

Mid-Year Report La'ó Hamutuk January-June 2025

La'ó 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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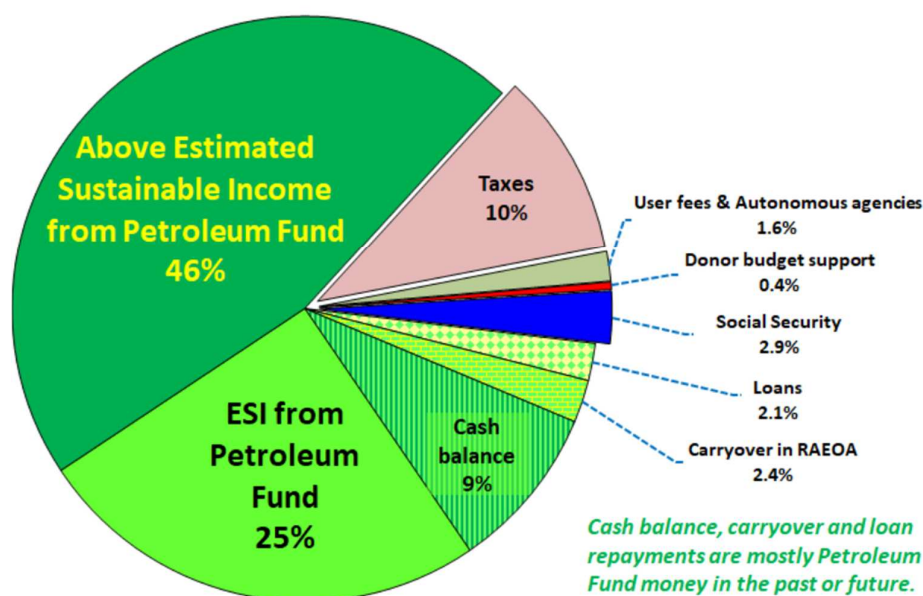
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Mission and Situational Context

La'o Hamutuk ("Walking Together" in English) is an independent Timor-Leste non-governmental 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 the decision makers in Government, Parliament, and international agencies to advocate for more equitable, sustainable, and people-focused policies.

From January to June 2025, the government operated under the 2025 state budget promulgated by President Ramos-Horta, with a final budget of \$2.2 billion (excluding Social Security internal transfers). The pie chart below shows that withdrawals from the Petroleum Fund continue to be the main source of money for the national budget. This year, they will pay for about 83% of state expenditures.

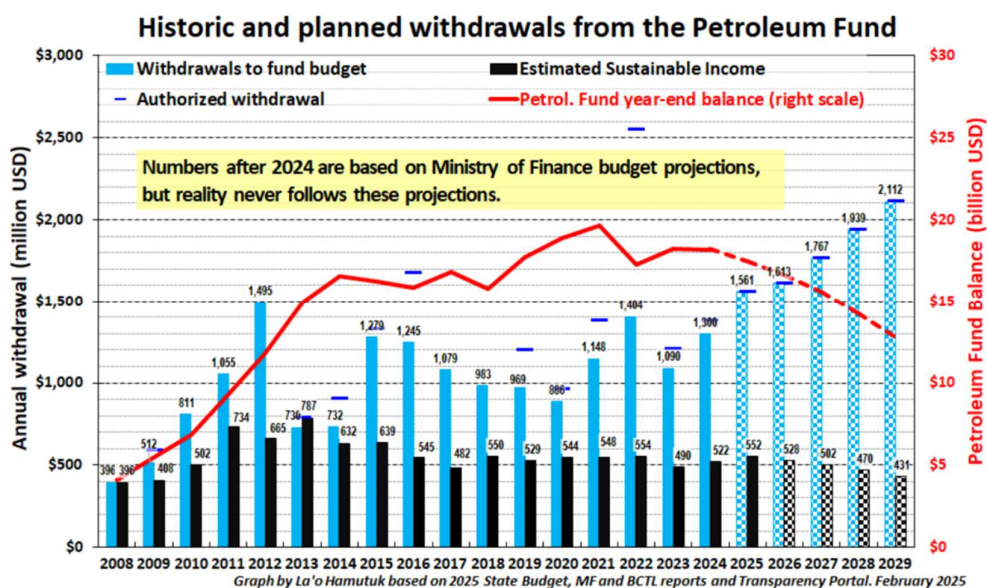
Revenues in enacted 2025 State Budget \$2.2 billion total (excluding Soc.Sec. internal transfers) 83% is from the Petroleum Fund in the past, present or future.



Graph by La'o Hamutuk based on the State Budget for 2025. February 2025

The Petroleum Fund held \$18.74 billion at the end of June. Meanwhile, income from oil and gas production has ended. On June 4, 2025 Santos shut down production from the depleted Bayu-Undan field in the Timor Sea because the field is no longer commercially viable. However, the Timor-Leste government, through the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, continues to claim that gas may still be extracted from the Bayu-Undan field to generate revenue for the state.

