

# Mid-Year Report

## La'o Hamutuk

### January - June 2017

#### La'o Hamutuk's vision

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

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## Mission and situational context

La'o Hamutuk ("Walking Together" in English) is an independent non-governmental organization which monitors, analyses 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 in order to educate the public on the decisions being made by its representatives, and we consult with and lobby decision makers in government, Parliament and international agencies to advocate for more equitable, sustainable and people-focused policies.

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

What's more, Timor-Leste has already received around 98% of the estimated revenues from its only producing field, while the latest government projections estimate that revenues will be negligible from 2018 onwards, and will end by 2021. This means that Timor-Leste now depends almost entirely on the money saved in its Petroleum Fund to finance State activities. However, the Fund's balance has been falling for more than two years due to reduced oil and gas revenues, unsustainable withdrawals by the Government to finance infrastructure and lower-than-expected returns on the Fund's investments.

Furthermore, if this pattern of excessive spending continues and domestic non-oil revenues do not rapidly increase, the Petroleum Fund could be entirely spent by 2026. The Government will then be forced to cut its spending by about two-thirds compared to today; without a strong, diversified economy and robust social services and infrastructure, the consequences for the majority of Timorese people will be disastrous.

In March and July 2017, Timor-Leste held Presidential and Parliamentary elections, and many of the candidates and parties promised to invest more on health, education, agriculture and water, increase accountability and transparency, and reduce corruption. However, at the time of writing (early September), the new government had not yet been formed, and we do not know whether the most controversial state-led projects will continue or be replaced with sensible, people-focused programs which will lead Timor-Leste down a more sustainable path. Therefore, La'o Hamutuk continues to raise awareness about the urgent need to improve basic services and the non-oil economy, advocating for transparency and accountability and calling for the largest, most ill-conceived projects to be evaluated and cancelled.

The following describes some major results of our work between January and June 2017:

- In January, after more than a decade of advocacy and activism from La'o Hamutuk and other civil society groups, the Australian Government agreed to terminate the CMATS treaty and enter into negotiations with Timor-Leste to settle the maritime boundary dispute;<sup>1</sup> negotiations are ongoing, and a resolution is expected in October.
- Parliament invited La'o Hamutuk to present at a public hearing on the draft Mining Law<sup>2</sup> and at a seminar on budget management and transparency.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/CMATSindex.htm#CMATSends>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/2017/LHSubLeiMineira20Apr2017en.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE17/ParlSem/LHObsPrelComCPNte.pdf>

- Seven out of eight Presidential candidates participated in live, one-on-one TV interviews with La'o Hamutuk, including the eventual winner, Francisco Guterres "Lu-Ólo."<sup>4</sup> Our interviews were viewed by thousands of people who appreciated our questioning of candidates on economic sustainability, accountability and rule-of-law, and the President-elect congratulated La'o Hamutuk on bringing these issues to the public.
- La'o Hamutuk researchers presented papers at international conferences, including the International Platform of Jurists for East Timor 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in Lisbon,<sup>5</sup> and the Timor-Leste Studies Association Conference in Dili.<sup>6</sup>
- La'o Hamutuk's comments to the Global Conference on the SDGs and 2030 Agenda were widely read and appreciated, including by the Prime Minister, Rui Maria de Araújo.<sup>7</sup>
- The Ministry of Agriculture's National Agriculture Policy and Strategic Framework incorporated several of La'o Hamutuk's recommendations, including prioritizing food sovereignty and fair trade, and declaring food to be a human right rather than a commodity.
- After an eight-year process, Parliament finally passed the Land Laws in April and May; the approved laws contained several recommendations made by La'o Hamutuk in collaboration with *Rede ba Rai* (Land Network), including recognising informal land titles and requiring that a new, separate law for community land rights be created.
- The Private Investment Law approved by Parliament in April 2017 contained improvements over earlier drafts, including several suggestions made by La'o Hamutuk in our submissions the previous year.<sup>8</sup> In late June, President Lu-Olo vetoed the Law,<sup>9</sup> repeating concerns outlined in La'o Hamutuk's May blog article.<sup>10</sup>
- La'o Hamutuk researchers were interviewed and cited more than 80 times in national and international media, including appearing on talk-shows on ABC<sup>11</sup> and Al Jazeera<sup>12</sup> in relation to the CMATS termination, and being quoted in reports by Reuters,<sup>13</sup> *Sydney Morning Herald*,<sup>14</sup> *The Australian*,<sup>15</sup> UCA News,<sup>16</sup> ABC,<sup>17</sup> *Jakarta Post*,<sup>18</sup> *The Economist*<sup>19</sup> and *The Guardian*.<sup>20</sup> (See Appendix 2.)

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/17PresElec.htm>

<sup>5</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/06/timor-lestes-oil-wealth-financing.html>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/TLSA2017.htm>

<sup>7</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/05/observations-for-conference-on-sdgs-and.html>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/16InvestPolicy.htm>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/PrivInvVetoJul2017en.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/06/private-investment-isnt-panacea.html>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.abc.net.au/news/programs/the-world/2017-01-09/east-timor-to-tear-up-oil-and-gas-treaty-with/8171466>

<sup>12</sup> <http://stream.aljazeera.com/story/201701180025-0025361>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2017-03-17/east-timor-to-elect-new-president-as-oil-revenues-rapidly-run-dry>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.smh.com.au/world/frontrunner-for-east-timor-presidency-offers-australia-hope-on-oilfields-deal-20170318-gv1a42.html>

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/east-timor-presidential-election-tests-old-heroes-gusmao-and-alkatiri/news-story/2edb6ec57ccb5c4233c2b5183d665b4c>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.ucanews.com/news/many-challenges-await-new-timor-lestes-president/79296>

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-20/timor-lestes-elections-citizens-head-to-polls-to-cast-vote/8367948>

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/03/20/timor-lestes-votes-for-new-president-amid-poverty.html>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.economist.com/news/asia/21721685-costly-projects-pile-up-petrodollars-dwindle-timor-lestes-big-spending-leaders-are-squandering>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/25/timor-lestes-spending-big-economic-crisis>

## Program activities

During the first half of 2017, La'o Hamutuk continued our primary mission of researching and reporting on the programs and policies of the Timor-Leste Government, and publishing fact-based analysis and recommendations in order to help policy makers and the public better-understand current realities.

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

La'o Hamutuk staff gave many interviews to local and international journalists, appeared as panellists and moderators on television debates and contributed to several online and print publications. In collaboration with TV Edukasaun, we produced our own interview series with each Presidential candidate. (See Appendix 2.)

We also gave several briefings and presentations on economic sustainability, petroleum dependency and other topics to various groups, including incoming international volunteers, visiting student groups, local activists, as well as at academic conferences. (See Appendix 3.)

