

# Mid-Year Report

## La'o Hamutuk

### January - June 2020

#### 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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## **Introduction and situational context**

La' o Hamutuk ('Walking Together' in English) is an independent non-governmental organization which analyses, reports and advocates on development processes in Timor-Leste, particularly the programs and policies of the national government and international agencies operating in the country. La' o Hamutuk produces fact-based analysis in order to educate the public on the decisions being made by its representatives, and consults with and lobbies decision makers in government, Parliament and international agencies to advocate for more equitable, sustainable and people-focused policies. It also serves as a resource center, providing literature on alternative development models, experiences and practices for researchers, civil society, policy-makers and students.

Timor-Leste began to receive substantial revenues from oil and gas in 2005, and much of La' o Hamutuk's work since then has involved exploring how Timor-Leste can avoid the 'resource curse,' where petroleum-export-dependent countries fail to use the revenues from selling non-renewable resources to improve the lives of their citizens. Unfortunately, Timor-Leste is showing many signs of having been cursed by its oil and gas: it has thus far failed to substantially improve the non-oil economy, with the State depending almost entirely on the money from exporting oil and gas, while almost half of Timor-Leste's people continue to live in poverty, and many lack access to basic services and adequate livelihoods.

As Timor-Leste has already received more than 98% of the estimated revenues it will get from its only producing petroleum field, and it now depends almost entirely on the money saved in its Petroleum Fund (PF) to finance State activities. However, the government is withdrawing unsustainable amounts, often to pay for large infrastructure projects.

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

Timor-Leste's political situation caused uncertainty from late 2019 through most of 2020. In January 2020, Parliament rejected the second proposed budget for the year, and ensuing political uncertainty caused the CNRT party to withdraw from the governing coalition. Without a budget, Timor-Leste used its 'duodecimal system' for most of the year, which allows the government to spend up to 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the previous year's budget each month. The duodecimal system was designed to ensure that the state would be able to function when a budget was not passed on time.

At the end of March 2020, a new coalition, including Fretilin, was formed. This kept the government functioning during the Covid-19 crisis, and it declared a State of Emergency in March, which was renewed monthly, enabling restrictions on travel, meetings and other activities to prevent the arrival and community spread of the virus. Subsequently, other measures were adopted to lessen the economic effects of the pandemic on the population, including a Special Fund.

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

## Program activities

During the first half of 2020 and despite the limitations brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, La'o Hamutuk continued to be a reliable source of information for the Government, Parliament, President, courts and other state organs, as well as for citizens, journalists, academics, civil society, consultants, diplomats, international agencies and others.

Many organizations rely on La'o Hamutuk for independent, fact-based analysis, and we frequently responded to requests from local and international researchers, NGOs, academics and development partners who sought our perspectives. We also participated in public consultations held by public and private agencies, as well as providing input to papers and reports by academics and international development agencies about Timor-Leste.

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

During 2020, new representatives from some key international agencies came to Timor-Leste, and we met with the newcomers from the IMF, New Zealand, the European Union, Norway and Sweden to share our perspectives on the key issues facing Timor-Leste. We encouraged Indonesia-based diplomats to monitor the trial of West Papua activists in Jakarta. We also met with British, French and U.S. teams who are evaluating and planning longer-term assistance to Timor-Leste.

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

## Public events

During the first half of 2020, La'o Hamutuk did not organize our own public meetings as they could have led to the spread of Covid-19. However, we spoke at public events, including:

- **March:** Panel discussion on Economics of Education organized by IOB and Monash Uni. Berta was a panelist and 200 people attended.
- **March:** RTTL Television program *Cafe Dadeer*. Adilson was the guest and discussed the history of LH and how we contribute to decision-making.
- **April:** RTTL Television program *Ita Nia Bainaka* on Timor Leste's Economic and Political Situation During Covid-19. Febe was the guest.

## Website, blog and email lists

La'o Hamutuk's website ([www.laohamutuk.org](http://www.laohamutuk.org)), in Tetum and English, continues to be a primary source for reliable, independent information and analysis on many issues relating to Timor-Leste, including the State Budget and government finances, elections, government procurement, private investment, petroleum and extractive industries, land laws, maritime boundaries and sustainable development. We publish documents from a wide variety of sources on our Reference Page,<sup>1</sup> in addition what we write ourselves on a range of topics.