Now, the value of the Petroleum Fund fluctuates with the stocks and bonds it is invested in. With withdrawals exceeding revenues, a fiscal cliff is imminent within a decade, especially if the government fails to invest in productive sectors that can sustain Timor-Leste's economy into the future. The following graph shows the planned continuing escalation of Petroleum Fund withdrawals even as the Fund is shrinking.



Despite Bayu-Undan no longer generating revenue, the government proposes an indicative expenditure ceiling for the 2026 State Budget at US\$1.85 billion, which is likely to increase as the budgetary process evolves. The distribution of the aggregate ceiling for the Central Administration Budget in the 2026 State Budget is based on the strategic sectors defined by the Government Program and the Strategic Development Plan, with 36% allocated to the Institutional Framework, 28% to Social Capital, 28% to Infrastructure Development, 7% to Economic Development and 1% to Good Governance and Combating Corruption.

The following are some major results of our work between January and June 2025:

- La'o Hamutuk was interviewed or cited more than 45 times in national and international media.
- Throughout the period, dozens of local and international researchers, NGOs, academics, government agencies, and development partners requested strategic meetings, continuing to trust La'o Hamutuk as a reliable source of independent, evidence-based information.
- We conducted initial research in three Municipalities on the Impact of Climate Change on the Agricultural Sector and Social Problems.
- Concerning the 2026 State Budget, La'o Hamutuk submitted an open letter to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock, and Forestry¹. The letter offered recommendations based on resource realities, urging the Ministry to develop an action plan and annual budget that reflects the population's actual needs, with investments in key sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, and livestock.

¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/2025/250424Karta%20aberta%20ba%20Ministru%20Agrikultura%20PAA%20JE%202026.pdf>

Program Activities

During the first half of 2025, La'o Hamutuk actively monitored, analyzed, and responded to Government actions and policies, particularly on the execution of the 2025 State budget and the process for the proposed 2026 state budget.

In early 2025, the Parliamentary Public Finance Committee held a hearing with relevant institutions to discuss proposed amendments to Budget Framework Law No. 2/2022. La'o Hamutuk submitted recommendations² to the National Parliament, urging them to adopt best practices in transparency, strengthen existing systems, and pursue continuous improvement. Following plenary discussions, Parliament approved the law, and it was promulgated as Law No. 3/2025 of April 23.³ The government subsequently organized the 2026 Budget workshop to begin preparation of the 2026 General State Budget.

La'o Hamutuk broadcast a radio program on Climate Change⁴, which was distributed to radio stations across seven municipalities. In addition, we continued to distribute our 2024 *Bulletin*⁵ and *Surat Popular*⁶ in Dili and other municipalities throughout the country.

We regularly shared information through TV talk shows and interviews with both local and international journalists, ensuring that people who were not able to attend our events remained informed about the country's economic situation. These media engagements also aimed to encourage the public to advocate for political parties to prioritize development strategies that promote economic diversification, equity, and sustainability. Additionally, we conducted state budget analysis training to Alumni of the Timor-Leste Youth Parliament (APFTL), and provided specialized briefings for visiting students from Queensland, Australia.

Many organizations and individuals, including Government agencies, continue to rely on La'o Hamutuk as a trusted source of independent, evidence-based information. Throughout the period, we conducted strategic meetings to give inputs and share knowledge. Our expertise on Timor-Leste's social and economic context was sought by dozens of local and international researchers, NGOs, academics and development partners.

We met with:

- The World Bank to discuss the WB report for 2025 and their strategy to collaborate with Civil Society
- The IMF twice. Once to discuss their upcoming Article IV report, financial management and Greater Sunrise and another the progress of the 2025 state expenditures and the 2026 state budget proposal, including economic development and ASEAN.
- First Secretary of the Australian Embassy, to discuss the letter of agreement between the Prime Ministers of Australia and Timor-Leste on Greater Sunrise and workers (PALM)
- EU Delegation, to discuss recommendations made after the 2023 Presidential and 2024 Parliamentary elections, specifically whether any subsequent legal changes had been implemented. In fact, no changes have been made to the laws since the President vetoed the proposed amendments to the election law.
- JICA Consultant, to discuss JICA project intervention during this time, related to the construction of the project and its sustainability.
- The Secretary of State for Forestry and The Secretary of State for Fisheries and Livestock, to

² [https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/LEO/250218LHSubmisaun Alterasaun LEO.pdf](https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/LEO/250218LHSubmisaun%20Alterasaun%20LEO.pdf)

³ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/LEO/250423JRLei3LEO.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/media/2025/2505RadigMudansaKlimatikaAgrikultura.mp3>

⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/sBulletin/2024/bulletinv25te.htm>

⁶ [https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trade/241125Surat Popular WTO.pdf](https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trade/241125Surat%20Popular%20WTO.pdf)

discuss how LH can express views and analyze the Budget Plan of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Forestry (MAPPF) for 2026. Also, to create a relationship between MAPPF and LH.