On our own website ([www.laohamutuk.org](http://www.laohamutuk.org)), in Tetum and English, we updated many pages, created several new ones, and published blog articles. We also continued to add new information to our Reference page.<sup>21</sup> Major new pages or updates published in the first half of 2017 include:

- U.S. Millennium Challenge Corporation to re-engage in Timor-Leste.<sup>22</sup>
- Second Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of human rights in Timor-Leste.<sup>23</sup>
- Many updates on the maritime boundary dispute,<sup>24</sup> including La'o Hamutuk's submission to the Australian Parliamentary Committee on Treaties.<sup>25</sup>
- Presidential election, including information on election campaigns and results, and La'o Hamutuk's pamphlet, radio program, TV interviews and observation report.<sup>26</sup>
- Mining Law, including background, documents and La'o Hamutuk submission and presentation.<sup>27</sup>
- Timor-Leste Studies Association conference, including abstracts and presentations.<sup>28</sup>
- Proposed Private Investment Law, including new blog article on the revised law and updates on Parliamentary debates.<sup>29</sup>

During the first six months of 2017, people accessed an average of 3,300 of our web pages every day. Many online journals, media and blogs repost information from our web pages, so readership is larger than these numbers indicate.

<sup>21</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexEn.htm>  
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexTe.htm>

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

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/UPR/12UPRIIndex.htm>

<sup>24</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/CMATSindex.htm>

<sup>25</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/JSCT/2017/Sub16LaoHamutuk.pdf>

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/17PresElec.htm>

<sup>27</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/17MiningLaw.htm>

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

<sup>29</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/16InvestPolicy.htm>

We also posted nine new blog entries with people viewing 58,500 blog pages during the six-month period.<sup>30</sup> Our main new articles, some of which are also in Tetum, include:

- Observations for the Conference on SDGs and the 2030 Agenda<sup>31</sup>
- Private investment isn't a panacea<sup>32</sup>
- Timor-Leste's oil wealth: financing government, building for development and providing for its people<sup>33</sup>
- In July, we posted two articles on the Parliamentary election<sup>34</sup>

We produced five Tetum-language radio programs which were broadcast on seven community radio stations in rural areas:<sup>35</sup>

Date	Topic	Participants
Jan 2017	Why diversify Timor-Leste's economy?	Leovegildo dos Santos (Director-General of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment), Guteriano Neves (economist), Maximus Tahu (LH)
Feb 2017	Negative implications of joining the WTO	Arsenio Pereira (Executive Director, FONGTIL), Agostu da Conceição Soares (Rector, IOB), Niall Almond (LH)
Mar 2017	Presidential Election	Eight candidates for the Presidency, and Pelagio Doutel (LH).
May 2017	Private Investment Law	Jacinta Abu Cau Pereira (President, Parliament Committee D), Juviano Xavier (Lecturer, IOB), Niall Almond (LH)
Jun 2017	Important issues in the Parliamentary election campaign	LH researchers: Juvinal Dias (Natural Resources and Economy), Maximus Tahu (Agriculture and Land), Adilson da Costa (Good Governance and Justice)

## Analysis, monitoring and research

### Economy and natural resources

#### State budget, economy and fiscal sustainability

Although (ex-)President Taur Matan Ruak had vetoed the previous State Budget, he promulgated the 2017 Budget in late December, even though it continued to prioritize unviable megaprojects while neglecting basic services and the non-oil economy'. The President told Parliament that Timor-Leste should not overspend its Petroleum Fund, and should instead invest more to improve people's living conditions, rather than on large infrastructure projects.

During the first half of 2017, La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the State Budget process, updating our web page.<sup>36</sup> In May, Parliamentary Committee C invited us to present on budget management and transparency at a ProPALOP seminar in Same, Manufahi.

<sup>30</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/>

<sup>31</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/05/>

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

<sup>33</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/06/timor-lestes-oil-wealth-financing.html>

<sup>34</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/07/who-will-be-in-timor-lestes-next.html>

<http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/07/governu-nia-planu-sedu-atu-antisipa.html>

<sup>35</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm>

<sup>36</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE17/16OGE17.htm>

We also continued to collect and analyze reports on the Petroleum Fund, as well as oil production and revenue data, updating our web page.<sup>37</sup> La'o Hamutuk raised the questions of falling petroleum revenues, fiscal sustainability and economic diversification in the materials we produced during the Presidential and Parliamentary election campaigns, as well as in our public presentations, discussions with policy makers and journalists, and web articles. We continued to engage with the Petroleum Fund's managers at the Central Bank and Ministry of Finance.

We also wrote a chapter for a forthcoming book about Timor-Leste – 'After the oil runs dry: Economics and government finances' – which explored the history of petroleum and state spending in Timor-Leste and the urgent need to diversify the economy. It is scheduled to be published by Routledge later this year.

In May, we wrote and distributed comments at the Government's conference on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),<sup>38</sup> outlining challenges Timor-Leste faces, along with recommendations for addressing them. Our comments and subsequent blog post<sup>39</sup> were widely read, including by the Prime Minister, who mentioned them to one of our staff.

Also in May, La'o Hamutuk gave a presentation to the International Platform of Jurists for East Timor 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in Lisbon, Portugal. Our presentation discussed fiscal sustainability and economic diversification, and we posted a version of the presentation on our blog.<sup>40</sup>

We also updated our information on Petroleum Production-Sharing Contracts,<sup>41</sup> back petroleum taxes,<sup>42</sup> and the Bobby Boye fraud case.<sup>43</sup>

We continued to follow the Private Investment Law revision process, collecting documents, updating our web page,<sup>44</sup> and publishing a blog article analysing the revised draft.<sup>45</sup> We also produced a radio program on the law, featuring interviews with La'o Hamutuk staff and a Member of Parliament.<sup>46</sup>

At the Timor-Leste Studies Association (TLSA) conference in June, La'o Hamutuk gave seven presentations, including about Timor-Leste's rising debt,<sup>47</sup> the challenges presented by Bayu-Undan running out,<sup>48</sup> and the resource curse and petroleum fund management.<sup>49</sup> After the conference, we held a reception for TLSA participants at La'o Hamutuk's office, strengthening our connections with academia, and we posted presentations from the conference on our website.<sup>50</sup>

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<sup>37</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/05PFIndex.htm>

<sup>38</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/SDG/LHCommentsSDGConference22May2017en.pdf>

<sup>39</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/05/observations-for-conference-on-sdgs-and.html>

<sup>40</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/06/timor-lestes-oil-wealth-financing.html>

<sup>41</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PSCs/10PSCs.htm>

<sup>42</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/tax/10BackTaxes.htm>

<sup>43</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/corruption/Boye/14BoyeCase.htm>

<sup>44</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/invest/16InvestPolicy.htm>

<sup>45</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2017/06/private-investment-isnt-panacea.html>

<sup>46</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/media/2017/RadigLeiInvestmentuPrivaduMay2017.mp3>

<sup>47</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/AlmondDebtEn.pdf>

<sup>48</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/ScheinerTLSEn.pdf>

<sup>49</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/JuvinalMalisan.pdf>

<sup>50</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/TLSA2017.htm>

## **TimorGAP, Tasi Mane project and onshore extractive industries**

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

In April, the National Authority for Petroleum and Minerals (ANPM) awarded two contracts for onshore oil and gas exploration across a vast area of the south coast of Timor-Leste to a joint venture between TimorGAP and Timor Resources, which is owned by Australian engineering and mining company NEPEAN. We updated our web page,<sup>51</sup> and met privately with ANPM and TimorGAP several times throughout the year. In June, we participated in a public consultation held by ANPM on the draft onshore petroleum regulations. We will continue to follow this process closely, offering our analysis of the regulations and suggestions for their improvement.

