for the blue economy in Timor-Leste.

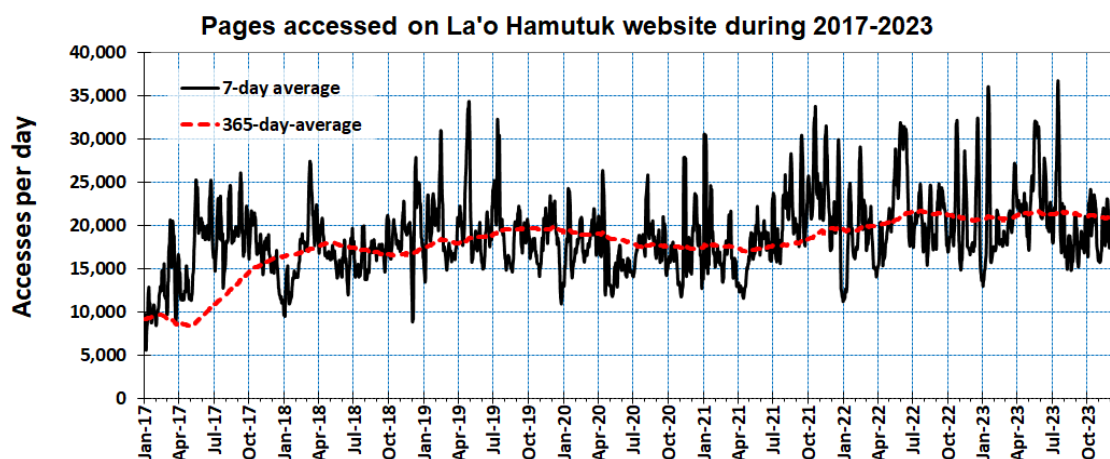
- UNTL (National University of Timor-Leste) to present at a national seminar on *Timor-Leste without oil, can be sustainable?* attended by all lecturers and the rector of UNTL, students, government members, and international agencies.
- ADTL (Asosiasaun Defisiénsia Timor Leste), to provide training on inclusive state budget analysis and how to write a submission.
- PEMNA (Public Expenditure Management Network in Asia) on budget transparency in Timor-Leste
- World Bank to join a round table discussion on the election process.
- World Bank to join a round table discussion on an overview of perspectives on Timor-Leste's economy.

Website, blog and email lists

La'o Hamutuk's website (www.laohamutuk.org), in Tetum and English, continues to be a primary source for reliable, independent information and analysis on many issues relating to Timor-Leste, including the state budget and government finances, large scale infrastructure projects, private investment, petroleum and extractive industries, land laws, maritime boundaries and sustainable development. It now contains 22 gigabytes of information in more than 20,900 files.

We collect and publish documents from many different sources and combine them with our analysis. In 2023, we created four new webpages: for the 2023 Parliamentary Election, the 2024 State Budget, the proposed Climate Change Law, and the IX Constitutional Government.

We continued to update existing pages and added new ones during 2023. We also continued to post materials to our reference page.² Our website was visited by an average of 5,900 people every day, and they accessed 20,600 pages.



The following are some of the web pages we created or significantly updated during 2023:

- New webpage on the 2023 Parliamentary Election³
- New webpage on the IX Constitutional Government⁴
- New webpage on the 2024 State Budget process⁵

² <https://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexEn.htm> or <https://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexTe.htm>

³ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/ParlElec/23ParlElec.htm>

⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/gov9/23IXGov.htm>

⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE24/23OGE24.htm>

- New webpage on the proposed Law on Climate Change⁶
- Updated webpage on 2023 State Budget with information about budget rectification⁷
- Regular updates with new information and documents to our pages on Petroleum projects⁸, the Bernard Collaery case⁹, the Millennium Challenge Corporation¹⁰, Environmental licensing¹¹, the Petroleum Fund¹² and many others.

We published six Tetum blog articles in 2023, three of which were also in English. About 214 people accessed our blog each day in 2023, 17% more than in 2022. These articles are listed in Appendix 6.

We continue to circulate our English-language articles over ETAN's "east-timor" email list, which has more than 12,000 subscribers. We also post to Facebook, LinkedIn and other social media.

We provided information to the public by appearing on many television programs and were frequently interviewed by local and international media (see Appendix 2). As one of our advocacy strategies, we met with the new Minister of Finance and the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, TimorGAP and ANPM to discuss their intention and programs. We also met with international agencies, including the World Bank, ADB, European Union, a Malaysian delegation, and diplomats from France, the U.S. and the UK to share information and perspectives about their reports and intentions and to help them align with the needs of this country.

Radio programs

We produced and broadcast five radio programs on seven community radio stations across the country, interviewing guests from Government, civil society, disability organizations, and academia to present informative discussions of relevant issues facing Timor-Leste. The radio programs are available on our website¹³, and are listed in Appendix 5.

Bulletin and Surat Popular

We produced a new *Bulletin* with articles on sustainable investment from the 2014 state budget, the fiscal cliff, weighing the likelihood of long-term petroleum revenues, ASEAN, and drilling for oil in Covalima.

We published a new popular education publication *Surat Popular* on the topic of the fiscal cliff.¹⁴ Five hundred copies were distributed during public meetings in Maliana, Maubisse, Viqueque, and Lospalos. In November, we published our popular education publication *Surat Popular* on the topic of Fiscal Cliff. Five hundred copies were distributed to the public meetings in Laclo (Manatuto municipality), Baguia (Baucau municipality), Ermera, and Aileu municipalities.

⁶ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/Climate/2023/23ClimateChangeLaw.htm>

⁷ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OJE23/22OGE23.htm>

⁸ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PSCs/10PSCs.htm>

⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/Collaery/20Collaery.htm>

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

¹¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/18EnvRegistry.htm>

¹² <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/05PFIndex.htm>

¹³ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm>

¹⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/surat/231117Surat%20PopularRNF.pdf>

Research, Analysis and Advocacy

State Finances, Economy and Fiscal Sustainability

We monitored and analyzed the 2023 rectification and the 2024 state budget. With the newly elected Parliament, the new Government came into office in early July. They quickly enacted a mid-year rectification of the 2023 budget, changing the budgeting process and repealing excise tax increases enacted with the 2023 budget. The revised budget law was passed by Parliament and promulgated in August by President José Ramos-Horta. The revised budget is about 13% smaller than the original 2023 budget, although it still withdraws more than double the sustainable level from the Petroleum Fund (PF).

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

In 2024, new Petroleum Fund withdrawals are projected to finance 71% of the budget. As such, fiscal sustainability for Timor-Leste depends on the sustainability of the Petroleum Fund. Under the current expenditure trend, the Petroleum Fund is expected to run out by 2034, which the Government estimates will require state spending to be slashed by 85%.

Therefore, we wrote¹⁵ to Members of Parliament with information and recommendations to help them better decide on the Government's proposed 2024 budget in a plenary debate. We also engaged in various forms of advocacy related to the budget, including submissions to Parliament¹⁶, providing briefings to help media and civil society understand the budget and its implications, and conduct their own advocacy.

Our analysis of State Budget allocations shows some progress in good governance. Decision makers are increasingly discussing issues such as the fiscal cliff, which will drastically impact the lives of the people. However, the Government's actions are not always consistent with their public statements. La'ó Hamutuk has successfully worked to increase awareness among decision makers about these key issues, and that work needs to continue to ensure that this translates into action as the new government fulfills its mandate.

In our 2022 Annual Report, we noted that much people value research, analysis, and advocacy on governance and rights. There is strong demand outside the capital for greater knowledge about the budget process and how to participate as active citizens in budget advocacy. In response, during 2023 we increased our activities in the sub-districts and received positive responses from participants in our public meetings. As we have learned from previous capacity-building activities, there needs to be ongoing engagement with these communities. Attempts to empower and increase the capacity of communities often fail when they are not part of a medium or long-term engagement plan. Therefore, there is an ongoing need for activities in municipalities outside of Dili.

We conducted a desk research project which showed that many of the Government's existing mechanisms for transparency are not functioning well. The results of this research open a new opportunity for advocacy and monitoring in the future.

¹⁵ https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE24/231207LH_Submisaun_ba_Komisaun_C_PN_OJE_2024te.pdf or English summary at <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2023/12/government-should-be-realistic-and.html>

¹⁶ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OJE23/OR/230817LHKartaPNsobreOR23.pdf> and https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE24/231207LH_Submisaun_ba_Komisaun_C_PN_OJE_2024te.pdf

As part of our work as the local partner of the International Budget Partnership's Open Budget Survey, we continued to communicate the research findings on transparency, public participation, and oversight in Timor-Leste's budget process.

Oil and Gas

We continued to monitor and analyze developments and promises related to oil and gas projects to ensure that the public has accurate information and that policies respond to climate change and the urgency for economic diversification.