- The National Environmental Licensing Authority (ANLA, I.P.) to coordinate work, how LH can contribute to environmental work, including confirming some information.
- The National Mineral Authority (ANM, I.P.), to confirm information and initiate coordination of work on Environmental Licensing
- Several international researchers to discuss various issues, including economic diversification, Tasi Mane project, education links to Information and Communication Technology (ICT), climate change, participation of CSO in state budget advocacy related to organizations of people with disability, and peace building before and after the TL referendum and the reconciliation process.

During the first half of 2025, people accessed our web pages an average of 28,819 times every day. Many of our webpages and articles are reposted on online journals, blogs, and other media, so our actual readership is even larger. 76,000 people viewed pages on our blog during the six-month period, 70% more than during the first half of 2024.

We published often to our website (www.laohamutuk.org) and continued to add new information to our reference page.⁷ Major new pages or updates published in the first half of 2025 include:

- Created a new webpage on Timor-Leste's great hopes for Greater Sunrise oil and gas⁸
- Created a new webpage on 2026 General State Budget⁹
- Created a new webpage for Materials from 2025 TL and Development Partners Meetings¹⁰
- Updated our website on 2025 General State Budget, including revision of the Budget Framework Law¹¹
- Regular updates with new materials to our page on Mining Projects¹²
- Regular updates with new materials to our page on Petroleum Projects¹³
- Regular updates to our page on Timor-Leste Petroleum Fund¹⁴.

Analysis, Monitoring and Research

State Budget, Economy and Fiscal Sustainability

Timor-Leste's economy remains low-income and heavily dependent on oil and gas revenue, with high unemployment due to a lack of job opportunities. Efforts to promote agriculture, industry, and services have largely been unsuccessful, and as a result, the country continues to rely heavily on imports. Non-oil state revenue has not grown significantly, further exacerbating the challenges.

Although we recognize that the imminent fiscal cliff has finally become a concern for many national authorities (La'o Hamutuk began raising this issue more than a decade ago), our analyses of the 2025 Budget reveal significant inconsistencies between the Government's public statements and its actual policy decisions. These discrepancies highlight a lack of coherent strategy to effectively address the country's pressing economic and social challenges.

⁷ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexEn.htm> and <https://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexTe.htm>

⁸ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Sunrise/25Sunrise.htm>

⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE26/25OGE26.htm>

¹⁰ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/24TLDPM/24TLDPMindex.htm>

¹¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/24OGE25.htm>

¹² <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/24MiningProjects.htm>

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

¹⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/05PFIndex.htm>

We participated in the 2026 Budget Days meetings organized by the Minister of Finance and the Central Bank to understand the Government's priorities and focus for next year. Through our engagement, we critically raised important issues that still need to be improved by the Government.

To strengthen the capacity of civil society and youth to engage in budgetary and economic analysis and advocacy, La'o Hamutuk facilitated a four-day training organized by Alumni of the Timor-Leste Youth Parliament (APFTL) in Ermera and Oecusse. In addition, Sophia University in Japan invited La'o Hamutuk to present on life and society in Timor-Leste since independence¹⁵.

We also focused on government programs aimed at economic diversification, with a particular focus on initiatives to boost domestic agricultural production. If effectively implemented, these programs could help reduce Timor-Leste's alarming rates of stunting and malnutrition. In parallel, we continued to monitor Timor-Leste's ASEAN accession process as well as and the development of policies following its WTO membership.

At the ASEAN Summit in May, the Prime Minister of Malaysia announced that Timor-Leste would be officially admitted as a full member at the 47th ASEAN Summit in October 2025. LH further addressed this issue by highlighting that Timor-Leste's ongoing economic vulnerabilities remain high, the private sector still relies on public spending, and the low level of qualifications and inadequate productivity is further exacerbated by limited investment in key sectors related to people's livelihoods.

Natural Resources and Petroleum

The Government continues to prioritize large-scale industrial and extractive projects – including the Tasi Mane petroleum infrastructure project (with its LNG plant now shifted from Beaçu to Natarbora), rural mining projects, and the not-yet-developed Greater Sunrise oil and gas field – while marginalizing essential sectors like access to nutritious food, education, health, water, and sanitation. Plans such as extending the Suai-Natarbora highway further reflect this focus.

Santos and its partners have stopped oil and gas operations at the Bayu Undan field. They intend to repurpose existing equipment for the Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project. This approach differs from the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources' stated hope to continue production at Bayu-Undan alongside the upcoming Chuditch field. LH has consulted stakeholders to clarify these differing plans, and we believe that neither is in Timor-Leste's best interests.