New blog<sup>2</sup> articles during the reporting period included:

- Economics of Education (English and Tetum)
- Timor-Leste unimproved in 2019 Open Budget Survey (English and Tetum)

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

<sup>2</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com>

- Mai Ita Hamutuk Bele Evita Surtu Covid-19 (Tetum)
- Global economic developments hit Timor-Leste hard (English and Tetum)

Between January and June 2020, people accessed our website more than a million times, visiting more than three million pages. In addition, more than 36,000 people read articles on our blog.

### Radio programs

La'o Hamutuk's Radio Igualdade program is carried on community radio stations across the country, and is available as a podcast on our website.<sup>3</sup> During the first half of the year, we produced programs on

- Investing the Petroleum Fund
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- World Environment Day

## Research, analysis and advocacy

### State budget and fiscal sustainability

During the first half of 2020, La'o Hamutuk continued to track the State Budget process, sharing documents, information and analysis, and frequently updating our webpage on the 2020<sup>4</sup> State Budget. The government used the duodecimal system because the political impasse and Covid-19 made it impossible to adopt an annual budget. The duodecimal system allows spending up to 1/12 of the previous year's budget each month; this meant that disbursements were curtailed. Much of the economy, including the private sector, relies on State spending, and this was one cause of the economic slowdown during the period.

In January, we made a submission to Parliament<sup>5</sup> on the Government's second budget proposal (which was subsequently rejected), and held a press conference.<sup>6</sup>

La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor and publish updates on the Petroleum Fund (PF), which could be exhausted in a decade if unsustainable withdrawals continue.<sup>7</sup> Two extraordinary withdrawals were authorized by Parliament during the period, and our analysis and information helped many understand the situation.

In March, we updated *Rights and Sustainability* in English and Tetum.<sup>8</sup> We made this presentation to many organizations and journalists, and it summarizes and explains many of the economic and social challenges facing the country.

La'o Hamutuk released a paper [Implications of recent changes to Timor-Leste's Petroleum Fund](#)<sup>9</sup>, updating our 2019 [presentation](#) to the Timor-Leste Studies Association. We also broadcast a radio program on [Investimentu Fundu Petroliferu](#).<sup>10</sup>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OG20/19OG20.htm>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OG20/second/LHSubOJE2020\\_10Jan2020en.pdf](http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OG20/second/LHSubOJE2020_10Jan2020en.pdf)  
[http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OG20/second/LHSubOJE2020\\_10Jan2020te.pdf](http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OG20/second/LHSubOJE2020_10Jan2020te.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OG20/second/LHRevPropOJE12Jan2020te.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/05PFIndex.htm>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/RightSustainCurrentEn.pdf>  
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/RightSustainCurrentTe.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/2020/ImplicationsPetroleumFundMay2020en.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/media/2020/RadigFunduPetroliferuMar2020.mp3>

In March, La'o Hamutuk examined how global economic and financial market changes will affect the financial capacity and stability of Timor-Leste's government operations, especially the Petroleum Fund,<sup>11</sup> and we updated the article monthly. We see the enduring fall in global oil prices as the most significant factor for the longer term, although falling stock and bond prices and additional withdrawals are also worrying.

When Canadian trainers in Gender-Based Budgeting Plus came to Timor-Leste, we helped them with understanding, contacts and context to make their trainings more useful.

We considered undertaking a major, multi-year project to review the government's 2011-2030 Strategic Development Plan and write an alternative, and discussed it with potential funders and collaborators. However, given the pandemic, we decided that we could not take this on at this time, due to human resource limitations.

### Transparency and accountability

In 2020, La'o Hamutuk continued to advocate for transparency and accountability, including with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI),<sup>12</sup> Publish What You Pay and Timor-Leste's Petroleum Fund Consultative Council (former La'o Hamutuk staffer Juvinal Dias was elected President of the Council during the reporting period).

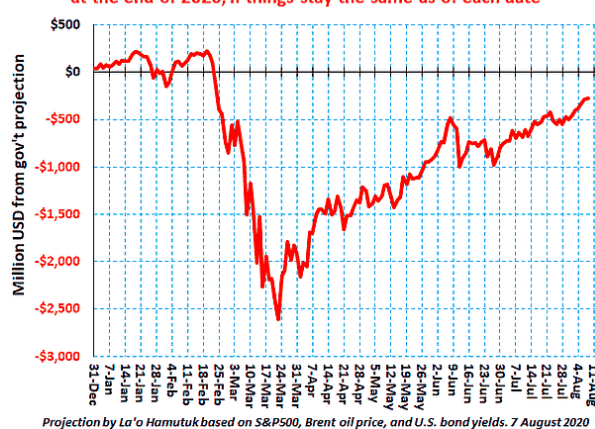
We continue to serve as the Timor-Leste researcher for the International Budget Partnership's Open Budget Survey (OBS), and completed the 2019 Open Budget Survey, circulating it when it was released in April 2020.<sup>13</sup> In recent years, Timor-Leste has been backsliding in this area. La'o Hamutuk's work with IBP has encouraged policy-makers and others to improve the situation, and some steps have already been taken.