During the first half of the year, we continued to monitor the process of enacting a Mining Law, and created a web page to share information about the law and the dangers mining poses to people and the environment.<sup>52</sup> In April, we testified at a Parliamentary hearing, and made a submission<sup>53</sup> discussing possible negative impacts of mining, and encouraging more public consultation.

We also wrote an article on mining which was circulated in several local newspapers and blogs,<sup>54</sup> and in June we organized a public meeting on the topic of mining at the Institute of Business (IOB). La'ó Hamutuk presented our perspective,<sup>55</sup> together with MP Jacinta Abu Cau Pereira who described how the law is being enacted and Professor Juviano Xavier of IOB who presented research on mining in Liquicá.

## **Transparency and accountability**

In February, the Core Group on Transparency (CGT) nominated La'ó Hamutuk to represent them at a workshop in Cambodia on the "Implementation of the Social Accountability Framework", and we gave a presentation on budget transparency. We also presented at a seminar organized by CGT on the Petroleum Fund in June.

In March, Timor-Leste was suspended from the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) for failing to produce its 2014 EITI report, which it should have done by the end of 2016. La'ó Hamutuk participated in the EITI conference, urged the local working group to work harder to meet its requirements, and updated our web page.<sup>56</sup> In June, Timor-Leste submitted its report for 2014, and the international EITI secretariat lifted the suspension.

We continued as the Timor-Leste contact for the International Budget Partnership's Open Budget Survey (OBS) project, and were invited to present on the results of OBS 2015 at a seminar on legislative control and oversight of public expenditure organized by Parliament and the European Union.

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<sup>51</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetRegime/NOC/10Petronatil.htm#2017>

<sup>52</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/17MiningLaw.htm>

<sup>53</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/2017/LHSubLeiMineira20Apr2017en.pdf>

<sup>54</sup> <http://www.timorhauniandoben.com/2017/05/lei-mineiru-lisensa-ba-luku-iha-rai.html>

<sup>55</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/2017/Mining13Jun2017en.pdf>

<sup>56</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/EITI/10EITIndex.htm#2017>



## Maritime boundary dispute

In January, the Australian Government finally agreed to terminate the CMATS treaty, and changed its long-standing policy of refusing to negotiate maritime boundaries with Timor-Leste. Negotiations continued through the reporting period, and both parties are confident that they will reach agreement in the second half of 2017.

During the first half of the year, La'o Hamutuk continued to follow the process, communicating with Timorese and Australian officials, updating our web page,<sup>57</sup> and giving many media interviews, including television talk-shows on Al Jazeera<sup>58</sup> and ABC.<sup>59</sup>

In February, the Australian Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Treaties held an inquiry on terminating the CMATS treaty, and we encouraged people to make submissions. We published ours<sup>60</sup> and others' on our website.<sup>61</sup>

## Environment

During the first half of 2017, La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the implementation of environmental licensing laws; we met many times with the National Directorate for Controlling Pollution and the Environment, participated in public consultations for the environmental impact assessments for the Tibar container port and the Pelican Paradise resort, and consulted with companies conducting environmental impact assessments for major projects.

In June, La'o Hamutuk gave a presentation<sup>62</sup> at the Timor-Leste Studies Association conference with updated information on environmental licensing, and will publish a paper based on this research later in the year.

We also met with UNDP consultants to discuss the National Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan, and shared information about the Government's plans in relation to agriculture and climate change.

## Statistics and data on Timor-Leste

We continued to communicate with government and international agencies to improve statistics and data relating to Timor-Leste. This included bringing discrepancies in revenue reports to the attention of the Central Bank and National Authority for Petroleum and Minerals, communicating with the Directorate-General for Statistics about their reports, and asking the Ministry of Finance and National Procurement Commission to fix the Government's Procurement Portal.

We also commented on numerous academic papers and international reports, including the UNDP Human Development Report, a review of the Roadmap for Sustainable Development in Timor-Leste and the World Bank's East Asia Pacific Update.

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<sup>57</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/CMATSindex.htm#2017>

<sup>58</sup> <http://stream.aljazeera.com/story/201701180025-0025361>

<sup>59</sup> <http://www.abc.net.au/news/programs/the-world/2017-01-09/east-timor-to-tear-up-oil-and-gas-treaty-with/8171466>

<sup>60</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/JSCT/2017/Sub16LaoHamutuk.pdf>

<sup>61</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/CMATSindex.htm#JSCOT>

<sup>62</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/AdilsonEnvLic.pdf>



## **Agriculture**

### **Food sovereignty and sustainable agriculture**

In January, La'o Hamutuk wrote a submission to the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs on the risks posed to Timor-Leste's small agricultural producers by joining the WTO<sup>63</sup> and joined a public consultation on the accession process organized by the Ministry. Our submission was received by the committee in charge of overseeing Timor-Leste's accession to the WTO, and we continue to monitor the process and engage with the government on the subject.

La'o Hamutuk was heavily involved in the drafting of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries' (MAP) Agriculture Policy and Strategic Framework, consulting privately with the FAO team advising the Ministry as well as participating in workshops. We also coordinated civil society's participation in the drafting process. In June, we wrote a submission to the Ministry on the policy,<sup>64</sup> and the final version included several of our recommendations, including giving top priority to achieving food sovereignty (previously only food security had been mentioned), and recognizing the necessity of fair trade rules which prioritize small farmers.

We participated in a workshop organised by the World Food Program and CEPAD on SDG #2 on Food Security, and also participated in workshops held by MAP on creating Timor-Leste's oceanic and coastal profiles in order to develop fisheries. We discussed these issues privately with MAP representatives, who appreciated and agreed with many of La'o Hamutuk's suggestions.

### **Food processing in rural areas**

During the first half of the year, La'o Hamutuk conducted preliminary research on small food processing industries in rural areas, as the first part of a report which we will present to the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment in order to help the Government create a policy which can provide assistance to these entrepreneurs.

We collected data on food processing activities by interviewing organizations in Maliana, Baucau, Maubisse and Atabae, and will continue this research throughout the year. Based on this research, we presented a paper at the Timor-Leste Studies Association conference in June on the challenges faced by small food processing industries in the rural areas.<sup>65</sup>

### **Land rights**

Parliament continued to debate the new Land Laws during the first months of the year; La'o Hamutuk followed the Parliamentary debates closely, and we continued to collaborate with *Rede ba Rai* (Land Network), briefing them on the Parliamentary process. We also helped them produce a press release calling on the President to promulgate the laws.<sup>66</sup>

Several members of Parliament referred to recommendations made by *Rede ba Rai* during the debates. Parliament approved the laws in February; two were promulgated in April, and the third was promulgated in June.