In response to community concerns, in April, La'o Hamutuk organized a community discussion in Natarbora administrative post in Manatuto municipality, focusing on the Greater Sunrise and Tasi Mane project. The Government intends to locate the LNG plant and other Tasi Mane Project components there. We decided to continue in Natarbora based on the communities' request; they are concerned that the development of this project will affect their daily lives.

La'o Hamutuk continued updating its Petroleum Projects and Production Sharing Contracts webpage,¹⁶ including on the Chuditch offshore field. The Greater Sunrise project is again being discussed between Timor-Leste and Australia, and we consistently advocate for more transparency. Mineral exploration leading to possible mining activities also progressed during this period, and we regularly update new materials to ensure public access to key information.

In collaboration with the National Agro-ecological Rehabilitation Movement (RAENAL), OilWatch, Kdadalak Sulimutu Institute (KSI), and The Peace Center, organized the Mother Earth Day Festival in Dili under the theme Agroecology for Reconstruction of the Human-Ecology Relationship. The event emphasized sustainable solutions, climate justice, and global solidarity. LH delivered a presentation¹⁷ on extractive industry impacts, adaptation strategies, and climate justice campaigns.

¹⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/250125SeminarSophiaUnivEn.pdf>

¹⁶ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PSCs/10PSCs.htm>

¹⁷ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/Climate/250426Materia%20Aprezentasaun%20ba%20Festival%20Terra%20Madre.pdf>

Governance and Human Rights

In early 2025, we collaborated with other organizations to explore the development of a safe and rights-respecting online platform that ensures people's rights and protects against bullying and threats, linking to the draft cybercrime law¹⁸ and international standards to ensure the use of a fair online platform in Timor-Leste. This includes using digital opportunities to promote good governance and ensure transparency of information; related to these issues, we made a presentation on the opportunity for digitalization to promote good governance and development in Timor-Leste,¹⁹ organized by the Association of Information and Progressive Technology of Timor-Leste (ITP-TL).

Demonstrating our commitment to strengthening government transparency and public participation, La'o Hamutuk and the Timor-Leste Coalition for Education (TLCE) submitted an Open Letter²⁰ to the National Parliament. The letter expressed deep concern over the revision of the Basic Education Law proceeding without any prior consultation with civil society or the public. The lack of transparency in this process undermines democratic principles and risks producing legislation that fails to address systemic challenges in the education sector. La'o Hamutuk and TLCE continue to advocate for inclusive policy-making and greater investment in education to build a more equitable and resilient future.

In collaboration with PN-BESI.TL (Timor-Leste Water and Sanitation Network), we are assessing international development partners' water and sanitation projects. This effort aims to evaluate the effectiveness, sustainability, and community impact of these initiatives. Both organizations also actively participate in the network's regular meetings to monitor issues and advocate for improvements in water and sanitation services across Timor-Leste..

We participated in the Publish What You Pay (PWYP) 2025 Global Assembly in Jakarta; the assembly's outcomes include a stronger sense of collective identity and purpose, strengthened partnerships and collaborations that will allow us to drive meaningful changes in our respective spheres of influence, and clarity on how we can use our new global strategy to respond to current and future opportunities and challenges. La'o Hamutuk is committed to aligning with this shared vision, cultivating momentum for implementation, and continuing collaboration with PWYP network members and other stakeholders to advance transparency, accountability, and equity in Timor-Leste's extractive industries and energy transition.

La'o Hamutuk continues to monitor Timor-Leste's involvement in the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) and publishes updates on our website about the 2022 EITI report²¹, which was released in English in January 2025 and in Tetum four months later.

LH participated as part of the organizing committee for the Asia Pacific conference on Western Sahara and the UN Special Committee on Decolonization's 2025 Pacific Regional Conference in Timor-Leste. Taking advantage of this opportunity, organizations and movements issued a Declaration to the United Nations, emphasizing that the international community must be serious about achieving self-determination for the Saharawi people.

To continue our international solidarity, La'o Hamutuk and other organizations wrote an Open Letter²² to UN Secretary-General António Guterres regarding the urgent situation of Saharawi political prisoners and the Kingdom of Morocco's failure to comply with UN decisions. We observed that these violations directly contradict several formal decisions and opinions issued by UN human rights bodies, especially the Committee Against Torture and the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention.