### Petroleum activities

La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the planning and implementation of the Tasi Mane Project by the national oil company TimorGAP, and discussed it with policy makers, petroleum companies and journalists, as well as in our own publications. We also wrote up our paper on the Implications of Greater Sunrise and the Tasi Mane Project on the Sustainability of State Finances<sup>14</sup> for the forthcoming proceedings of the Timor-Leste Studies Association.

We also followed the transfer of the majority share and operatorship of Bayu-Undan, the country's only producing oil field, from ConocoPhillips to Santos, and discussed its significance with both companies.

**Change in projected Petroleum Fund balance**  
at the end of 2020, if things stay the same as of each date



Projection by La'o Hamutuk based on S&P500, Brent oil price, and U.S. bond yields. 7 August 2020

<sup>11</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2020/03/global-economic-developments-hit-timor.html>  
<http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2020/03/dezenvolvimentu-ekonomia-global-fo.html>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/EITI/10EITIndex.htm>

<sup>13</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2020/04/timor-lestes-unimproved-in-2019-open.html>  
<http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2020/05/tl-laiha-mudansa-ih-transparensia.html>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/TLSA2019/ImplikTMPTLSAMay2020te.pdf>

As much as possible, we monitored the mostly secretive bidding round for new offshore Production-Sharing Contracts (extended for a year from October 2020), as well as other developments in past, abandoned, and not-yet-producing oil projects, compiling information on our website.<sup>15</sup>

Timor-Leste had planned to begin onshore exploratory drilling in the southwestern part of the country this year, but it has been delayed due to Covid considerations. We met with Timor Resources (the company which is implementing this project) and followed the long-delayed enactment of the Onshore Petroleum Operations Decree-Law.

## **Environment**

La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the implementation (or lack thereof) of environmental licensing laws, meeting regularly with Government environmental authorities to obtain information on the status of environmental licenses for various private and public projects. We also participated in several public consultations for the environmental impact assessments for major public and private projects, as well as meeting privately with the companies conducting the assessments.

In order to celebrate World Environment Day in June, La'o Hamutuk wrote an open letter to the Secretary of State for the Environment regarding environmental problems and climate change.<sup>16</sup> We also produced a radio program<sup>17</sup> and a video.<sup>18</sup>

We continued to collect information for our web registry of Environmental Licensing Documents, which was publicly launched in August.<sup>19</sup> We also worked on negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ANLA (National Agency for Environmental Licensing).

## **Statistics and information**

La'o Hamutuk regularly communicates with government and international agencies to improve statistics and data relating to Timor-Leste. This includes monitoring petroleum production and revenue reports and bringing discrepancies to the attention of the National Petroleum and Minerals Authority (ANPM) and the Central Bank, researching and fact checking statistics presented in the international media, and analyzing reports produced by the Directorate-General for Statistics (DGE) and others.

We met with the DGE to encourage them to be more accurate and complete in reporting oil and gas exports, which they started doing after the Boundary Treaty came into effect in late 2019.

La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the development of the Dili water supply project being planned by ADB, and met several times with a consultant to the ADB on gender issues.

We provided briefings for the UN Representative, UN Women and Oxfam. We met frequently with technical staffers from the IMF, ADB and World Bank, sharing information and encouraging them to use indicators relevant to Timor-Leste's reality, and to prioritize equitable and sustainable development models.

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<sup>15</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PSCs/10PSCs.htm>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/2020/LH-SEA5Jun2020te.pdf>

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/media/2020/RadigLoronAmbienteJun2020.mp3>

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/media/LHAmbienteJun2020LoresTe.mp4>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/18EnvRegistry.htm>

## **Agriculture and land rights**

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

During 2020, La'o Hamutuk continued to research agriculture and food processing industries in rural areas. This research will support new policies benefiting entrepreneurs in food processing, which is a strategic way to diversify the economy away from oil dependency. We are analyzing the final data, and the report will be launched in September this year.