Regarding these developments, we met with the President of the National Petroleum and Minerals Authority (ANPM, now ANP) to discuss onshore and offshore petroleum activities, including Greater Sunrise, cooperation between TimorGAP and Timor Resources, the Carbon Capture and Storage project, remaining Bayu-Undan production and decommissioning, the status of contracting for five new areas, Pualaka, and other issues. We also met with the new Minister of Petroleum and Minerals, with Greater Sunrise Commissioner Cristina da Costa Ribeiro, and (twice) with TimorGAP President Antonio de Souza and his team.

We also held strategic meetings with international agencies including oil companies and experts, the ADB and the World Bank, as well as national institutions such as the Central Bank of Timor-Leste and several former government officials, to share perspectives about public policy as well as learn about program plans, especially as related to the Tasi Mane Project, Greater Sunrise Bayu-Undan Carbon Capture and Storage, and future petroleum prospects, about which little clear and accurate information has been made public. In addition, we conducted field research about the proposed Tasi Mane Project, particularly in the Beacu area.

We closely followed information about Bayu-Undan production and revenues from official and unofficial sources, often engaging with relevant institutions and officials. We also continued following developments with the Chuditch project. As mentioned in the previous section, we wrote a submission¹⁷ to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority raising our concerns on Santos' CCS project for Bayu-Undan, which is connected to their Barossa project to extract natural gas. Also, one of our staff attended the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) Conference and Exhibition.

In relation to the case of Bernard Collaery and Witness K, we continued to urge the Australian government to respect their rights. We welcomed Bernard Collaery when he visited Timor-Leste to receive a medal from President Ramos-Horta, and we kept our website updated.¹⁸

We presented on the CCS project at the second phase of the Follow the Money Training Course for Southeast Asian Corporate Accountability Advocates¹⁹ in Bangkok, Thailand, following an online presentation in December 2022. This training helped us research and analyze the financial interests behind this project – companies, investors, customers, and other influential actors. We had a workshop with environmental expert Lee Tan, organized by Oxfam, to explain about contaminants in petroleum products that could affect the human and physical environment if they are released into the sea when a vessel is cleaned or an offshore field is decommissioned.

We engaged regularly with international and local journalists to try to improve their coverage of petroleum issues in Timor-Leste. We were consulted by Santos and Tebedai Solution on the

¹⁷ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Project/Bayu/CCS/230628Lao%20Hamutuk%20submission%20to%20NTEPA%20on%20Darwin%20Pipeline%20Duplication%20Project.pdf>

¹⁸ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/Collaery/20Collaery.htm>

¹⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/Climate/221213CCS-FTMen.pps>

Bayu-Undan FSO cleaning plan. We created a group with other international organizations to share information regarding CCS projects in Southeast Asia and elsewhere.

Our work on the above projects is ongoing, and we continue to research, discuss, and evaluate their impacts on the environment and climate change with relevant institutions including Timor-Leste environmental authorities (ANLA: Autoridade Nacional Lisensa Ambiental/National Authority of Environmental Licensing) and Australian environmental and policy organizations.

We made a presentation at the Timor-Leste Studies Association (TLSA) in July, raising our concerns about the Tasi Mane Project with the international academic groups. Besides that, we also published the following article at our Bulletin in December 2023: *Promises and Reality from the Petroleum and Gas Resource to Sustain Timor-Leste for Long Term*.²⁰

Governance and Human Rights

The Parliamentary election was an opportunity to strategically advocate on governance and human rights, and to help public participate as active citizens in the election process. We carried out several strategic activities to update voters and election observers and provided public education to encourage thoughtful decisions about who will lead the next government. We also monitored the process and promoted substantive discussion of critical issues facing Timor-Leste. Therefore, in March, we conducted four public meetings on economic, political and social issues in Laçlo (Manatuto municipality), Baguia (Baucau municipality), Ermera, and Aileu municipalities. To facilitate our activities, we also provided handouts of materials we presented, including *Surat Popular* and *Bulletins*.

We distributed questionnaires²¹ to all political parties participating in the parliamentary election, to know the policies of each party to respond to the economic, social, and justice problems currently facing Timor-Leste. We produced a radio program on the 2023 Parliament election. We organized a national seminar²² and a TV talk-show²³ discussing *Alternative Development After Oil* to encourage politicians to address this important issue during the campaign. We produced brochures²⁴ and distributed them to the seminar participants and the public. We provided the results of LH research and questionnaires to the National Elections Commission (CNE) to be included in the political party debate. We organized a briefing for national journalists and another for groups representing people with disabilities.

We also briefed AVEOM (Australia East Timor Association in cooperation with Victoria University and the VU Alumni Association) international election observers.²⁵

We published a report²⁶ on our observations about the Parliamentary election to help strengthen the future electoral process. We created a web page on the 2023 Parliament Election²⁷ with comprehensive information on the election laws, process, and results.

In addition, we analyzed draft laws and policies relevant to the key issues discussed in this report, published our analyses and recommendations, and facilitated discussion among civil society groups and others, including on initial planning for the 2024 general state budget.

²⁰ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2023/231221Bulletin.pdf>

²¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/ParlElec/230504LHKeSTionariuPartiduPolitiku.pdf>

²² <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2023/04/seminariu-nasional-dezenvolvimentu.html>

²³ <https://www.youtube.com/live/8JzWFJcLpm4>

²⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/ParlElec/230411LHBroxuraEleisaun.pdf>

²⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/ParlElec/230519RightSustainElectionObserversEn.pdf>

²⁶ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/ParlElec/obs/230628LHRelatoriuObservasaunElPar2023-2028te.pdf>

²⁷ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/ParlElec/23ParlElec.htm>

We wrote a submission to the Australian Parliament on a proposed bilateral Status of (military) Forces agreement.²⁸ We also participated in the UADU (Unidade Assesoria Direitu Umanus) regular meetings to share updates about human rights issues, including violence perpetrated by government officials such as F-FDTL (military), PNTL (police) and civil security.

We regularly facilitate and/or participate in regular meetings of relevant civil society networks, to strengthen advocacy. We participated in PN-BESI.TL (Water and Sanitation Network) regular meetings to help them analyze the state budget. We Met with the Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Affairs, to convey the issue of water supply as a priority issue that must be prioritized in this government.

We considered the rights and experiences of marginalized groups including women and people with disabilities across our research and analysis. Our observers during parliament election process considered equity and benefits for more vulnerable communities. We also conducted a media briefing and discussions with national and international observers. During the voting process, most of our staff were accredited national observers in many different polling stations.

In addition, we regularly shared information through radio and television programs and interviews by local and international journalists, so that people who did not come to our events could be informed, as well as encouraging the public to ask political parties to focus on economic diversification, equity, and sustainability. There was also an important issue related to China's involvement in Timor-Leste, the aim to help people inside and outside TL understand that TL should not again be drawn into a global conflict, so La' o Hamutuk gave some briefings for the international media regarding our perspective.²⁹

When the military junta in Myanmar expelled Timor-Leste's diplomatic representative, we wrote an open letter supporting our government³⁰. We also wrote to the Ambassador of the U.K. to protest new visa requirements for Timor-Leste citizens.³¹

We joined the international campaign to support transparency advocate Gubad Ibadoghlu after Azerbaijan arrested him in July on trumped-up charges.

Agriculture, Land and Environment

When we discuss the urgency of economic diversification in Timor-Leste, we highlight the importance of agriculture as a productive sector which can supply domestic necessities and reduce the need for imports. We organized a public debate (Round Table) to invite representatives of the Government, National Parliament and academia to discuss good policies and opportunities, including the challenges that the government will face. There was a long discussion between the speakers and the participants, who asked how the government should commit to seriously invest in productive sectors.

We participated in Rede ba Rai (Land Rights Network) regular meetings to share information and encourage the Ministry of Justice to finalize the drafts of complementary land laws and resolve the land issue. Our work on land and environment overlapped with the research activities discussed in the above section on Oil and Gas. In addition to research activities into how public consultation and compensation are implemented and the community perspectives on the impacts of petroleum activities on their local environment, we organized public

²⁸ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/LHSubAustPNenquiry11Apr2023en.pdf>

²⁹ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/sep/28/playing-the-china-card-or-a-serious-regional-threat-timor-lestes-new-deal-with-beijing-australia>

³⁰ <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2023/09/congratulations-to-state-of-timor-leste.html>

³¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/230725LHLetterToUKEMbassy.pdf>

workshops in Suai and Same to discuss climate change (and its effects on agricultural production) and land rights.

We continued to monitor and research the potential, challenges, and risks of developing the blue economy in Timor-Leste. We were invited by UNDP in Timor-Leste to present civil society perspectives on the blue economy diversification, which we published in our blog³². We also continued to monitor the Cesta Bázika (“basics basket”) program which distributes food and other necessities to the population and was introduced by the Government in 2020 and extended in 2022 to try to address the economic impacts of the pandemic and lockdown. In 2023, we met with officials from the Secretary of State for Cooperatives and the Ministry of Tourism, Commerce, and Industry to better understand if and how the program will support local agricultural production, and to lobby for greater engagement of local producers.