¹⁸ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/defamation/cybercrime/240606PPL%20CibercrimeEn.pdf>

¹⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trans/250109ITP-TL%20Seminar.pdf>

²⁰ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/2025/250424Karta%20aberta%20ba%20Ministru%20Agrikultura%20PAA%2001E%202026.pdf>

²¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/EITI/2025/250110TL-EITI-Report-2022en.pdf>

²² <https://www.laohamutuk.org/solidarity/250621OpenLetterUNSGSaharawiPrisoners.pdf>

Agriculture, Land and Environment

Over past six months, La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the Government's programs, with a particular focus on agriculture. We have actively tracked initiatives in agriculture, livestock, fisheries, forestry, and value-added processing. Despite ongoing efforts, persistent gaps in service delivery continue to create Timor-Leste's heavy dependence on food imports. Given the urgent need to diversify the economy, strategic planning and increased agricultural budget allocations are critical. To advance this goal, we wrote an open letter²³ to the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Forestry urging concrete budgetary support for the sector in next year's proposal.

To further inform our advocacy, LH is conducting a study in three municipalities - Viqueque, Manufahi, and Oecusse to assess the impacts of climate change on food production and related social challenges, particularly those affecting women and children. The findings of this study will strengthen our advocacy to the Government and the National Parliament as they discuss the General State Budget program and plan for next year, with the aim of promoting sustainable and resilient agricultural development across municipalities.

To complete this research, we continue to hold meetings with the key stakeholders, including the Government, development partners, and international NGOs, including the State Secretariat under MAPPF, ANLA, FAO, WFP, Plan International, Oxfam, and CRS. These meetings are essential to ensure that our data is comprehensive and that our recommendations reflect the realities faced by communities on the ground.

La'o Hamutuk's Networks

Timor-Leste networks

- Rede ba Rai (Land Network)
- Sustainable Agriculture Network (HASATIL)
- Core Group on Transparency (CGT)
- Timor-Leste NGO Forum (FONGTIL)
- Movement Against the Occupation of the Timor Sea (MKOTT)
- Human Rights Defenders Network
- National Platform of Water Sanitation and Hygiene in TL (PN-BESI.TL)
- Timor-Leste Coalition for Education (TLCE)
- Raes Hadomi Timor Oan - Disability Rights Network (RHTO)

International Networks:

- International Budget Partnership (IBP)
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- International solidarity and human rights organizations, especially ETAN
- Timor-Leste Studies Association (TLSA)
- Australia-East Timor Association (AETA)
- ASEAN People's Forum (APF)
- OilWatch (especially in Southeast Asia)
- Towards Organic Asia
- Publish What You Pay (PWYP)
- Inclusive Development International (IDI)

²³ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/2025/250424Karta%20aberta%20ba%20Ministru%20Agrikultura%20PAA%2001E%202026.pdf>

Organizational Report

La'o Hamutuk has eight researchers including Celestino (Atino) Gusmão, Elia (Eka) da Costa, Elivania Correia, Mariano Ferreira, Marta (Abata) da Silva, and Yonatan (Jonas) Gonsalves, Charles (Charlie) Scheiner (part-time, from New York), and Eliziaria Febe Gomes (part-time, from Australia). Our Finance Officer is Ricarda Martins, and Assistants in Finance and Administration are Martinha Fernandes and Letícia Pereira. We also have three security employees and one cleaner.

Internally, our work in early 2025 included finalizing the annual action plan and participating in the external evaluation conducted for Misereor. We continue to invest in capacity building through English and leadership development training for selected staff members. In addition, three staff members participated in a two-day linking and learning activity for the GoR-TL project, "Promoting Peace, Equality, and Civil Rights for an Inclusive Society in Timor-Leste," which was facilitated by Mane Ho Vizaun Foun (MHVF) and supported by Humanis.

We have moved from our previous office in Bebora to a new office at Rua Felicidade Gricenfor in the Bairro Central area.²⁴ The new place was renovated and equipped before we resumed operations there in early 2025. This renovation was supported by a \$5,000 contribution from CCFD, which funded the purchase of essential workplace equipment, including fans, light bulbs, and other items.

²⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/images/2025-01-16%20LHmap.png>

Appendix 1. Financial report

This Mid-Year Report is being written before the end of the 2025 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 2025, we continued to receive project funding from Katholische Zentralstelle für Entwicklungshilfe KZE/(Misereor) (\$73,242) and the Comité Catholique Contre la Faim et Pour le Développement (CCFD) (\$38,203). La'o Hamutuk also received \$2,500 from the Asia Foundation (TAF) for work on analyzing the State Budget, earned \$6,845 for providing briefings, and received donations from individual supporters.

Although La'o Hamutuk does not receive direct support from the United States government, we have done work under contract for international NGOs which do. After the Trump administration abruptly ended most U.S. foreign aid, two such organizations -- The Asia Foundation and the International Budget Partnership -- cancelled their contracts with La'o Hamutuk.

A more comprehensive balance sheet will be included in our Annual Report. The table below does not include receivables and liabilities.