In June 2020, La'o Hamutuk published an article in the national media, explaining the agricultural and food security situation today, and offering alternatives.<sup>20</sup> We believe that a better and more sustainable path to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition in Timor-Leste, reduce dependence on imported food, and also improve people's lives would be to promote small-scale, family agriculture, which would reflect Timor-Leste's local context. We met with the Ministry of Agriculture to discuss our findings, and to better understand the limitations of ministerial budget allocations and execution.

### **Land rights**

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

In collaboration with other members of the Land Network Rede ba Rai, we were invited to present at the 2020 World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty.

## **Governance and democracy**

### **Pandemic response**

Because of swift government action and good cooperation from civil society and the public, Timor-Leste has avoided the serious consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic better than nearly every country. There have been no fatalities or local community spread, and all of the two dozen cases among people coming into the country has been successfully isolated and recovered.

In March, La'o Hamutuk began collecting and distributing information on the government's response to Covid-19. In addition to our webpage which made hard-to-find information available to the public in a confusing time,<sup>21</sup> we joined with other civil society groups to help the government implement and monitor emergency measures, and issue a report on the situation at the land border with Indonesia.<sup>22</sup> We also published a *Surat Popular* (popular education pamphlet) [We Come Together to Avoid Spreading Covid-19](#),<sup>23</sup> which is also a [blog](#).<sup>24</sup>

In April, La'o Hamutuk wrote to the Prime Minister, raising concerns about Covid-19's effects on informal workers.<sup>25</sup> We also privately gave input and feedback to analysts looking at the economic impacts of the pandemic in Timor-Leste, including the World Bank, government agencies, academic researchers and development partners.

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<sup>20</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/2020/AgrFamComplete25Jun2020te.pdf>

<sup>21</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2020/20Emergency.htm>

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2020/InfoVizitaFronreira22May2020en.pdf>  
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2020/InfoVizitaFronreira22May2020te.pdf>

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/surat/SPCovid20Apr2020te.pdf>

<sup>24</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2020/04/mai-ita-hamutuk-bele-evita-surtu-covid.html>

<sup>25</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2020/LHKartaPMPR9Abr2020en.pdf>  
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2020/LHKartaPMPR9Abr2020te.pdf>

We participated in a televised discussion on RTTL-TV about Economic Responses to Covid-19.

### **Defamation law**

In June, the Ministry of Justice circulated a draft law to criminalize defamation to a few people as a trial balloon, and La'o Hamutuk took the issue public.<sup>26</sup> We wrote a submission to the Minister<sup>27</sup> describing our concern that the Law would mainly impact less powerful people and threaten democracy, and shared our submission with every Member of Parliament.<sup>28</sup> We also participated in a virtual discussion organized by the Dili Model United Nations.<sup>29</sup>

### **Education**

On March, the Institute Of Business and Monash University hosted a public discussion on "The Economics of Education". La'o Hamutuk was on the panel and wrote a blog.<sup>30</sup>

The Government and the World Bank are discussing a loan to finance education infrastructure and other activities. In June, La'o Hamutuk met with the advisor in charge of the project to understand the overall reasons for the loan and future prospects.

## **Organizational Report**

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, in March Charlie returned to the US and Bree returned to Australia, both continuing to work from abroad. Our Dili-based staff mainly worked from home from March through June. We reviewed these policies regularly, and in July Bree returned to Timor-Leste. In July, we returned to office-based work.

Although no staff joined or left La'o Hamutuk's collective during the reporting period, we conducted a number of annual evaluations, according to our personnel procedures.

In order to make it easier for people in our neighborhood to comply with Covid-19 health safeguards, we installed an outdoor hand-washing station in front of our office. We also limited staff presence in the office, working from home and meeting by video-conferencing over Zoom.

We are holding internal learning sessions almost every week on Zoom, led by staff members to discuss technical or detailed aspects of the issues La'o Hamutuk works on.

As of June 2020, La'o Hamutuk's professional staff includes six women and four men: Mariano Ferreira, Adilsonio da Costa Junior, Berta Antonieta, Celestino Gusmão, Charles Scheiner (in New York), Bree Ahrens (in Melbourne), Marta da Silva, Febe Gomes, Ricarda Martins, Martinha Fernandes, three security staff and one cleaner.