We gave a briefing to AJTL (Asosiasaun Jornalista Timor-Leste/TL Journalist Association) staff about Agriculture and Economy Diversification and the proposed 2024 State Budget is linked to the Agriculture Sector on National Dialogue on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

We also continued to work to increase public awareness of climate change and climate justice. We consistently monitored activities of the government and other decision-makers, as well as information on their websites and consultations related to the draft law of climate change,³³ and are developing testimony to be submitted if the incoming government continues this legislative process. Climate justice means that wealthy nations which have caused most of the climate change should bear the greatest share of responsibility for the impacts experienced by people in developing countries. It is unfair for developing countries to face a dual crisis, firstly because of the direct impacts of climate change on people and the environment, and secondly from the economic burden of managing or responding to those impacts, which would widen and deepen global inequality.

Oil companies and fossil fuel-exporting countries need to be held accountable for the carbon emissions from the fuels they extract, which in Timor-Leste are greater than all emissions from within the country. Our previous observations have suggested that the Timorese people do not have access to adequate information about the causes and consequences of climate change, and this restricts their capacity to pursue just outcomes for themselves and their communities.

We continued to update our unofficial register of environmental licensing documents³⁴ and monitored implementation of environmental licensing, public consultation, and compensation in relation to major projects, especially through our ongoing research relating to onshore oil exploration in Suai. We also monitored the consultation process regarding airport development plans in local communities to ensure the appropriateness of compensation from the government, as well as ensuring feasibility with the surrounding environment. We also continued to monitor the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) program and Public-Private Partnerships.

³² <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2023/04/potensia-dezafiu-no-risku.html>

³³ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/Climate/2023/23ClimateChangeLaw.htm>

³⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/18EnvRegistry.htm>

Networking and Coalitions

La'ó Hamutuk participates in many national and international coalitions and networks, to strengthen our own work and to contribute to broader research and advocacy efforts. Networks in which we participate include:

National networks

- Rede ba Rai (Land Network)
- HASATIL (Sustainable Agriculture Network)
- Core Group on Transparency
- FONGTIL (Timor-Leste NGO Forum)
- Human Rights Defenders Network
- Rede Feto
- Advocacy Network for Education
- PN-BESI (Network for NGOs working on water and sanitation issues)
- Koligasaun Agrikultura (Agriculture Coalition)
- Advocacy Network for Health

International networks

- International Budget Partnership
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- International solidarity and human rights organizations, including ETAN
- Civicus
- Inclusive Development International (IDI)
- Timor-Leste Studies Association (TLSA)
- OilWatch (especially in Southeast Asia)
- Publish What You Pay (PWYP)

Organizational Report

Several staff members participated in trainings and language classes. One of La'ó Hamutuk's donors facilitated training on planning, cooperative advocacy, and graphic design.

As of the end of 2023, La'ó Hamutuk staff are: Celestino Gusmão, Charles Scheiner (part-time from New York), Elizaria Febe Gomes, Yonatan Gonsalves, Mariano Ferreira, Marta da Silva and Elizabeth da Silva. Our Finance Officer is Ricarda Martins, Assistant in Finance and Administration is Martinha Fernandes and Leticia Pereira is a new Assistant to support Finance and Administration, for a total of six women and four men. We also have three security employees and one cleaner. We recruited a new international research staff, who will start in the beginning of 2024.

Outputs of La'ó Hamutuk's Work in 2023

In our 2022 Annual Report, we identified new and quantifiable activities to be completed in 2023, as follows:

Target	Result
Write at least eight submissions or open letters to decision makers on key themes, including proposed legislation and policies such as the state budget and public finances, offshore and onshore petroleum activity, contracting and other issues.	Eleven submissions and open letters are listed in Appendix 4.
Follow the 2024 State budget process, including written and oral testimony to Parliament, briefings for MPs, the media and civil society in Dili and Municipalities.	We closely followed the 2023 and 2024 State Budget processes. ³⁵ We conducted briefings in Dili and 7 municipalities and held press conferences on the 2023 rectification and the proposed 2024 budgets.
Continue to monitor the revenues, investments and spending of the Petroleum Fund, and their implications for the sustainability of state finances.	We made updates to our webpage on the Petroleum Fund as the results of ongoing monitoring and analysis. ³⁶
Conduct three training sessions for civil society	We conducted three training sessions
Broadcast five Radio Igualdade programs	We broadcast five radio programs
Produce one edition each of our <i>Bulletin</i> and <i>Surat Popular</i>	We produced one edition of the <i>Bulletin</i> , and one edition of <i>Surat Popular</i>
Recruit one local researcher and one international researcher.	We recruited one new international researcher.

Plans for 2024

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

Our specific goals for 2024 are:

- Write at least eight submissions or open letters to decision makers on key issues, including proposed legislation and policies such as the state budget and public finances, offshore and onshore petroleum activity, contracting and other issues.
- Follow the 2025 State budget process, including written and oral testimony to Parliament, briefings for MPs, the media and civil society in Dili and Municipalities.
- Continue to monitor the revenues, investments and spending of the Petroleum Fund, and their implications for the sustainability of state finances.
- Conduct two training sessions for civil society.
- Broadcast six Radio Igualdade programs.
- Produce one edition each of our *Bulletin* and *Surat Popular*.
- Recruit two local researchers.

³⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OJE23/22OGE23.htm> and <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE24/23OGE24.htm>

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

Appendix 1. Financial Report

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

The organization has a flat wage structure; local and international staff received take-home salaries of \$886 per month from January to December 2023, plus the legally-mandated 13th month salary at the end of the year. According to Timor-Leste law, in addition to Wage Tax, 10% of pre-tax salaries must be paid into the government's social security program; the organization pays 6% and the employee pays 4%. International staff receives 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'ó Hamutuk. According to Timor-Leste's Labor Code, Timorese staff who have worked for more than one year are entitled to severance pay when they leave the organization. Staff members who must move to Dili to work at La'ó Hamutuk receive up to \$200/month toward house rental costs.

Our work in 2023 was supported by grants from Misereor/KZE, the Yayasan Humanis dan Inovasi Sosial in Jakarta (administered by Hivos), Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD) and The Asia Foundation (TAF). La'ó Hamutuk also earned money from the International Budget Partnership and OXFAM for services performed.

In order to ensure that everyone understands that La'ó Hamutuk is independent, we maintain our long-standing policy of not accepting contributions from institutions with a significant interest in Timor-Leste: the UN and its agencies, the World Bank, ADB, IMF, major multilateral and bilateral donors to Timor-Leste, the Timor-Leste government, and transnational corporations operating here.

Balance Sheet

This table indicates our total assets at the end of 2022 and 2023.

Calendar year	2023	2022
Cash and bank accounts at start of year	81,309	65,152
Receivables (salary and program advances)	20,655	22,844
Total assets at start of year	101,964	87,996
Income during year	181,303	187,373
Expenditure during year	173,661	173,405
Cash and bank accounts at end of year	90,711	81,309
Receivables at end of year	18,895	20,655
Total assets at end of year	109,606	101,964

Readjustment and severance

The following table includes future obligations that La'ó Hamutuk will have to pay in severance and readjustment when staff leave the organization. These depend on length of service and are required by law (for Timorese staff) and by La'ó Hamutuk policy (for internationals). At the end of each year, these accrued obligations were:

2023	2022
17,424	16,899

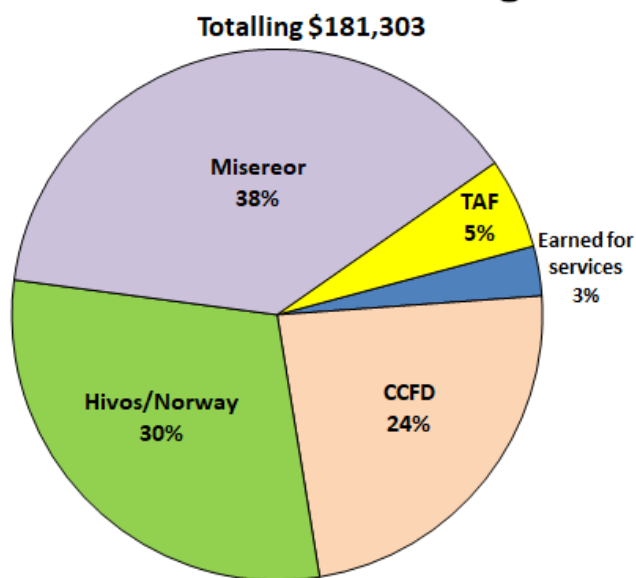
The following table shows the balances in our cash and bank accounts, according to our commitments to donors, not including receivables and liabilities.