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<sup>63</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trade/WTOPositionPaper11Jan2017en.pdf>

<sup>64</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/LHAgriPolicyJun2017.pdf>

<sup>65</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2017/MaxiIndAgri.pdf>

<sup>66</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/land/2017/RbRKonferensia%20Imprensa18Apr2017te.pdf>

## **Governance and democracy**

### **Elections**

To raise public awareness around key challenges facing Timor-Leste, and to share information about the policies and programs of political parties and presidential candidates, La'o Hamutuk published and broadcast across a broad range of media during the Presidential and Parliamentary election campaigns. This included holding live, one-on-one TV interviews with seven of the eight Presidential candidates,<sup>67</sup> producing two radio programs,<sup>68</sup> and distributing brochures<sup>69</sup> and posters<sup>70</sup> encouraging voters to ask candidates about their stances on key issues. We also participated in a press conference organized by one of the Presidential candidates, raising the issues of anti-corruption, economic sustainability and human rights.

After the Presidential election, we organized a post-election talk-show – broadcast on TV Edukasaun – with representatives of the Presidential candidates and parties to discuss the election and the findings of the observer teams. We also participated in a TVTL roundtable debate organized by the Judicial System Monitoring Program (JSMP) in the run-up to the Parliamentary election.

We created web pages for the Presidential<sup>71</sup> and Parliamentary<sup>72</sup> elections with information about the parties and candidates, laws and schedules. Before the Presidential election we briefed student groups and election observer teams on Timor-Leste's economic and political context. These activities continued into July for the Parliamentary elections, including giving several briefings to international and Timorese election observers.<sup>73</sup>

We also distributed questionnaires<sup>74</sup> to the Presidential candidates and political parties, asking them to explain their positions on economic sustainability, human rights and justice and transparency and accountability; some replied, and we published their responses on our website.<sup>75</sup>

In addition, La'o Hamutuk staff observed both the Presidential and Parliamentary elections at voting stations in Dili and in the districts to ensure that they were carried out to the highest possible standards; we later published observation reports.<sup>76</sup> We presented our findings on the Presidential election at a civil society discussion which included government election agencies, the President's office, the Provedor for Human Rights and Justice (PDHJ) and the UN.

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<sup>67</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/17PresElec.htm>

<sup>68</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm>

<sup>69</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/BrochuraKandidatuMar2017te.pdf>  
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/BroxuraLHELPAR2017.pdf>

<sup>70</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/LHPoster.jpg>

<sup>71</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/17PresElec.htm>

<sup>72</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/17ParElec.htm>

<sup>73</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/EIObsJuly2017.pdf>

<sup>74</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/QuestforPresKandidEn.pdf>  
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/KestionariuPartiduPolitiku.pdf>

<sup>75</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/RespostaAngelaFreitas.pdf>  
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/Res/RespostaHusiKHUNTO.pdf>  
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/KestionariuFRETILIN.pdf>

<sup>76</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/LHRelObsEIPres3Apr2017en.pdf>  
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/EIPar/LHRelObservasaunEIPar2017te.pdf>

## Human rights, freedom of expression and international solidarity

We published an analysis of the working conditions of Dili's street vendors in 2016, and during 2017 we continued to advocate for their right to work freely and safely without harassment by state security. We organized discussions with vendors to help them develop a strategy for demanding their rights, and asked PDHJ to mediate between vendors and the Government.

Subsequently, almost one hundred vendors participated in a discussion with PDHJ and civil society, in which PDHJ agreed to bring the issue to the relevant state authorities; representatives of the group of vendors eventually met with Members of Parliament and advisors to the President. La'ó Hamutuk also raised the issue of vendors' rights in our TV interviews with Presidential candidates and in the questionnaire we distributed to candidates.<sup>77</sup> The process is ongoing, and La'ó Hamutuk continues to follow it closely.

La'ó Hamutuk continued to advocate for accountability for the extra-judicial killings of Mauk Moruk and his group members in 2015, encouraging local journalists to investigate the case and raising the question to Presidential candidates and the public in our publications around the election.<sup>78</sup>

On 20 May, the fifteenth anniversary of the Restoration of Timor-Leste's independence, we wrote an article to remind the public about the ongoing impunity for the crimes committed during the Indonesian occupation, and the need for justice and accountability for those crimes, as well as in the Government's economic and social policies.<sup>79</sup> The article was printed in several newspapers and blogs. We also provided information about impunity for past crimes to Amnesty International, and shared our perspective with several international researchers.

We continued to follow the UN's Universal Periodic Review of human rights in Timor-Leste and updated our web page.<sup>80</sup>

La'ó Hamutuk participated in several events related to Freedom of Expression, including a march in support of Raimundos Oki (a journalist charged with defaming the Prime Minister), and World Press Freedom Day. We gave several interviews to local and international media about the importance of media freedom. We also wrote an open letter to UNESCO (the organizers of World Press Freedom Day) in Jakarta, calling on them to urge the Indonesian Government to guarantee free access and safety for journalists, including in West Papua.<sup>81</sup>

La'ó Hamutuk also continued to express solidarity with other struggles for self-determination around the world. In June, La'ó Hamutuk, as part of the Timor-Leste Association of Ex-Political Prisoners and *Klibur Solidaridade* (Solidarity Association), helped write a press release expressing solidarity with Palestinian political prisoners who successfully pushed for increased rights through a 40-day hunger strike.<sup>82</sup> We also participated in a solidarity event for Western Sahara organized by UNTL students.

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<sup>77</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/QuestforPresKandidEn.pdf>

<sup>78</sup> <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/PresElec/QuestforPresKandidTe.pdf>

<sup>79</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/RestauraiIndep20Maiu2017en.pdf>

<sup>80</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/UPR/12UPRIIndex.htm>

<sup>81</sup> <http://www.etan.org/news/2017/03pressfreedom.htm>

<sup>82</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2017/TLSolidPalesPrisJun2017en.pdf>

## NGO coalitions

### Timor-Leste coalitions

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

### International coalitions

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

## Organizational report

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

Charles was outside Timor-Leste for much of the first half of the year, working part-time in the US, and returned to Dili in April.

We began the process of recruiting new Timorese and international staff by sharing information about the position with our local and international networks. During May and June, Niall and Pelagio organized speaking events at several universities in the UK in order to promote La'o Hamutuk's work among graduates and researchers in development, to be held in July. By June we had received several expressions of interest from people interested in applying to become staff, interns or volunteers. We aim to recruit at least one international and one Timorese staff member before the end of 2017, along with at least one Timorese volunteer.

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

During the reporting period, we updated our internal and financial policies, conducted our annual internal evaluation, updated our team action plans and published our 2016 Annual Report.<sup>83</sup>

<sup>83</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/ARept/2016/LHAnnualReport2016.pdf>

In the aftermath of La'o Hamutuk's financial management problems in 2015, The Asia Foundation delayed continuing funding until they could conduct a "due diligence" review of our improved procedures. That process took place during the first half of 2017, and we have satisfied their requirements and expect to receive funding from them in the second part of the year.