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<sup>26</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/defamation/2020/20DefamLaw.htm>

<sup>27</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/defamation/2020/LHsubMJDefamasaun15Jun2020en.pdf>  
<http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/defamation/2020/LHsubMJDefamasaun15Jun2020te.pdf>

<sup>28</sup> <http://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/defamation/2020/LHbaPN15Jun2020te.pdf>

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=285479082577866&extid=Q6dWwMXI2eWP3KkY>

<sup>30</sup> <http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2020/03/economics-of-education-ekonomiku.html>



## Appendix 1: Financial Report

This Mid-Year Report is being written before the end of the 2020 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 2020, the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic affected our work in Timor-Leste, reducing our expenditures. It also impacted activities of the donors who support La'o Hamutuk. Due to this situation, we only received one grant payment from one donor: the Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement – CCFD (\$16,628). We also received \$3,937 from Misereor to reimburse some 2019 project expenses, and earned \$2,483 for work we did for the International Budget Project and the European Union.

### Balance Sheet

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

	Cash & bank balances	General support donors	Project donors (Misereor)	Reserve funds
Balance 31 Dec 2019	117,995	26,367	30,025	61,603
Income Jan-June 2020	23,048	16,628	3,937	2,483
Expenses Jan-June 2020	74,393	34,045	40,348	0
Balance 30 June 2020	66,650	8,951	-6,386 <sup>31</sup>	64,086

### Revenues received during the first half of 2020

Source	Budget 2020	Half-year budget	Actual received	Difference	Explanation
Norway/HIVOS grant	45,000	22,500	0	-22,500	We received the installment after the reporting period
CCFD grant	34,000	17,000	16,628	-372	
The Asia Foundation grant	1,000	500	0	-500	In negotiation to extend the amount and grant period
Misereor project grant	110,100	55,050	3,933	-51,117	Payment for the first quarter of 2020 was made in 2019. Other payments will be done in the second half of 2020.
Earned for services	4,900	2,450	2,483	33	For LH work on Open Budget Survey and EU training program
Interest, donations and sales	2,400	1,200	4	-1,196	
<b>Total</b>	<b>197,400</b>	<b>98,700</b>	<b>23,048</b>	<b>-75,652</b>	

<sup>31</sup> Misereor will transfer money later in 2020 to reimburse expenditures during April-June.

## Expenditures during the first half of 2020

Category	Budget for half of 2020	Actual	Difference	Explanation
<b>I Non-recurrent expenditure</b>				
Capital Equipment	250	35	215	
<b>II Staff costs</b>				
Personnel	78,550	62,997	15,553	Some payments due in Jan-Jun were made after the reporting period
Training for Staff	250	1,027	-777	Two staff took English course
<b>III Project activities</b>				
Bulletin	1100	111	989	Deferred to 2H2020
Public Meeting	1,200	0	1,200	None due to Covid-19
Radio Program	850	630	220	Produced 3 radio programs and one video
Research	1,600	0	1,600	None due to Covid-19
Resource Center	650	312	338	
International Conference	750	0	750	None due to Covid-19
<b>IV Project administration</b>				
Operations & Supplies	2,150	1,647	503	
Office Rent	5,250	5,100	150	
Transportation	250	118	132	
Telephone and Internet	2,800	2,253	547	
Audit	2,800	0	2,800	Will be done in 2H2020
Miscellaneous Expenses	250	162	88	
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,700</b>	<b>74,392</b>	<b>24,308</b>	