	Cash and Bank Balances	General Support Donors	Misereor Project	LH Assets
Assets 31 Dec 2022	101,965	41,471	(24,231)	81,361
Income Jan- Dec 2023	181,303	106,427	69,228	5,647
Expenses Jan-Dec 2023	173,661	63,393	109,056	1,212
Assets 31 Dec 2023	109,606	84,763	(64,129)	83,977

Revenues

This table shows revenues received by La’o Hamutuk during 2023 from the Norwegian Embassy (through Yayasan Humanis and Inovasi Sosial), Comité Catholique Contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD), The Asia Foundation (TAF), Misereor/KZE and services performed by La’o Hamutuk, totaling \$181,303. We also received payments from the International Budget Partnership for our work on the Open Budget Survey.

Revenues received during 2023

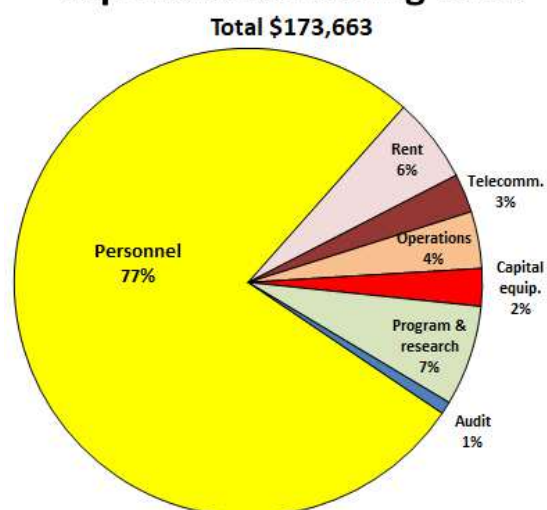


Source	Budget 2023	Actual received	Difference	Explanation
Norway/HIVOS grant	50,000	53,722	3,722	Support for August 2022- November 2023
CCFD grant	39,000	42,705	3,705	
The Asia Foundation grant	10,000	10,000	-	
Misereor project grant	110,000	69,228	-40,772	Some support for Oct- Dec 2023 not yet transferred
International Budget Partnership	8,500	4,995	-3,505	Some payments will be transferred in 2024.
Earned for services	4,500	500	-4,000	
Donations and sales	500	152	-348	
Total	222,500	181,303	-41,198	

Expenditures

During 2023 we spent \$173,663, of which \$64,606 was from general support funds and \$109,057 was for the Misereor/KZE-supported project. Personnel costs are the largest component of our expenses because the research, analysis and advocacy that form the core of our work rely on our human resources.

Expenditures during 2023



Category	2023 Budget	General activities	Misereor project	Actual	Difference	Explanation
I Non-recurrent expenditure						
IT Equipment	1,600	1,349	2,220	3,569	-1,969	Two laptops and four monitors
Office Maintenance and equipment	500	481	153	634	-134	Chairs, whiteboard, etc.
Office Furniture	350	7	300	307	43	
II Staff costs						
Personnel	168,885	48,063	82,529	130,592	38,293	New staff were not recruited as soon as planned.
Training for staff	3,000	1,610	1,710	3,320	-320	Training in English and other subjects
III Project activities						
<i>Bulletin & Surat Popular</i>	1,600	581	840	1,421	179	One issue of each
Public Meeting	5,979	2,991	4,413	7,404	-1,425	
Radio Program & Program on RTTL	1,680	856	1,489	2,345	-665	Five radio programs and two TV talk shows
Research, Advocacy & Networking	5,000	1,102	782	1,884	3,116	
Resource Center	1,000	259	607	866	134	
Publication & Short video program	300	-	-	-	300	
International Conferences	1,500	906	725	1,631	-131	Nonreimbursed expenses for conferences in Australia, Malaysia and Indonesia
To be Reimbursed	0	-3,498	-	-3,498		Travel expenses to trainings which will be reimbursed
IV Project administration						
Operations & Supplies	4,796	3,392	2,294	5,686	-890	
Office Rent	10,500	4,080	6,120	10,200	300	
Transportation	577	160	205	365	212	
Telephone and Internet	5,258	1,817	2,851	4,668	590	
Audit	7,500	-	1,500	1,500	6,000	Audit for two years of HIVOS support not yet finished
Miscellaneous	574	450	319	769	-195	
Monitoring & Evaluation	1,500	-	-	-	1,500	
Total	222,099	64,606	109,057	173,663	44,848	

Projected expenditures for 2024

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

Category	Misereor Project	Others	Total	Explanation
1. Non recurrent Expenditure				
IT Equipment	-	1,200	1,200	Purchase of two laptop computers
Office maintenance	300	250	550	
Office furniture	200	300	500	
SUB TOTAL	500	1,750	2,250	
2. Staff costs				
Program Staff (researchers) salaries	112,860	68,063	180,923	Hire two new assistant researchers
Training for staff (capacity building)	2,000	1,500	3,500	
SUB TOTAL	114,860	69,563	184,423	
3. Project Activities				
<i>Bulletin and Surat Popular</i>	1,008	592	1,600	Printing and distribution of <i>Bulletin and Surat Popular</i>
Public meetings	3,583	2,396	5,979	Space rental, publicity, refreshments.
Radio Programs	1,058	700	1,758	Production and fuel for community radio stations.
Research (Monitoring, Advocacy and Networking)	2,520	2,500	5,020	Travel and accommodation for field research in Timor-Leste
Resource center	200	700	900	Books, newspaper subscriptions, videos, and other materials
Short video production		1,200	1,200	Public education/advocacy video
Int'l conferences and events	750	750	1,500	Non-reimbursed costs to attend international conferences
SUB TOTAL	9,119	8,838	17,957	
4. Project Administration				
Operations & Supplies	2,750	2,250	5,000	Electricity, supplies, bank charges, photocopy, etc.
Office rent	6,615	3,885	10,500	
Transportation	325	213	538	Transport and motorcycle maintenance in Dili and nearby
Communication	3,313	1,945	5,258	Telephone, internet, and website
Auditor	3,000	3,000	6,000	Two audits for Misereor Project, one for general support and one for Hivos
Miscellaneous	362	212	574	
SUB TOTAL	16,365	11,505	27,870	
TOTAL	140,844	91,656	232,500	

Projected revenues to be received during 2024

During 2023, La'o Hamutuk received revenues on multi-year grant contracts that are allocated for expenditures during 2024, including \$10,000 from TAF.

Source	Amount	Explanation
CCFD	39,000	Part of three-year contract
KZE/Misereor	110,000	Part of three-year contract
Yayasan Humanis & Inovasi Sosial (Hivos)	60,000	Two-year proposal submitted
The Asia Foundation	10,000	
Payments for services performed	12,000	Payment for briefings and presentations
Sales, Interest & Donations	1,500	
TOTAL	232,500	

Appendix 2. Media Coverage

During 2023, La'o Hamutuk was quoted or cited in local and international media more than 115 times. Here's a partial list.

Date	Title	Medium	URL/Page	Comment
11, 13, 23 Jan	DEZENVOLVIMентU SUSTENTÁVEL: Ba Tatoli Kompreende Política Husi MCC iha Nasaun Terseiru Mundu: Estudu Kazu Kona-ba Nepal no Timor-Leste	Ba Tatoli	Three-part article. The last one is at https://tatoli.tl/2023/01/23/parte-iii-parte-ii-dezenvolvimentu-sustentavel-ba-kompreende-politika-husi-mcc-iha-nasaun-terseiru-mundu-estudu-kazu-kona-ba-nepal-no-timor-leste/	Many references to LH work
20 Jan	Maliana irrigation project construction dubious	RTTL.EP (live stream)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=He5aTzql0zc&t=1758	Interviewed Mariano
23 Jan	Sosiedade Sivil Nia Envolvimentu Iha Area Politika Fiskál no Diversifikasaun Ekonomia	RTTL.EP (live stream)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVgUB7X5stU	Interviewed Febe
23 Jan	Oxfam report on civil society	RTTL-TV Ita Nia Bainaka	https://www.youtube.com/live/xVgUB7X5stU	Febe panelist on discussion of Oxfam civil society report
06 Feb	Investimentu Fundu Petrolíferu	GMN-TV	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDT7z_2ald8?t=1231	Interviewed Celestino
08 Feb	Bayu Undan maran sei implika fator ha'at iha FP	Jornal Diáriu	Page 3	Interviewed Celestino
09 Feb	Reseita ba Fundu Petrolíferu	GMNTV Streaming	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbBMAkA4ksuk?t=824	Interviewed Celestino
27 Feb	Oinsá Estatutu Greater Sunrise Too Oras Ne'e	GMNTV Streaming	https://www.youtube.com/live/MynezBG9I3I?feature=share	Interviewed Celestino
28 Feb	Greater Sunrise and sustainability of the Petroleum Fund	GMN-TV Grande Entrevista	https://youtu.be/MynezBG9I3I?t=40	Celestino is panelist
02 Mar	Kompania Tenke Iha Seriedade Kaer Projetu	Timor Post	Page 11	Interviewed Marta
09 Mar	Portal de Transparencia do Orcamento completa mais de dois meses for a doar	J. Diario	Page 12	Interviewed Celestino
10 Mar	Governu Tenke Implementa Lei Protesaun ba Animal Protezidu	Independente	Page 6	Interviewed Mariano
10 Mar	LH: Ekonomikamente TL seidak bele kompete ho nasaun seluk	J. Diario	Page 6	Interviewed Febe
10 Mar	Sustentabilidade Fundu Petrolíferu	Tatoli-TV Hakat ba Uma Fukun	https://www.facebook.com/TATOLI.IP/videos/2440803929421421/?mibextid=NnVzG8	Celestino panelist on TV talk show
12 Mar	TL must spend its petroleum fund wisely before it runs out	Tatoli	https://en.tatoli.tl/2023/03/12/tl-must-spend-its-petroleum-fund-wisely-before-it-runs-out/20/	Based on Tatoli TV show
13 Mar	Lao Hamutuk vislumbre do fim do petroleo aconselha investimentos em setores produtivos	Tatoli	https://pt.tatoli.tl/2023/03/13/lao-hamutuk-vislumbre-do-fim-do-petroleo-aconselha-investimentos-em-setores-produtivos	Interviewed Celestino
22 Mar	La'o Hamutuk Avalia Sistema Produsaun Agrikola Husi MAP FAILA	RTTL.EP	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVAD-LHzvxl	Interviewed Mariano
03 Apr	Sistema EDTL Error, MTK mos fo sala Internet	Independente	Page 4	Interviewed Marta da Silva
03 Apr	Tinan 12 Ezistencia Jornal INDEPENDENTE, "Susesu Halo Ukun-nain Tuur La Hakmatek"	Independente	Pages 1&7	Interviewed Marta