In late 2016, we submitted a proposal to Misereor (Germany), and we continued to provide information to them during 2017. At the time of writing, we have submitted all the documents they asked for, and we expect funding to begin soon.

Finally, we are discussing a potential funding partnership with CCFD (*Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement-Terre Solidaire*, France). We hope to receive their support in early 2018.

## Appendix 1. Financial Report

This mid-year report is being written before the end of the financial year of 2017. The final annual report will include more information and will be submitted for external audit. The figures below are preliminary and may differ from the final version. All amounts are in U.S. dollars.

During the first half of 2017, La'o Hamutuk did not receive any funds from donors because we have not signed any new funding contracts since 2015. Although Development and Peace had transferred \$11,358 in 2016 for expenses during the first half of 2017, this did not cover our entire budget, and we continued to draw down our reserves.

In February, Hivos told La'o Hamutuk that the Norwegian Embassy in Jakarta would provide a final round of transitional funding for La'o Hamutuk, with \$60,000 for 2017-18. Then, in June, Development & Peace (Canada) agreed to continue to fund La'o Hamutuk for another year. At the time of writing (August 2017), we have signed contracts with both donors and money will be transferred during the third quarter.

### Balance sheet

A more detailed and comprehensive balance sheet will be included in our annual report, with details on various reserve funds and cash flow during the entire year.

	Cash & bank balances (including salary advances)	Grant from Development and Peace for 2017	In reserve or committed	Unrestricted funds on hand
Balance 31 Dec 2016	139,012	11,358	95,994	31,681
Income Jan-Jun 2017	6,015	0	3,475	2,540
Expenses Jan-June 2017	77,653	11,358	33,475	32,820
<b>Balance 30 June 2017</b>	<b>67,375</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66,106</b>	<b>1,269</b>

### Revenues received during the first half of 2017

Source	Budget 2017	Half year budget	Actual	Difference	Explanation
Grant from Development and Peace	11,750	5,875	0	-5,875	Expected in September
Grant from The Asia Foundation	15,000	7,500	0	-7,500	Expected in September
Misereor	31,008	15,504	0	-15,504	Expected in fourth quarter
Norway or new donor	30,000	15,000	0	-15,000	Expected in fourth quarter
The Asia Foundation	-	-	-	-	
Earned by LH	2,000	1,000	5,983	4,983	We gave more paid briefings than expected during 2017.
Sales, interest, donations	1,000	500	32	-468	
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,758</b>	<b>45,379</b>	<b>6,015</b>	<b>-39,364</b>	

**Expenditures during the first half of 2017**

Category	Budget 2017	Half year budget	Actual	Difference	Explanation
Capital Equipment	225	113	0	113	
Election Activities	4,000	2,000	800	1,200	Most costs were deferred to Parliamentary election in July.
Personnel	111,787	55,893	57,314	-1,421	Higher because \$4,436 was paid in 2017 for back wage taxes and staff costs incurred during 2016.
Staff training	1,000	500	19	481	
Bulletin	1,400	700	0	700	Publication delayed to early 2018.
Public meetings	1,400	700	180	520	Some planned public meetings not held.
Radio programs	3,175	1,588	570	1,018	We continued broadcasting on community radio stations, but not the more expensive Radio Timor-Leste.
Research	4,000	2,000	2,495	-495	Research done in rural areas, high transport costs.
Resource Centre	780	390	662	-272	Higher costs for official gazette due to price increase and LH requesting more copies.
International Conference	2,000	1,000	0	1,000	Conference will be held in second half of 2017.
Operations & Supplies	6,553	3,277	3,899	-623	
Office rent	9,000	4,500	4,500	0	
Office building	100	50	0	50	
Transportation	720	360	146	214	
Telephone and internet	7,865	3,932	4,468	-536	Includes \$1,500 of expenses paid incurred during 2016.
Auditor	3,000	1,500	2,600	-1,100	Payment for 2015 audit made in January 2017. Costs were also higher than expected.
Misc. expenses	500	250	0	250	
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,505</b>	<b>78,753</b>	<b>77,653</b>	<b>1,100</b>	



## Appendix 2. Media Coverage of La'o Hamutuk

During the first half of 2017, La'o Hamutuk was quoted or cited more than 80 times in local and international print and online media. We also participated in many TV and radio interviews, some of which are listed here.

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URL	Comment
East Timor tears up oil and gas treaty with Australia after Hague dispute	9 Jan	ABC News	Henry Belot	<a href="http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-01-09/east-timor-to-tear-up-oil-and-gas-treaty-with/8171466">http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-01-09/east-timor-to-tear-up-oil-and-gas-treaty-with/8171466</a>	Interview with Juvinal
LH Husu Tribunal de Contas Labele Fo Vistu	9 Jan	Timoroman			Interview Juvinal about Suai Supply Base
Juvinal: "Ezekusaun OJE 2017 sei La Kualidade"	9 Jan	Timoroman			Interview Juvinal
Ezekusaun oje 2017 sei la kualidade	9 Jan	Diario			Quotes Juvinal on State Budget
Gov hakarak impresta osan ADB, LH husu TC labele fo vistu	9 Jan	Diario			Quotes Juvinal on loans
Desenvolve rekursu iha Kosta súl, la iha serteza kona-ba rekursu	11 Jan	Timor Post			Quotes Niall
Estadu Presiza Aprende husi Tratadu CMATS	11 Jan	Timor Post			Quotes Niall
Hapara tratadu CMATS, solusaun di'ak ba povu TL	11 Jan	Timoroman			Quotes Niall
Sosiedade Sivil Apresia Desizaun Governu Hakotu Tratadu CMATS	11 Jan	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal and Niall
Economic diplomacy brief: Japan relations, Timor gas, Asian business and Indonesia banking	12 Jan	Lowy Interpreter	Greg Earl	<a href="https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/economic-diplomacy--japan-relations-timor-gas-asian-business-indonesia-banking">https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/economic-diplomacy--japan-relations-timor-gas-asian-business-indonesia-banking</a>	Links to LH web page on Petroleum Fund
Estadu Presiza Aprende husi Tratadu CMATS	12 Jan	Timor Post			Quotes Niall (repeat of 11 Jan article)
Southeast Asia's newest nation faces an election that could make or break its future	16 Jan	SE Asia Globe	David Hutt	<a href="http://sea-globe.com/east-timor-elections-2017/">http://sea-globe.com/east-timor-elections-2017/</a>	Quotes Charlie on better priorities than ASEAN; LH on accuracy of gov't claims of progress
Projetu Tasi Mane tenke lao	16 Jan	Suara Timor Lorosa'e (STL)			Quotes Juvinal questioning Tasi Mane
Delimitation of Maritime Boundary	16 Jan	STL	Vicente Mauboc		Cites LH data on petroleum running out
Hakotu tratadu CMATS lori vitoria foun ba TL	16 Jan	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal
Maritime row in the Timor Sea	18 Jan	Al Jazeera The Stream		<a href="http://stream.aljazeera.com/story/201701180025-0025361">http://stream.aljazeera.com/story/201701180025-0025361</a>	Juvinal was a panelist on talk-show
Iha vantazen ba TL bainhira hakotu tratadu CMATS	23 Jan	Timor Post			Uses graphic by LH on Timor Sea treaties
Povu kontinua ezije esplikasaun estudu viabilidade ba ZEESM no projetu Tasi Mane	6 Feb	Timor Post			Quotes Celestino