	Cash and bank balances	General support donors & Yayasan Humanis	Misereor project including CCFD	LH assets
Assets 31 Dec 2024	\$79,762	\$90,845	-\$107,888	\$91,809
Income Jan-June 2025	\$120,789	\$2,500	\$111,452	\$6,837
Expenses Jan-June 2025	\$96,860	\$26,816	\$69,934	\$110
Assets 30 June 2025	\$103,690	\$66,529	-\$66,370	\$98,536

Revenues received during the first half of 2025

Source	Budget 2025	Half budget 2025	Actual received	Difference	Explanation
Yayasan Humanis & Inovasi Sosial (Hivos)	25,000	12,500	0	-12,500	Support from October 2024-September 2025; some was received in 2024, and the balance will be paid in the second half of 2025
CCFD	35,000	17,500	38,203	20,703	Annual payment for two year contract
The Asia Foundation	7,500	3,750	2,500	-1,250	Payment for budget analysis work; curtailed.
KZE /Misereor	110,100	55,050	73,242	18,192	Annual payment for part of three year project
Earned for services	7,500	3,750	6,845	3,095	Payment for briefings and trainings for Oxfam et.al.
deficit	62,650	31,325		-31,325	Several funders will not fulfil their commitments to support LH, and we are trying to fill this gap.
TOTAL	247,750	123,875	120,790	-3,085	

Expenditures during the first half of 2025

	Budget for half 2025	Actual	Difference	Explanation
1. Non-recurrent Expenditure				
IT Equipment	600	0	600	Will be purchased in the second half of 2025
Office maintenance	250	10	240	
Office furniture	200	0	200	
SUBTOTAL NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	1,050	10	1,040	
2. Staff costs				
Program Staff (researchers) salaries	90,462	65,430	-25,032	
Training for staff (capacity building)	1,500	400	1,100	Training in English
SUBTOTAL STAFF COSTS	91,962	65,830	26,132	
3. Project Activities				
Bulletin and Surat Popular	800	1,090	-290	2024 <i>Bulletin</i> and <i>Surat Popular</i> printing and distribution
Public meetings	2,986	1,261	1,725	Space rental, publicity, refreshments outside Dili
Radio Programs	879	215	664	Three radio programs produced
Research (Monitoring, Advocacy and Networking)	2,510	4,394	-1,884	Monitoring and field research in Natarbora
Resource center	450	306	144	Books, newspaper subscriptions
Short video production	600	0	600	Video about fiscal cliff
International conferences and events	750	390	360	Attend conferences in Malaysia, Thailand and Australia. Most costs were paid by the conference organizers.
SUBTOTAL PROJECT ACTIVITIES	8,975	7,656	1,319	
4. Project Administration				
Operations & Supplies	2,250	3,030	-780	Electricity, office supplies, bank charges, photocopy, etc.
Office rent	6,600	3,630	2,970	
Transportation	250	1215	128	Transport and motorcycle maintenance in Dili and nearby
Communication	2,629	2,652	-23	Telephone, internet and website
Auditor	3,000	1,500	1,500	First half-year audits every six months Misereor project
Other	281	0	281	
External evaluation (for Misereor Project)	0	12,426	-12,426	
SUBTOTAL PROJECT ADMIN.	15,010	23,359	-546	
TOTAL	116,997	96,855	27,945	

Appendix 2. Media mentions of La'o Hamutuk

During the first half of 2025, La'o Hamutuk was quoted by or gave comments to the national and international media more than 45 times.