Date	Title	Medium	URL/Page	Comment
4 Apr	TL Hakat ba Votasaun	Ko'alia Ba Ha'u online video	https://fb.watch/jHDaCgOazP/?mibextid=cr9u03	Interview with Febe about resource curse
14 Apr	La'ó Hamutuk: Governu Tenke Investe iha Setor Produtivu, La'ós Bola-Guling no Futu-Manu	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2023/04/14/lao-hamutuk-governu-tenke-investe-ihasetor-produtivu-laos-bola-guling-no-futu-manu/	Based on Marta's presentation
14 Apr	La'ó Hamutuk ho Oxfam organiza media briefing ba jornalista sira hodi hanoin kritiku ba problema nasionál	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2023/04/14/lao-hamutuk-ho-oxfam-organiza-media-briefing-ba-jornalista-sira-hodi-hanoin-kritiku-ba-problema-nasional/	About briefing given by LH
25 Apr	Dezenvolvimentu Alternativo Hafoin Mina	Timor Post TV (Bainaka Espesial)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZzpYslVV9s	Interview with Febe
25 Apr	Rendimentu Nasaun La Dependence De'it Petróleu	Timor Post Online	https://timorpost.com/ekonomia/tp-33818/rendimentu-nasaun-la-dependence-deit-petroleu/	Summary of Lully's presentation at seminar
25 Apr	La'ó Hamutuk realiza semináriu kona-ba alternativa dezenvolvimentu bainhira mina maran	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2023/04/25/lao-hamutuk-realiza-seminariu-kona-ba-alternativa-dezenvolvimentu-bainhira-mina-maran/	Coverage of LH National Seminar
25 Apr	Tinan Polítika: La'ó Hamutuk Organiza Diskusaun: Asuntu Sosiál, Fundu Petrolíferu no Ekonomia Alternativa	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2023/04/25/tinan-politika-lao-hamutuk-organiza-diskusaun-asuntu-sosial-fundu-petroliferu-no-ekonomia-alternativa/	Coverage of LH National Seminar, interviews Marta
25 Apr	ONG La'ó hamutuk identifika situasaun Timor-Leste Grave	GMN TV	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mU2zcuVSITU	Coverage of LH National Seminar, interviews Febe
26 Apr	Sosiedade Sivil husi partidu sira at labele bosok ba públiku durante kampaña	GMN TV news	https://youtu.be/Xqd77CW8Z8M?t=1436	Febe asks parties not to lie to the people
26 Apr	ONG La'ó hamutuk identifika situasaun Timor-Leste Gráve	GMN TV	https://youtu.be/8_RiyAGOt5w?t=788	Coverage of LH National Seminar, interviews Febe
3 May	Poténsia, dezafiu no risku dezenvolvimentu Ekonomia Azul iha Timor-Leste	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2023/05/03/ekonomia-azul/	Article by Mariano
3 May	Poténsia, dezafiu no risku dezenvolvimentu Ekonomia Azul iha Timor-Leste	G-RTV News	https://g-rtv.com/blog/potensia-dezafiu-no-risku-dezenvolvimentu-ekonomia-azul-ihatormor-leste/4367/notisia/	Article by Mariano
05 May	Potensia, Dezafiu no Risku Dezenvolvimentu Ekonomia Azul iha Timor-Leste	Timor Post	Page 7	Article by Mariano
05 May	Potensia, Dezafiu no Risku Dezenvolvimentu Ekonomia Azul iha Timor-Leste	Independente	Page 8	Article by Mariano
05 May	Alternativa Dezenvolvimentu Hafoin Mina Ho Objektivu	RTTL.EP - ITA NIA BAINAKA	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JzWFJclpm4	Panel discussion organized by LH
05 May	LH hatete Governu foun tenke iha estratéjia di'ak	GMN TV Jornal Nacional	https://youtu.be/pQNX3Y-mdWU?t=22	Interviews Marta
11 May	Sosiedade Sivil sujere atu halo estudo kle'an kona-ba TL halo moeda rasik	GMNTV Streaming	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjkOaChUsoI?t=828	Interviewed Mariano
15 May	Governu foun presiza estratéjia di'ak hodi halo dezenvolvimentu ne'ebé sustentavel ba povu	Jornal Nacional	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQNX3Y-mdWU	Interviewed Marta

Date	Title	Medium	URL/Page	Comment
16 May	Appreciation of Medal for Bernard Collaery	RTTL.EP - Gazeta Às 24	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CS4xXrjGSp0&t=1367s	Interviewed Celestino
18 May	Advogadu Australia Bernard Collaery Sei Simu Kondekorasaun	Independente	Page 3	Quotes Celestino
18 May	Foto Atual: Bernard Collaery iha ona Timor-Leste	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2023/05/18/foto-atual-bernard-collaery-ih-a-ona-timor-leste/#jp-carousel-277732	Photo of Celestino named as MKOTT spokesperson
18 May	Timor-Leste welcomes Bernard Collaery	Tatoli	https://en.tatoli.tl/2023/05/18/tl-welcomes-bernard-collaery-in-dili/13/	Quotes Celestino as MKOTT spokesperson
19 May	'We've lost 20 years': The future of Asia's youngest nation hinges on a multibillion-dollar payday	Sydney Morning Herald and others	https://www.watoday.com.au/world/asia/we-ve-lost-20-years-the-future-of-asia-s-youngest-nation-hinges-on-a-67-billion-payday-20230504-p5d5qe.html	Quotes Marta on Sunrise
26 May	Gas decisions loom for Timor-Leste after election	Green Left	https://www.greenleft.org.au/content/gas-decisions-loom-timor-leste-after-election	Cites LH on importance of Petroleum Fund
28 May	Oinsá preparasaun Timor-Leste atu tama iha ASEAN?	Jornal Nacional	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhN5VtXwKnl?t=1033	Interviewed Mariano
30 May	Sosiedade Sivil konsidera Ministériu Justisa laiha kapasidade atu resolve problema pasaporte ba pasiente ba rai li'ur atu hetan tratamentu	GMN TV Jornal Nacional	https://youtu.be/PvDLBk_q700?t=1864	Interviews Marta about passports
31 May	LH Husu Governu Foun Dezenvolve Prizaun Sira Ho Di'ak	Independente	Page 3	Interviewed Marta
31 May	LH: MJ Inkapasidade Rezolve Kaderneta Pasaporte	Independente	Page 5	Interviewed Marta
31 May	Ekonomia TL sei hadasak	Jornal Nacional	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMUgngEK8UY?t=1508	Interviewed Febe
31 May	ONG La'ó Hamutuk husu Governu foun atu halo esforsu dada pipeline ba TL	Jornal Nacional	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMUgngEK8UY?t=1731	Interviewed Celestino
31 May	Política Nacional dos Oceanos de Timor-Leste	Gov't Res. 27/2023	https://www.mj.gov.tl/jornal/public/docs/2023/serie_1/SERIE%20I%20N.%2020%20SUPLEMENTO%20I.pdf	Cites LH information
04 Jun	Númeru importasaun sa'e maka'as tanba setór produtivu abandonadu	Jornal Nacional	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7soy10ySXg	Interviewed Mariano
05 Jun	Podcast Hamutuk Ho Celestino Gusmao Hanesan Koordinadór LH	STL Podcast Episode 28	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OcTz26PrTKg	Interviewed Celestino
7 Jun	Censo de 2022: Problemas estruturais crescem com aumento da população, mas políticas públicas continuam estagnadas	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/censo-de-2022-problemas-estruturais-crescem-com-aumento-da-populacao-mas-politicas-publicas-continuum-estagnadas/	Quotes Celestino
09 Jun	Investir no setor agrícola pode ser o caminho para resolver problemas estruturais de Timor-Leste	GMN	Page 12	Interviewed Celestino
09 Jun	Governu Foun Tenke Aprova Estatutu Guarda Prizional	Independente	2	Interviewed Marta
12 Jun	Oinsá Korrupsaun destroi Ambiente: Komprende Estudu Kazu kona-ba Korrupsaun Verde	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2023/06/12/oinsa-korrupsaun-destroi-ambiente-komprende-estudu-kazu-kona-ba-korrupsaun-verde/	Cites LH information twice
27 Jun	In Timor-Leste, China chips away at Australian influence	The China Project	https://thechinaproject.com/2023/06/27/in-timor-leste-china-chips-away-at-australian-influence/	Cites LH information
27 Jun	LH husu MAKE Prepara Relatoriu Programa Sesta Basika Ba Governu Foun	Independente	Page 4	Interviewed Mariano