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URL	Comment
Life after oil: The truth behind East Timor's fading future	7 Feb	ASEAN Today	Victoria Wah	<a href="http://www.aseantoday.com/2017/02/life-after-oil-the-truth-behind-east-timors-fading-future/">http://www.aseantoday.com/2017/02/life-after-oil-the-truth-behind-east-timors-fading-future/</a>	Quotes LH and Charlie
Environmental concerns for Timor-Leste cement project	11 Feb	The Saturday Paper	James Norman	<a href="https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/news/politics/2017/02/11/environmental-concerns-timor-leste-cement-project/14867316004216">https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/news/politics/2017/02/11/environmental-concerns-timor-leste-cement-project/14867316004216</a>	Quotes Charlie
Governu la iha vontade proteze negociante ambulante	13 Feb	Business Timor			Quotes Celestino on street vendors' rights
Ukun na'in sira sei proteje malu ho korupsi	13 Feb	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on government corruption
Governu TL-Australia konkorda hapara tratadu CMATS iha fulan Abril	20 Feb	Business Timor			Quotes Celestino
LH la kontenti Xanana hakuak Wiranto	24 Feb	Diario			Quotes Celestino on Wiranto war crimes
Maritime Boundary Dispute Masks Need for Economic Diversity in Timor-Leste	27 Feb	Inter Press Service, MENA News	Stephen de Tarczynski	<a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/2017/02/maritime-boundary-dispute-masks-need-for-economic-diversity-in-timor-leste/">http://www.ipsnews.net/2017/02/maritime-boundary-dispute-masks-need-for-economic-diversity-in-timor-leste/</a> <a href="http://menafn.com/1095279298/MELBOURNE-Australia-Maritime-Boundary-Dispute-Masks-Need-for-Economic-Diversity-in-Timor-Leste">http://menafn.com/1095279298/MELBOURNE-Australia-Maritime-Boundary-Dispute-Masks-Need-for-Economic-Diversity-in-Timor-Leste</a>	Interview with Juvinal
Past the Tipping Point? Contract Disclosure within EITI	Mar	Report by NRG1	Don Hubert and Rob Pitman	<a href="http://www.resourcegovernance.org/analysis-tools/publications/past-tipping-point">http://www.resourcegovernance.org/analysis-tools/publications/past-tipping-point</a>	Cites LH as a CSO publishing contracts when the government fails to.
East Timor to Elect New President as Oil Revenues Rapidly Run Dry	17 Mar	US News/ Reuters	Alexandre Assis	<a href="https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2017-03-17/east-timor-to-elect-new-president-as-oil-revenues-rapidly-run-dry">https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2017-03-17/east-timor-to-elect-new-president-as-oil-revenues-rapidly-run-dry</a>	Quotes Charlie
Frontrunner for East Timor presidency offers Australia hope on oilfields deal	19 Mar	Sydney Morning Herald	Lindsay Murdoch	<a href="http://www.smh.com.au/world/frontrunner-for-east-timor-presidency-offers-australia-hope-on-oilfields-deal-20170318-gv1a42.html">http://www.smh.com.au/world/frontrunner-for-east-timor-presidency-offers-australia-hope-on-oilfields-deal-20170318-gv1a42.html</a>	Quotes Charlie
Timor-Leste votes for new president amid poverty	20 Mar	Jakarta Post	Ina Parlina	<a href="http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/03/20/timor-leste-votes-for-new-president-amid-poverty.html">http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/03/20/timor-leste-votes-for-new-president-amid-poverty.html</a>	Cites LH and Charlie on oil running out
Timor poll a test for old heroes	20 Mar	The Australian	Amanda Hodge	<a href="http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/east-timor-presidential-election-tests-old-heroes-gusmao-and-alkatiri/news-story/2edb6ec57ccb5c4233c2b5183d665b4c">http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/east-timor-presidential-election-tests-old-heroes-gusmao-and-alkatiri/news-story/2edb6ec57ccb5c4233c2b5183d665b4c</a>	Quotes Niall on need for issue-based campaigning
East Timor electing new president as oil revenue dries	20 Mar	Otago Daily Times	Reuters	<a href="https://www.odt.co.nz/news/world/east-timor-electing-new-president-oil-revenue-dries">https://www.odt.co.nz/news/world/east-timor-electing-new-president-oil-revenue-dries</a>	Cites LH and quotes Charlie
Asia's youngest nation looks to elect new president	20 Mar	UCA News	Thomas Ora	<a href="http://www.ucanews.com/news/asias-youngest-nation-looks-to-elect-new-president/78704">http://www.ucanews.com/news/asias-youngest-nation-looks-to-elect-new-president/78704</a>	Cites LH on need to reduce oil dependency