Date	Title	Medium	URL/Page	Comment
10 Jan	EITI report for 2022	Report by TL-EITI	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/EITI/2025/250110-TL-EITI-Report-2022en.pdf	Includes six links to material on LH website
12 Jan	Como os direitos digitais podem moldar o futuro de Timor-Leste: reflexões sobre governação, igualdade e participação juvenil	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/como-os-direitos-digitais-podem-moldar-o-futuro-de-timor-leste-reflexoes-sobre-governacao-igualdade-e-participacao-juvenil/	Interviews Marta
13 Jan	Tsuneishi Shipbuilding eyes new shipyard in East Timor	Trade Winds	https://www.tradewindsnews.com/shipyards/tsuneishi-shipbuilding-eyes-new-shipyard-in-east-timor/21-1759666	Cites LH as source
17 Jan	Timorese eye stronger education, trade ties after joining ASEAN, but some say country is 'not yet ready'	Channel News Asia	https://www.channelnewsasia.com/asia/timor-leste-asean-membership-economy-timorese-4862041	Interviews Febe
31 Jan	Observasaun no Analize ba Orsamentu Jeral Estadu 2025 (Setor Agrikultura kontinua la sai Prioridade)	Mediaonetimor	https://mediaonetimor.co/observasaun-no-analiza-ba-orsamentu-jeral-estadu-2025-setor-agrikultura-kontinua-la-sai-prioridade/	Article by La'o Hamutuk
31 Jan	Observasaun no analize ba Orsamentu Jeral Estadu 2025	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2025/01/31/observasaun-no-analiza-ba-orsamentu-jeral-estadu-2025/?fbclid=IwY2xjawlJcrBleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHbPUXQW1iQqsefAijN7DHPISRkpQ04811Zi4HvokQMMeDE1LnBtETiVdrA_aem_JpFytEZEIPiehpX1Gu0Qvw&sfnsn=wa	Article by La'o Hamutuk
01 Feb	Observasaun no analiza ba Orsamentu Jeral Estadu 2025 (Setor Agrikultura kontinua la sai Prioridade)	Hatutan	https://www.hatutan.com/2025/02/01/observasaun-no-analiza-ba-orsamentu-jeral-estadu-2025-setor-agrikultura-kontinua-la-sai-prioridade/	Article by Mariano
03 Feb	Observasaun no Analize ba Orsamentu Jeral Estadu 2025 (Setor Agrikultura kontinua la sai Prioridade)	Timor Post		Article by La'o Hamutuk
10 Feb	Sustentabilidade Fiskal ba Boletim LH 2024 nian	Timor Post		Article by La'o Hamutuk
14 Feb	FONGTIL ho Membru ONG sira sei realiza Komunikadu Imprensa hodi hato'o intervensaun importante ruma ligadu ho Asuntu (OMK/WTO)	Dili Post video	https://www.facebook.com/dili.post.3/videos/1046768424134589/	Mariano is panelist
16 Feb	The growing pains of Asia's newest country	New York Times	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/16/world/asia/east-timor-challenges.html	Quotes Charlie
16 Feb	The growing pains of Asia's newest country	Straits Times	https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/16/world/asia/east-timor-challenges.html	Quotes Charlie
21 Feb	"Old firm," continuing challenges	Inside Story	https://insidestory.org.au/old-firm-continuing-challenges/	Cites LH on budget allocations
27 Feb	Paresér kona-ba LEO	Report of PN Committee C	https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/LEO/250227RelComCLEOpt.pdf	summarizes and annexes LH submission
03 Mar	Ironia, Kontributor Boot Emisaun, EUA Retirada hosi Akordu Paris	Lalatak.com	https://lalatak.com/ironia-kontributor-segundu-lugar-emisaun-gas-mundial-eua-retirada-hosi-akordu-paris/	Interview with Mariano
03 Apr	Local impacts of foreign interests in Timor-Leste	Report by TAF, XCEPT et al	https://www.xcept-research.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Timor-Leste-case-study-FINAL.pdf	Many quotes from and references to LH materials
03 Apr	LH: Guarda Floresta la simu osan operasionál tinan ida fó ameasa ba servisu	Independente		Article by La'o Hamutuk
15 Apr	Kresimentu Ekonomia Sae ba 4% la reflete realidade	Timor Post		Interview Celestino
15 Apr	Lao Hamutuk Sujere Governu Antesipa Ekonomia Rai Laran	Timor Post		Interview Celestino
17 Apr	Governu Laiha Kometimentu Dezenvolve Setor Produtivu	Timor Post		Interview Mariano
17 Apr	LH Observa IX Governu Prioridade Liu Ba Projeitu Tasi Mane	Timor Post		Interview Mariano
29 Apr	Karta Aberta husi La'o Hamutuk ba MAPPF	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2025/04/29/karta-aberta-husi-lao-hamutuk-ba-mappf/	Article by La'o Hamutuk