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27 Jun	Ezekusaun OJE Porsentu Ki'ik di'ak Liu	Timor Post	Page 9	Interviewed Celestino
01 Jul	Video atuál: Serimónia toma pose Primeiru-ministru no membru governu ba da-IX	ANTIL TATOLI, I.P.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdmFk4WoTQ&t=1020s	Febe is commentator during swearing in new Government
01 Jul	Civil Society organization requests the new govt to invest in potential sectors	Tatoli	https://en.tatoli.tl/2023/07/01/civil-society-organization-requests-the-new-govt-to-more-invest-in-potential-sectors/18/	Interviewed Febe
05 Jul	La'o Hamutuk Haruka Karta Aberta Bá Parlamentu Nasionál	Hatutan.com	https://www.hatutan.com/2023/07/05/la-o-hamutuk-haruka-karta-aberta-ba-parlamentu-nasional/	Open letter from La'o Hamutuk
06 Jul	Open Letter from La'o Hamutuk to Member of Parliament VI Legislature	GMN-TV	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDT7z_2ald8?t=1231	Interviewed Celestino
06 Jul	La'o Hamutuk sujere Governu dezeña planeamentu polítiku aliserse ekonómiku diversifikadu	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2023/07/06/lao-hamutuk-sujere-governu-dezena-planeamentu-politiku-aliserse-ekonomiku-diversifikadu/	Interview with Celestino
14 Jul	LH Husu Governu Avalia Kustu Benefisiariu	Suara Timor Lorosa'e	https://stlnews.co/nasional/lh-husu-governu-avalia-kustu-benefisiariu/	Interview with Celestino; report on LH letter to Government
14 Jul	La'o Hamutuk rekomenda ba IX Governu re-avalía projetu Tasi Mane	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2023/07/14/lao-hamutuk-rekomenda-ba-ix-governu-re-avalia-projetu-tasi-mane/	Interview with Celestino; report on LH letter to Government
01 Aug	Sosiedade civil prefere governu prioriza setor saúde no infraestrutura	RTTL.EP (Live Stream)	https://youtu.be/USPojD-3_Tk?t=2040	Interviewed Celestino
04 Aug	Konkorda Redus OR (Semana Oin Lori ba PN)	Timor Post	Pages 1 & 11	Interviewed Celestino
04 Aug	Timor-Leste Labele Impoin Nasaun Produtor	Timor Post	Page 5	Interviewed Celestino
14 Aug	Sukat Kapasidade ba Ezekusaun OR	Timor Post	Pages 1 & 11	Interviewed Marta
18 Aug	Karta Aberta La'o Hamutuk ba Komisaun C no Parlamentu Nasionál kona-ba Proposta Orsamentu Jerál Estadu Retifikativu 2023 -	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2023/08/18/karta-aberta-lao-hamutuk-ba-komisaun-c-no-parlamentu-nasional-kona-ba-proposta-orsamentu-jeral-estadu-retifikativu-2023/	Reprints LH open letter to PN
18 Aug	LH Apresia, Governu Hamenus Despeza Empréstimu Tokon \$.74 ba Tokon \$.35	Media Mudansa	https://www.mediamudansa.com/lh-apresia-governu-hamenu-despeza-emprestimu-tokon-74-ba-tokon-35/	Summarizes LH open letter to PN
18 Aug	La'o Hamutuk haruka karta ida ba PN kona-ba OJE retifikativu	GNews	https://g-rtv.com/blog/lao-hamutuk-haruka-karta-ida-ba-pn-kona-ba-oje-retifikativu/4796/hano-in-lisuk/	Reprints LH open letter to PN
18 Aug	La'o Hamutuk Preokupa Ho Komitmentu Governu Kona ba Transparénsia, Akuntabilidade no Partisipasaun Públiku	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2023/08/18/lao-hamutuk-preokupa-ho-komitmentu-governu-kona-ba-transparensia-akuntabilidade-no-partisipasaun-publiku/	Summarizes LH open letter to PN
19 Aug	Orsamentu Tenki Lori Sustentabilidade Ba Povu	STL online	https://stlnews.co/nasional/orsamentu-tenki-lori-sustentabilidade-ba-povu/	Interviews Celestino
24 Aug	Dezafiu no Oportunidade ba IX Governu Konstituisiónál	GMN Diskusaun Meza Redonda	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXgFnE-92LE&t=1s	Marta and Febe are guests
26 Aug	Ezekuta Orsamentu Tenke Bazeia ba Programa	Timor Post	Pages 1 & 7	Interviewed Marta
28 Aug	Rezultadu Investimentu Laiha Balansu	Timor Post	Pages 1 & 11	Interviewed Celestino

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07 Sep	The Civil Society coalition asked Ramos-Horta to pay serious attention to the main issue 7	Hatutan.com	https://www.hatutan.com/2023/09/07/ko-ligasaun-sosiedade-sivil-husu-ramos-horta-tau-atensaun-seriu-ba-asuntu-prinsipal-7/	The Civil Society coalition including La'ó Hamutuk
08 Sep	Civil society asks Horta to pay attention to inclusive development in Timor-Leste.	Independente	Page 6, in Tetum (Sosiedade Sivil Husu Horta fo Atensaun ba Dezenvolvimento Inkluzivu iha Timor-Leste)	The Civil Society coalition including La'ó Hamutuk
12 Sep	Execution of the State Budget	RTTL Gazeta As 7	https://fb.watch/m-YoCMwVMq/?mibextid=2Rb1fb (29 minutes in)	Interviewed Celestino
12 Sep	La'ó Hamutuk konsidera TL sei difikuldade bainhira adere ba OMK iha tinan oin	RTTL.EP - (LIVE STREAM)	https://youtu.be/eREN4lhjvM?t=1385	Interviewed Celestino
21 Sep	Sasan Folin Sae, oinsá Timor-Leste Responde?	GMNTV - Grande Entrevista	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnAQPYxCKDw	Celestino was the Panelist
22 Sep	Lejizlasaun, programa no OJE Inkluzivu ba Direitu Ema no Defisiénsia	GMNTV - Debate Especial	https://www.youtube.com/live/Cm0msRRuG4?si=8FP_PgFshK34t9JF	Moderator Febe
28 Sep	'Playing the China card' or a serious regional threat? Timor-Leste's new deal with Beijing	The Guardian	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/sep/28/playing-the-china-card-or-a-serious-regional-threat-timor-lestes-new-deal-with-beijing-australia	Interviewed Charlie
28 Sep	Seminar on Local Content in the oil and gas industry	GMNTV livestream	https://www.youtube.com/live/NyJ6QUX8G3g?feature=shared	Moderator Febe
Sep	Corruption and the Resource Curse: The Case of Timor-Leste	Chapter in "Theory and Practice of Illegitimate Finance"	https://www.igi-global.com/chapter/corruption-and-the-resource-curse/330636	Credits LH's "extensive collection of documents related to the [Boye] case" as primary source
04 Oct	Politika Sosa Hare Kulit Hanesan Fahe Oportunidade ba Malu	Independente	Page 6	Interviewed Marta
05 Oct	Hakarak Dezenvolidu tenki Investe Makaas ba Rekursu Umanu	Independente	Page 6	Interviewed Marta
06 Oct	LH konsidera Ezekusaun OR la Hatudu Mudansa Ekonomia iha Rai Laran	Independente	Page 6	Interviewed Celestino
06 Oct	People-Centred Sustainable Development: Leaving No One Behind (Report)	Timor-Leste VNR-2	https://hlpf.un.org/sites/default/files/vnrs/2023/VNR%202023%20Timor%20Leste%20Report_0.pdf	Interviewed Marta (Pages 190-192)
09 Oct	Orçamento calculado para 2024 continua a prever pouco investimento para educação e saúde	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/orcamento-calculado-para-2024-continua-a-prever-pouco-investimento-para-educacao-e-saude/	Quotes Celestino on budget debate timing
20 Oct	LH : Pemerintah harus pastikan keseimbangan pengeluaran dan pendapatan negara	Tatoli	https://id.tatoli.tl/2023/10/20/lh-pemerintah-harus-pastikan-keseimbangan-pengeluaran-dan-pendapatan-negara/	Interviewed Febe
16 Nov	Abílio Araújo: O esgotamento do Fundo Petrolífero e o novo riquismo ameaçam o futuro de Timor-Leste	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/abilio-araujo-o-esgotamento-do-fundo-petrolifero-e-o-novo-riquisimo-ameacam-o-futuro-de-timor-leste/	Interviewer uses unemployment data from LH
16 Nov	Produsaun Ai-han iha rai laran nudár dalan di'ak ba Soberania alimentár	RTTL.EP	https://youtube.com/live/hSH7KKEkWCQ?si=XhQOedPWPrW9HuO6	Interviewed Mariano
30 Nov	La'ó hamutuk ho UNDIL husu governu atu halo redusaun OJE tinan 2024 no prioritiza setór vital sira	RTTL.EP	https://www.youtube.com?v=RxC2gLvotI	Interviewed Celestino