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URL	Comment
East Timor holds first presidential election since UN peacekeepers left	20 Mar	DW.com		<a href="http://www.dw.com/en/east-timor-holds-first-presidential-election-since-un-peacekeepers-left/a-38017195">http://www.dw.com/en/east-timor-holds-first-presidential-election-since-un-peacekeepers-left/a-38017195</a>	Cites LH and Charlie on oil running out
Timor-Leste elections: Citizens head to polls to cast vote for president to 'speak for the people'	20 Mar	ABC	Felicity James	<a href="http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-20/timor-leste-elections-citizens-head-to-polls-to-cast-vote/8367948">http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-20/timor-leste-elections-citizens-head-to-polls-to-cast-vote/8367948</a>	Quotes Charlie on election and oil fields depleted
Timor-Leste election: Likely victory for Lu Olo suggests business as usual	21 Mar	Lowy Interpreter	Michael Leach	<a href="https://www.lowyinstitute.org/timor-leste-election-likely-victory-lu-olo-suggests-business-usual">https://www.lowyinstitute.org/timor-leste-election-likely-victory-lu-olo-suggests-business-usual</a>	Links to LH website and refers to criticism of infra spending
Timor-Leste shows maturity to organise well-run and peaceful elections	22 Mar	EU election observer report	EU election observer mission	<a href="https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/eu_eom_preliminary_statement_en.pdf">https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/eu_eom_preliminary_statement_en.pdf</a>	Cites LH-TVE partnership is a "useful platform" which was "neutral [and] generally balanced."
Tough times continue for the people of East Timor	24 Mar	Sydney Morning Herald	Lindsay Murdoch	<a href="http://www.smh.com.au/world/tough-times-continue-for-people-of-east-timor-20170323-gv4lsd.html">http://www.smh.com.au/world/tough-times-continue-for-people-of-east-timor-20170323-gv4lsd.html</a>	Quotes Charlie on Tasi Mane and economic diversification
Certain Maritime Arrangements	1 Apr	Timor Agora blog	LH	<a href="http://timoragora.blogspot.com/2017/04/certain-maritime-arrangements.html">http://timoragora.blogspot.com/2017/04/certain-maritime-arrangements.html</a>	Reprints LH submission to Australian Parliament
La'o Hamutuk Rekomenda STAE-CNE Hadi'a Frakeza	12 Apr	Tatoli	Rafi Belo	<a href="http://www.tatoli.tl/2017/04/la-o-hamutuk-rekomenda-stae-cne-hadia-frakeza/">http://www.tatoli.tl/2017/04/la-o-hamutuk-rekomenda-stae-cne-hadia-frakeza/</a>	Based on LH election observation report
As maritime agreement with Australia dissolves, Timor-Leste left exposed	13 Apr	Lowy Interpreter	Bec Strating	<a href="https://www.lowyinstitute.org/timor-leste-left-exposed">https://www.lowyinstitute.org/timor-leste-left-exposed</a>	Cites LH prediction of when Petroleum Fund will be empty
East Timor needs more than peaceful elections to survive	19 Apr	Global Risk Insights	Jeremy Luedi	<a href="http://globalriskinsights.com/2017/04/east-timor-more-than-elections-needed/">http://globalriskinsights.com/2017/04/east-timor-more-than-elections-needed/</a>	Quotes Charlie on oil running out
Sestu Governu Falla Poupa Orsamental	22 Apr	STL	Raimundo Fraga		Quote Juvinal on state spending
Ekonomia TL Nafatin Hakdasak	24 Apr	STL	Raimundo Fraga		Quotes Juvinal on non-oil economy
Sosiedade Sivil Kontra Bandu FP Tuir Kampana	25 Apr	Timoroman			Interviews Juvinal about election campaign
LH Kestiona Servisu PDHJ	25 Apr	Timoroman			Interviews Juvinal about election campaign
La'o Hamutuk Preokupa Kapasidade Kompania Timor Resources	26 Apr	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal
Rezerva mina no gas hahú menus, Governu tenke iha política d'ak jere fundu petroliferu	1 May	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal
Calls for safety of Indonesian, West Papuan journalists to be prioritised	3 May	Asia Pacific Report		<a href="http://asiapacificreport.nz/2017/05/02/calls-for-safety-of-indonesian-west-papuan-journalists-to-be-prioritised/">http://asiapacificreport.nz/2017/05/02/calls-for-safety-of-indonesian-west-papuan-journalists-to-be-prioritised/</a>	Quotes Celestino on the importance of independent media
Wake up and sell the coffee: Timor-Leste's big-spending leaders are squandering its savings	4 May	The Economist	Mark Johnson	<a href="http://www.economist.com/news/asia/21721685-costly-projects-pile-up-petrodollars-dwindle-timor-lestes-big-spending-leaders-are-squandering">http://www.economist.com/news/asia/21721685-costly-projects-pile-up-petrodollars-dwindle-timor-lestes-big-spending-leaders-are-squandering</a>	Uses LH info, graphic

Title	Date	Medium	Author	URL	Comment
LH Konsidera VI Governu La Susesu	11 May	Independente	Ligia Noronha		Quotes Juvinal
LH Konsidera Governu Laiha Planu Diak	11 May	STL	Lucia Ximenes		Quotes Juvinal
Politika imprestimu fo tusan ba jerasaun foun	18 May	Diario			Quotes Juvinal on loans
Lei Mineiru: lisensa ba luku iha rai okos, estraga rai murak	17-19 May	STL	Juvinal Dias		Printed article by Juvinal
Lei Mineiru: lisensa ba luku iha rai okos, estraga rai murak	17-19 May	Independente	Juvinal Dias		Printed article by Juvinal
Timor-Leste's new president Francisco Guterres is unlikely to rock the boat	19 May	Southeast Asia Globe	Euan Black	<a href="http://sea-globe.com/francisco-lu-olo-guterres/">http://sea-globe.com/francisco-lu-olo-guterres/</a>	Quotes Charlie on difficulties of transitioning away from oil
New president for Timor-Leste	20 May	SBS	Rhiannon Elston	<a href="http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2017/05/20/new-president-timor-leste">http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2017/05/20/new-president-timor-leste</a>	Quotes Charlie on independence history of leaders
Restaurasaun Independensia no Restaurasaun dignidade em nian	21 May	Timor Hau Nian Doben	Celestino Gusmão	<a href="http://www.timorhauniandoben.com/2017/05/restaurasaun-independensia-no.html">http://www.timorhauniandoben.com/2017/05/restaurasaun-independensia-no.html</a>	Re-posted article by Celestino on restoration of independence
Talk Fusion Pratika Krime Brankamento Capitál, Autoridade Kompetente Tenke Investiga	22 May	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal
Governu gasta ona billaun \$9 husi fundu minarai	22 May	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal
Juvinal: Governu Laiha Politika Poupa Orsamental	23 May	Timor Post			Quotes Juvinal on state budget and spending
Laiha rezultadu Signifikativu, Mari Alkatiri duvidas ba programa ODS	23 May	Diario			Quotes Juvinal about SDGs
Many challenges await new Timor-Leste president	23 May	UCA News	Thomas Ora	<a href="http://www.ucanews.com/news/many-challenges-await-new-timor-leste-president/79296">http://www.ucanews.com/news/many-challenges-await-new-timor-leste-president/79296</a>	Quotes Adilson on economic diversification
From guerrilla fighter to president: Francisco Guterres' plans to rebuild Timor-Leste	24 May	SBS	Rhiannon Elston	<a href="http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2017/05/24/guerrilla-fighter-president-francisco-guterres-plans-rebuild-timor-leste">http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2017/05/24/guerrilla-fighter-president-francisco-guterres-plans-rebuild-timor-leste</a>	Quotes Charlie on government prioritizing institutions
LH Hein Governu Foun, Lori Mudansa Foun ba Timor-Leste	25 May	Independente			Quotes Juvinal on new Government, prioritizing social sectors
Timor-Leste's big spending: a brave way to tackle economic crisis or just reckless?	25 May	The Guardian	Helen Davidson	<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/25/timor-leste-spending-big-economic-crisis">https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/25/timor-leste-spending-big-economic-crisis</a>	Quotes Niall and LH on ZEESM and economic development
Lei Mineiru: lisensa ba luku iha rai okos, estraga rai murak	25 May	Timor Hau Nian Doben	Juvinal Dias	<a href="http://www.timorhauniandoben.com/2017/05/lei-mineiru-lisensa-ba-luku-ihai-rai.html">http://www.timorhauniandoben.com/2017/05/lei-mineiru-lisensa-ba-luku-ihai-rai.html</a>	Re-posted article by Juvinal
Lei Mineiru: lisensa ba luku iha rai okos, estraga rai murak	26-29 May	Timor Post	Juvinal Dias		Printed article by Juvinal in three parts
Jornalista timoroan lutu ba liberdade imprensa	30 May	Independente			Interviews Juvinal about peaceful action to support freedom of expression