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29 Apr	TL Kontribui ba Mudansa Klimátika ho 0,003%, Akuza To'os Nain Sira Sai Vitima	Lafaek News	https://www.lafaeknews.tl/tl-kontribui-ba-mudansa-klimatika-0-003-akuza-toos-nain-sira-sai-vitima/	Interview Elia Araujo
06 May	TY4C VI Apresenta : Timor-Leste iha tendénsia monu ba fiscal cliff?	Casa de Produção Audiovisual	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGWUWax_aRw	Interview Marta
09 May	LH Apresia ho Programa nebe'e Implementa husi Governo Australia liu husi Programa To'os ba moris diak iha TL	RTTL, EP	https://www.youtube.com/live/D0Y9ES8JIZc?si=Sut1ruIT0Toepbls	Interview Mariano
13 May	Santos Again Discusses Bayu-Undan Carbon Capture and Storage Project with President Horta	Tatoli	https://en.tatoli.tl/2025/05/13/santos-again-discusses-bayu-undan-carbon-capture-and-storage-ccs-project-with-president-horta/20/	Discusses LH 2022 submission to NTEPA
16 May	Konferência Lei Tasi fó Konesimentu Kona ba Fronteira Marítima	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2025/05/16/konferensia-lei-tasi-fo-konesimentu-kona-ba-fronteira-maritima-lao-hamutuk/	Interview Celestino
18 May	Banco Central Estuda Criação de Moeda Timorense para Fazer Face a Desvalorização do Dólar	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/banco-central-estuda-criacao-de-moeda-timorense-para-fazer-face-a-desvalorizacao-do-dolar/	Interview Marta
30 May	Lao Hamutuk Sujere Governu Dezenvolve Setor Produtivu	Timor Post		Interview Mariano
30 May	La'o Hamutuk Sujere Governu Hadi'a Problema Lima	Timor Post		Interview Mariano
03 Jun	La'o Hamutuk Ezekusaun real OJE 2025 foin 22%	Independente		Interview Yonatan
09 Jun	La'o Hamutuk : Reserva iha Bayu Undang Sei Iha Mais Laiha Valor	Independente		Interview Yonatan
09 Jun	Adesão à ASEAN: promessa de progresso ou risco de dependência?	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/adesao-a-asean-promessa-de-progresso-ou-risco-de-dependencia/	Interview Mariano
10 Jun	Rethinking the ethics of investment in Timor-Leste's Asean	Malaymail	https://www.malaymail.com/news/what-you-think/2025/06/10/from-interest-to-integrity-rethinking-the-ethics-of-investment-in-timor-lestes-asean-khoo-ying-hooi/179816	Cites LH as representing civil society in maturing public discourse
10 Jun	Govt Announces Ambitious Plan to Convert Bayu Undan Field into Major CCS Hub	Tatoli	https://en.tatoli.tl/2025/06/10/govt-announces-ambitious-plan-to-convert-bayu-undan-field-into-major-ccs-hub/23/	Mentions LH opposition to CCS
12 Jun	La'o Hamutuk: Mina Iha Kampu Bayu Undan Laiha Ona valor Economia	RTTL, EP	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tirWhwPPhA0	Interview Celestino
14 Jun	La'o Hamutuk no TLCE Preokupa ho Falta Transparência iha Prosesu Alterasaun ba Lei Base Edukasaun Foun	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2025/06/14/lao-hamutuk-no-tlce-preokupa-ho-falta-transparensia-ih-prosesu-alterasaun-ba-lei-base-edukasaun-foun/	LH Press Release
17 Jun	Implikasaun no Solusaun sira ba Produsaun Mina ne'ebé Remata ona	Independente	https://www.youtube.com/live/Hdhxq0ZBlrY?si=btH6nISS08eBv2Kw	Celestino is Guest
20 Jun	LH husu MAPPF Investe Maka'as ba Kafé	Independente		Interview Mariano
20 Jun	LH Kestiona Produsaun Bafo Kay Rala	Independente		Interview Mariano
20 Jun	Mina iha Kampu Bayu Undang Maran ona, saida los mak sai fundu alternativu ba Timor-Leste?	RTM Maubere	https://www.facebook.com/100094630218298/videos/696295923393021/?mibextid=RS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v	Yonatan is Guest
25 Jun	Di balik layar, Australia meraup untung besar atus minyak dan gas Timor Leste	Sentata Senanes on FB	https://www.facebook.com/santana.senanes/videos/690275740571627/?mibextid=D5vuziz&rdid=mDWliCqYKqW8fXyM	Cites information from LH
26 Jun	Lansamentu Relatoriu Tatoli edisaun da-sia, Levantamentu Ida konaba Povtu Timor	TAF's Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/theasiafoundationtl/posts/pfbid0kM6XoVzzrEMeySagExt61gfM8kmbVof1JdN5BJbEMJFyys2B3JE41KRxEkzpMmNl	Marta is Guest
30 Jun	LH Preokupa MAPPF Konstroi Projetu Eskema Irrigasaun iha Munisipiu	Independente		Interview Mariano
30 Jun	Sosiedade Sivil Konsidera MAPPF halo Vasina ba Animal la Kualidade	Independente		Interview Mariano

Appendix 3. Presentations and programs by La'o Hamutuk

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

Below are the events done by La'o Hamutuk staff during the reporting period.

Topic	Date	Speaker(s) from LH	Event
Opportunity of digitalization to promote good-governance and development in Timor-Leste	January	Marta	Presentation for Intersectionality of Digital Rights in Timor-Leste Seminar, organized by Associação de Informação e Tecnologia Progressiva de Timor-Leste (ITP-TL)
Life and Society After Independence - Timor-Leste	January	Mariano	Academic conference in Japan, organized by Sophia University
2025 State Budget Analysis and Advocacy	March	Yonatan	Training event, organized by APF-TL
Oil Project in Natarbora and South Coast	April	Celestino	LH-organized discussion with community and local authorities in Natarbora
Climate Change: Causes, Impacts, and Future Projections	April	Elivania	Academic conference, organized by RAENAL
La'o Hamutuk's perspective on Tatoli, 9th edition, 2025, a survey of the Timorese people	June	Marta	Report launch workshop organized by The Asia Foundation-TAF