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Nov	Timor-Leste's Economic Diversification: Challenges and the Way Forward	E-paper by Heinrich Boll Stiftung	https://th.boell.org/en/2023/11/29/power-and-potential-timor-lestes-youth-economic-diversification	Includes paper by Marta and Febe
01 Dec	LH Rekomenda ba Governo atu komesa loke investimentu iha area produtivu sira hodi nune'e TL labela depende de'it ba Fundu Petrolíferu	RTTL.EP	https://www.youtube.com/live/HXxUdabcqgs?si=q8VwdvxuiCrZ1wf	Interviewed Yonatan
04 Dec	Sosiedade Sivil Preokupa Fundu Petrolíferu sei hotu iha tinan sanulu nia laran, ne'ebé sei hamate futuru povu no nasau	RTTL.EP	https://www.youtube.com/live/Xy08GKtj3dM?si=SEMIRGxBkm8BFde	Interviewed Celestino
08 Dec	Kapital Dezenvolvimentu Agrikultura 6 Milloens de'it, LH: Governo Nunka tau prioridade Investe ba Setor Agrikultura	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2023/12/08/kapital-dezenvolvimentu-agrikultura-6-milloens-deit-lao-hamutuk-governo-nunka-tau-prioridade-investe-ba-setor-agrikultura/	Interviewed Mariano
08 Dec	Sujere ba Governo atu konsentra projetu iha fatin ida de'it, hodi asegura rai bokur sira, no evita risku ambiental	RTTL.EP	https://www.youtube.com/live/ILztDkI0c?si=Z0d3q9gfaw91PAhU	Interviewed Yonatan
09 Dec	Despeza Kada Setór Importante ho Total Porsentu 19	Timor Post	https://timorpost.com/jeral-tl/tp-45450/despeza-kada-setor-importante-ho-total-porsentu-19/	Reports on LH submission
09 Dec	Kona-ba OJE 2024, Lao Hamutuk: Governu labele mehi fantazia	G-News	https://g-rtv.com/blog/kona-ba-oje-2024-lao-hamutuk-governu-labele-mehi-fantazia/5610/informasaun-aktual/	Reports on LH submission
11 Dec	Tama ba ASEAN sei lori risku ba TL bainhira la prepara ekonomia no setór importante sira	GMN-TV Jornal Nacional	https://youtu.be/k7yiGu8mp5M?t=430	Interviews Celestino about proposed 2024 budget
11 Dec	Hapara Bolsa da Mãe, Hasae Númeru Ma-Nutrisaun	STLNews	https://stlnews.co/nasional/hapara-bolsa-da-mae-hasae-numeru-ma-nutrisaun/	Interviewed Mariano
11 Dec	LH preokupa Governu la prioritiza setór produtivu iha OJE 2024	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2023/12/11/lao-hamutuk-preokupa-governu-la-prioritiza-setor-produtivu-ih-oje-2024/	Interviewed Febe
11 Dec	FOTO ATUAL: Konferensia imprensa La'ó Hamutuk kona-ba OJE 2024	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2023/12/11/foto-aktual-konferensia-imprensa-lao-hamutuk-kona-ba-oje-2024/	Reports on LH submission and press conference
11 Dec	Governu Seidauk Prioritiza Setór Produtivu iha OJE 2024, Fundu Petrolíferu Sei Hotu Lalais ho Nivel Levantamentu Atual	Hatutan.com	https://www.hatutan.com/2023/12/11/governu-seidauk-prioritiza-seitor-produtivu-ih-oje-2024-fundu-petroliferu-sei-hotu-lalais-ho-nivel-levantamentu-aktual/	Press Conference, Interviewed Febe
12 Dec	Submisau ba Komisaun C no Deputadu/a hotu iha Parlamentu Nasional kona ba Proposta Orsamentu Estadu 2024	Timor Post	Page 9	LH Submission Letter to Members of Parliament
12 Dec	LH Husu Governu Tau Prioridade ba Setor Produtiva Sira	Independente	Page 2	Interviewed Mariano
12 Dec	LH Submete Analiza Kritiku Proposta OJE 2024 ba PN	Independente	Page 6	Interviewed Febe
12 Dec	La'ó Hamutuk Husu Media Ativa Investiga Kazu Ro Haksolok	Independente	Page 11	Interviewed Febe
12 Dec	Governu aloka OJE 2024 ba setor esensial pursentu ki'ik	GMN	https://www.youtube.com/live/sy5blmv-sA?si=ND8XtPhNPCziikK3	Interviewed Celestino
12 Dec	Ohin Debate OJE 2024/ LH Rekomenda Setor 4 Hetan Alokaun 15%	Timor Post	Pages 1 & 11	Interviewed Febe
12 Dec	LH Submete Analiza Kritiku Proposta OJE 2024 ba PN	RTTL.EP	https://www.youtube.com/live/nLKTAA6ePcA?si=Ci0nltszMOELSD5L	LH Press Release

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20 Dec	Reseitas no despesas Proposta OJE 2024	TVE	https://www.facebook.com/100063538119637/videos/894211982348750/?mibextid=eivXOw	Interviewed Celestino
28 Dec	LH Husu MAPPF Seriu Hadia Irrigasaun no Kanaliza Bee iha Suku-Aldeia	Independente	Page 5	Interviewed Mariano

Appendix 3. Presentations

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

Date	Topic	Event	Speaker
Jan	Feto nia direitu ba rai no asesu ba prosesu rejistrasaun rai	Training for public, organized by Oxfam and Tahan, Dili	Mariano
Feb	Rights and Sustainability	Presented to Australian Volunteers International (AVI) in Dili	Elizabeth, Marta
Mar	Ekonomia Azul (Blue Economy)	Round Table Discussion on Entrepreneurship as a Driver for Blue Economy organized by MTCL, Dili	Mariano
Mar	Timor-Leste Presiza Foti Desizaun ba Ekonomia Sustentavel	Conference UNTL: Um Timor-Leste sem Petróleo: Como ser Sustentável, Hera	Elizaria
Mar	Dependénsia ba Fundu Petróleo no Alternativa	Public meeting with community in municipalities (Laclo-Manatuto Bagaia-Baucau, Ermera, and Aileu)	Yonatan, Marta, Elizabeth, Celestino, Mariano, Martinha
April	Dezenvolvimentu Alternativa Hafoin Mina - Programa Televizaun RTTL kona-ba tópiku hanesan.	National Seminar with public in Dili	Febe
April	Media briefing about the Social issues and Problems before 2023 Parliamentary Election.	Presented to National Journalists and Timor-Leste Disability Association (ADTL)	Marta, Febe
May	Key issues for the new government to address	International election observer delegations	Marta, Febe
May	Observer briefing about the social issues and problems before 2023 Parliamentary Election	Presented to AVEOM (Australia East Timor Association and Victoria University Election Observer Mission)	Marta, Mariano, Elizabeth
May	TV talk show “Dezenvolvimentu Alternativa Hafoin Mina”	Live talk show on RTTL. Presented by Prezidente AEMTL, academics and LH	Yonatan, Marta
July	Prevent Timor-Leste from falling over a Fiscal Cliff	Presented to TLSA in Dili	Marta
July	Between the hope and reality for oil drilling in Covalima (Feto Kamau's and Liurai Wells)	Presented to TLSA in Dili	Yonathan
Sep	Chinese involvement in Timor-Leste: Myths and facts	Updated version of earlier presentation for Misereor Partners	Febe, Charles
Oct	Timor-Leste in the Open Budget Survey	Public Expenditure Management Network in Asia (PEMNA) meeting in Dili	Marta, Febe
Dec	Rights and Sustainability in Timor-Leste's Development	Many groups and visitors. Updated regularly	Marta, Elizabeth
Dec	Agriculture and Economy Diversification	Media briefing organized by AJTL and Oxfam	Mariano
Dec	The proposed 2024 State Budget for the Agriculture Sector	National Dialogue on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights organized by Association HAK	Mariano