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Kazu Oki, Jornalista halo asaun solidaridade	30 May	STL			Interviews Juvinal on Oki case and freedom of expression
TLPU-AJTL Entrega Karta ba PM Rui: "Husik Tribunal Mak Disidi"	30 May	Timoroman			Interviews Juvinal on Oki case and freedom of expression
Kick-Starting Inclusive growth: Timor-Leste's Transition to a Post-Conflict, Post-Oil Economy	June	Australian MDF report	Melina Heinrich-Fernandes	<a href="http://marketdevelopmentfacility.org/timor-leste-case-study/uploads/kick-starting-inclusive-growth-timor-leste.pdf">http://marketdevelopmentfacility.org/timor-leste-case-study/uploads/kick-starting-inclusive-growth-timor-leste.pdf</a>	Quotes and references LH several times on TL economic context
Charles Schinner: Fundu soberanu Timor-Leste nian sei dura tinan 10 ho ritmu atual gastu nian	2 Jun	Timoroman		<a href="http://noticias.sapo.tl/tetum/info/artigo/1505132.html">http://noticias.sapo.tl/tetum/info/artigo/1505132.html</a>	Quotes Charlie from IPJET conference
PM Rui: Kapasidade membru Governu limitadu, implikasi ezekusaun OJE	2 Jun	Diario			Quotes Juvinal
Autoridade RAEOA duvida ho planu OD's	4 Jun	Timor Post			Quote Juvinal on ZEESM
New Hope for fair deal over oil below Timor Sea	7 Jun	NZ Herald	Maire Leadbeater		Quotes LH on how much oil money Australia has stolen
Labele harii koloniál iha Oe-kusi	10 Jun	Timor Post			Quotes Pelagio on ZEESM
A shotgun marriage and a blank cheque: political and economic trends in East Timor	10 Jun	ASPI Strategist	James Scambary	<a href="https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/shotgun-marriage-blank-cheque-political-economic-trends-east-timor/">https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/shotgun-marriage-blank-cheque-political-economic-trends-east-timor/</a>	Cites LH figure on ZEESM spending
La'o Hamutuk kritika konstrusaun Portu Tibar	19 Jun	Business Timor			Quotes Niall
Suai International Airport Opens "New Frontier for Timor-Leste," Lu-Olo	22 Jun	Independente	Humberto dos Santos		Quotes LH and Charlie about high spending and non-viability of Tasi Mane project
Saida mak signifika eleisaun jerál 2017 ba ita povu ki'ik sira?	22 Jun	Timor Hau Nian Doben	Juvinal Dias	<a href="http://www.timorhauniandoben.com/2017/06/saida-mak-signifika-eleisaun-jeral-2017.html">http://www.timorhauniandoben.com/2017/06/saida-mak-signifika-eleisaun-jeral-2017.html</a>	Post article by Juvinal on Parliamentary election
LH preokupa nafatin projetu ZEESM	26 Jun	Business Timor			Quotes Niall
LAK la aprova fo impaktu ba dezenvolvimentu	26 Jun	Business Timor			Quotes Juvinal on Anti-corruption Law
GDP TL kontinua depende ba fundu minarai	26 Jun	Business Timor			Quotes Niall

## Appendix 3. Presentations and Programs by La'o Hamutuk

During the first half of 2017, La'o Hamutuk organized and provided speakers for many events, trainings and briefings. Most of the PowerPoint presentations are on our website.<sup>84</sup>

Topic	Date	Speaker(s)	Event or audience
Rights and sustainability	17 Jan	Niall Almond and Adilson da Costa	Briefing to incoming AVI volunteers
Economy and Petroleum Fund	17 Jan	Adilson da Costa	Presentation to UNITAL Faculty of Political Science students and lecturers
Mining Law	19 Jan	Juvinal Dias	Testified at public hearing held by Parliament Committee D
Budget transparency	8 Feb	Juvinal Dias	Implementation of the Social Accountability Framework workshop, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Presidential election – key issues	18 Feb	Adilson da Costa and Pelagio Doutel	Presentation to group 'Youth for National Development'
Presidential election	7 Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate António 'Kaloan' da Conceição for TVE talk-show
Presidential election	9 Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate Maria Angela Freitas da Silva for TVE talk-show
Presidential election	9 Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate António 'Fatuk Mutin' Maher Lopes for TVE talk-show
Presidential election	11 Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate Amarin Vieira for TVE talk-show
Presidential election	13 Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate José António 'Samala Rua' de Jesus Neves for TVE talk-show
Presidential election	14 Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate Francisco 'Lu-Olo' Guterres for TVE talk-show
Presidential election	16 Mar	Juvinal Dias	Interviewed Presidential candidate Luis Alves Tilman for TVE talk-show
Post-election results	Mar	Juvinal Dias and Celestino Gusmão	Moderated and presented on TVE talk-show on results of election and observer mission reports
Agriculture and economy in Timor-Leste	Mar	Mariano Ferreira	Briefing to UNTL students
Rights and sustainability	7 Mar	Niall Almond and Adilson da Costa	Briefing to incoming AVI volunteers

<sup>84</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/pres.htm>

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LH election observation results	20 Apr	Celestino Gusmão	Civil society meeting organized by the UN and attended by government election agencies.
Problematizing Petro-State	27 Apr	Juvinal Dias	Democratization in petro-states, seminar held by UNTL Faculty of Political Science
Agriculture and economy in Timor-Leste	May	Mariano Ferreira	Briefing to UNTL students
Rights and sustainability	12 May	Niall Almond and Pelagio Doutel	Briefing to incoming AVI volunteers
Budgetary oversight and transparency	24 May	Juvinal Dias	National seminar on legislative oversight of public expenditure, organized by National Parliament
Timor-Leste's oil wealth: financing government, building for development and providing for its people	29 May	Charles Scheiner	Presentation to the Conference marking 25 Years of the International Platform of Jurists for East Timor, Lisbon, Portugal
Mining in Timor-Leste: Economic opportunity or threat to people's lives?	13 Jun	Niall Almond	La'o Hamutuk / IOB public meeting
Rights and sustainability	21 Jun	Niall Almond, Charles Scheiner and Pelagio Doutel	Briefing to incoming AVI volunteers
Effects of Tasi Mane Project on people's lives and the economy	23 Jun	Juvinal Dias	Presentation to local community members in Suai
Petroleum Fund	28 Jun	Juvinal Dias	Seminar organized by the Core Group on Transparency
Implications of Timor-Leste's borrowing	29/30 Jun	Niall Almond	Presentations at TLSA academic conference
Challenges of Bayu-Undan running out	29/30 Jun	Charles Scheiner	Presentations at TLSA academic conference
The resource curse in Timor-Leste: Petroleum Fund management and budget policy	29 Jun	Juvinal Dias	Presentation at TLSA academic conference
Infrastructure projects and the challenges of environmental licensing	30 Jun	Adilson da Costa	Presentation at TLSA academic conference
Challenges for small-scale agricultural product processing industry	30 Jun	Maxi Tahu	Presentation at TLSA academic conference