Appendix 4. Submissions and Open Letters

Date	Topic	Detail	Link
Apr	Proposed Status of Forces agreement	Submission to the Australian Parliament regarding the Australia-RDTL Agreement on Defence Cooperation and the Status of Visiting Forces	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/LHSubAustPNenquiry11Apr2023en.pdf
June	Proposed Darwin Pipeline Duplication Project for Barossa-Bayu-Undan	Submission to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Project/Bayu/CCS/230628Lao%20Hamutuk%20submission%20to%20NTEPA%20on%20Darwin%20Pipeline%20Duplication%20Project.pdf
June	Election observation report	Report to National Elections Commission on the 2023 Parliamentary election	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/ParlElec/obs/230628LHRelatoriuObservasaunElPar2023-2028te.pdf
July	Congratulations on your new mandate	Letter to Members of National Parliament 2023-2028	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/ParlElec/results/230704LHKartaPNounTe.pdf
July	Congratulations on your new mandate	Letter to Prime Minister and IX Constitutional Government	https://laohamutuk.org/misc/gov9/230713LHKartaXanana.pdf
July	New visa requirement for Timor-Leste citizens to visit the United Kingdom	Letter to Foreign and Security Policy Political Counsellor, U.K Embassy in Jakarta	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/230725LHLetterToUKEmbassy.pdf
Aug	The Proposed 2023 Rectification Budget	Open letter to Committee C and Members of National Parliament	https://laohamutuk.org/econ/OJE23/OR/230817LHKartaPNsobreOR23.pdf
Aug	TL's position defending the rights of the people of Burma	Open Letter to Prime Minister	https://laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/230831LHKartaMianmarEn.pdf
Oct	Programs and priorities of the Ministry of Agriculture	Open Letter to Minister of Agriculture	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/2023/231006Karta%20aberta%20ba%20Ministru%20AgrikulturaTe.pdf
Nov	Possible election of former General and war criminal Prabowo Subianto as President of Indonesia	Open Letter (with ANTI)	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2023/231106ANTIPrabowoEn.pdf
Dec	The proposed 2024 State Budget	Submission to Members of Parliament	https://laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE24/231207LH_Submisaun_ba_Komisaun_CN_OJE_2024te.pdf

Appendix 5. Radio Programs

Recordings of all radio programs produced by La'ó Hamutuk are accessible on our website at <https://www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm>. The following were produced in 2023; all are in Tetum.

Month	Program Title	Guests
May	The 2023 Elections, the citizens' voice, hope and recommendations to the new Parliament and Government	Joao Cardoso (Peskizadór independente), Maria Domingas da Costa Oliveira (Funionariu saude, Manatuto), Silvia Antonia da Costa Soares (Raes Hadomi Timor Oan), Jasinta Lujinha Conseicao (Regras, Movimentu Feto Foin Sa'e), Elizabeth da Silva (LH)
July	How civil society and some entities view ASEAN	Levi Vasconselhos (Reprezentante Juventude Kristaun Timor-Leste), Veronica Bessi Tilman (Program Manager Asosiasaun Defisiénsia Timor-Leste), Manuel Verdial (Mestre no Diretor Sesante, Eskola Sekundáriu Públiku 5 de Maio, Becora – Dili), Mariano Ferreira (LH)
Aug	Hope for the new Government and its program over the next five years.	Valentin Ximenes (Akademiku Universidade Nasional Timor-Lorosae), Maria Fatima Pereira Guterres (Diretora FOKUPERS), Elizaria Febe Gomes (LH)
Nov	Fiscal Sustainability	Pedro Ximenes, (Rector, Institute of Business - IOB), Elizaria Febe Gomes (LH)
Dec	The progress of human rights during the last 20 years, namely through the Economic Social and Cultural Convention (ECOSOC)	Virgilio da Silva Guterres "Lamukan" (Provedor dos Direitus Umanus e Justisa), Judit Dias Ximenes (Asesóra Gabinete Asuntu Relasionadu, Kestoens no Polítika Jéneru iha UNTL), Marta da Silva (LH)

Appendix 6. Blog Articles

Blog articles published during 2023 are listed below; the ones in English are also in Tetum. A list of posts and updates to our website is at www.laohamutuk.org/updates.htm.

Date	Topic	Link
April	The potential, challenges and risks of developing the blue economy in Timor-Leste	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2023/04/potensia-dezafiu-no-risku.html
April	Semináriu Nasional: Desenvolvimentu Alternativa Hafoin Mina	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2023/04/seminariu-nasional-dezenvolvimentu.html
Aug	Sa política ida dí'ak no oportunidade inklui mós dezafiu sira ne'ebé IX Governu sei hasoru	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2023/08/sa-politika-ida-diak-no-oportunidade.html
Sep	Congratulations to the State of Timor-Leste for defending the people of Burma	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2023/09/congratulations-to-state-of-timor-leste.html
Oct	Timor-Leste Preparadu Integra ba ASEAN?	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2023/10/timor-leste-preparadu-integra-ba-asean.html
Dec	Government should be realistic and invest in sustainable sectors, not continue to fantasize	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2023/12/government-should-be-realistic-and.html

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

Staff

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



Martinha Fernandes

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



Mariano Ferreira

Mariano studied economic management at the University Negeri Jember in Indonesia. Born in Dili, Mariano speaks Tetum, Indonesian and English. Since 2003, Mariano was on the Board of Hasatil and worked at the HAK Association, focusing on fisherfolk and researching agriculture. Mariano joined La'ó Hamutuk in 2009, where he works on agriculture, land rights and justice, and serves on the personnel team.



Elizaria Febe Gomes

Febe was born in Dili. She graduated from the Institute of Technology Sepuluh Nopember-Surabaya in 2017 with a Bachelor's in Urban and Regional Planning. She started working with La'ó Hamutuk in 2018 on state finance and economics. She speaks Tetum, Portuguese, English, and Bahasa Indonesia, and serves on the personnel team.



Yonatan Gonsalves

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



Celestino Gusmão Pereira

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



Ricarda Martins

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



Charles Scheiner

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



Elizabeth da Silva

Elizabeth was born in Dili and studied Petroleum Engineering at University Proklamasi 45 Yogyakarta. She has worked with NGOI-Italy from 2001-2002, *Talitakum* Magazine in 2002, Secretary State of Natural Resources and National Petroleum and Minerals Authority from 2007 to 2017, and then joined La'ó Hamutuk in August 2022 as Researcher for Natural Resources and Economy issues.



Advisory Board

Selma Hayati

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

Inês Noronha Martins

Inês was studying economics at the University of Timor Leste before the Indonesian military destroyed it in September 1999. Born in Bobonaro, Inês joined La'ó Hamutuk staff in 2000, where she worked on agriculture and land rights and coordinated our personnel team. Fifteen years later, she left La'ó Hamutuk to manage Oxfam's new land rights project, and joined our Board in 2017.

Pamela Sexton

From the USA, Pamela has extensive experience in Indonesia and Timor-Leste. In 1999, she was U.S. coordinator for the IFET Observer Project. Pam helped set up La'ó Hamutuk and served on our staff from 2000-2002, focusing on popular education, gender, and international exchanges. When Pam returned to California, she became a member of our board, returning to Timor-Leste in 2009 (working in the Ministry of Social Solidarity). Pam has lived in Timor-Leste since 2012 and works in the Ministry of Education on curriculum development. She cooperates closely with La'ó Hamutuk on capacity development and other issues.

Oscar da Silva

Oscar was born in Uatu-karbau, Viqueque District, is Third Vice Dean within the Faculty of Agriculture at the National University of Timor-Leste. He previously worked for Association HAK and HASATIL. He designed the Community Development Concept Plan and Community Action Plan which were implemented in Laclo Manatuto District), Laulara (Aileu District) and Ataúro (Dili District). Oscar holds a Masters degree in agriculture from the University of Portu.

Santina Soares

Santi was born in Beaçu, Viqueque district. She graduated from the Social Welfare University in Bandung. On returning to Timor-Leste in 2002, she volunteered at the Denore Foundation and worked at the Peace and Democracy Foundation. She was on La'ó 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 the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand and now works as a Program Officer for Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Responsive Budgeting at UN Women.

Andrew de Sousa

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

Maxi Tahu

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