## Appendix 2: Media coverage of La’o Hamutuk

Topic	Date	Media	Link	Summary
KM aprova dekretu duodesimal millaun USD 116.4 La’o Hamutuk: Povu sakrifikadu ba politika Governu nian	14 Jan	GMN-TV	<a href="http://gmntv.tl/id/politika/2020/01/km-aprova-dekretu-duodesimal-millaun-usd-116-4-%E2%96%A0lao-hamutuk-povu-sakrifikadu-ba-politika-governu-nian/">http://gmntv.tl/id/politika/2020/01/km-aprova-dekretu-duodesimal-millaun-usd-116-4-%E2%96%A0lao-hamutuk-povu-sakrifikadu-ba-politika-governu-nian/</a>	Interviews Celestino on the duodecimal budget
La’o Hamutuk Konsidera Redusaun Proposta OGE 2020 La Koresponde Nesesidade Povu	14 Jan	RTL	<a href="http://rttlep.tl/id/radio-news/read/20200114/052038/82896/lao-hamutuk-konsidera-redusaun-proposta-oge-2020-la-koresponde-nesesidade-povu.html">http://rttlep.tl/id/radio-news/read/20200114/052038/82896/lao-hamutuk-konsidera-redusaun-proposta-oge-2020-la-koresponde-nesesidade-povu.html</a>	Interviews Celestino on the budget
Government Criticised for Prioritising Oil Projects over Clean Water	17 Jan		<a href="http://www.tatoli.tl/en/2020/01/17/governm-ent-criticised-for-prioritising-oil-projects-over-clean-water/">http://www.tatoli.tl/en/2020/01/17/governm-ent-criticised-for-prioritising-oil-projects-over-clean-water/</a>	Quotes La’o Hamutuk budget submission
La’o Hamutuk Aseita Muda Projetu LNG Ba Natarbora sei Hamenus Kustu	22 Jan	Indep- dente		Quotes Celestino on proposed LNG Plant
Situasaun Atuál Impaktu ba TL Labele Adere ba ASEAN	31 Jan	Timor Post		Quotes Mariano on TL’s economic situation
Investor ‘Tauk’ Investe iha TL	31 Jan	Dili Post		
Hama dan penyakit dari Atambua menyerang jagung di Timor-Leste	31 Jan	RTL		Quotes Mariano on TL’s economic situation
Vendedór pentolan, ekonomia no oinsá indústria ki’ik	3 Feb	RTL		Interviews Mariano on small industries and economic development
Auto Promosaun City Features Eps. 33	12 Feb	GMN-TV	<a href="https://advox.globalvoices.org/2020/06/22/timor-leste-plans-to-restore-criminal-defamation-law-amid-concerns-about-its-free-speech-impact/#">https://advox.globalvoices.org/2020/06/22/timor-leste-plans-to-restore-criminal-defamation-law-amid-concerns-about-its-free-speech-impact/#</a>	Interviews Adilson about construction of Dili drainage system
Report of Australian Senate	27 Feb	Senate FADT Committee	<a href="https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/EastTimor/Report">https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/EastTimor/Report</a>	Six citations of La’o Hamutuk’s submission.
Persaingan CNRT dan Fretilin Berujung Krisis Politik di Timor Leste	29 Feb	Tempo Magazine	<a href="https://majalah.tempo.co/read/internasional/159816/persaingan-cnrt-dan-fretilin-berujung-krisis-politik-di-timor-leste">https://majalah.tempo.co/read/internasional/159816/persaingan-cnrt-dan-fretilin-berujung-krisis-politik-di-timor-leste</a>	Quotes LH data on budget allocations
Murdered Journalists a “Hurdle” in Concealing TL Invasion, book says	6 Mar	Tatoli	<a href="http://www.tatoli.tl/en/2020/03/06/murdere-d-journalists-a-hurdle-to-be-got-over-in-concealing-tl-invasion-book-says/">http://www.tatoli.tl/en/2020/03/06/murdere-d-journalists-a-hurdle-to-be-got-over-in-concealing-tl-invasion-book-says/</a>	Quotes Celestino on the trial of Witness K and Bernard Collaery
Programa <a href="#">RTTL - CAFE DADER</a>	11 Mar	RTTL		Interviews Adilson on LH history and contribution to decision-making
Fundo petrolífero timorense pode perder 1,32 mil ME este ano -- ONG	13 Mar	LUSA/SAPO	<a href="http://noticias.sapo.tl/portugues/lusa/artigo/28430657.html">http://noticias.sapo.tl/portugues/lusa/artigo/28430657.html</a>	Summary of LH paper on global economic impacts on Petroleum Fund
Valor hosi fundu petrolíferu timoroan tuun dolar millaun 343 iha Fevereiro, haktuir Banku Sentral Valor do fundo petrolífero timorense caui 343 milhões de dólares em fevereiro, segundo Banco Central	14 Mar	LUSA/SAPO	<a href="http://noticias.sapo.tl/tetum/info/artigo/1533518.html">http://noticias.sapo.tl/tetum/info/artigo/1533518.html</a> <a href="http://noticias.sapo.tl/portugues/info/artigo/1533517.html">http://noticias.sapo.tl/portugues/info/artigo/1533517.html</a>	Cites LH on how far the balance could fall

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Petroleum Fund Dips 10 per cent as Economic Downturn Bites	31 Mar	Tatoli	<a href="http://www.tatoli.tl/en/2020/03/31/petroleum-fund-dips-10-per-cent-as-economic-downturn-bites/">http://www.tatoli.tl/en/2020/03/31/petroleum-fund-dips-10-per-cent-as-economic-downturn-bites/</a>	Quotes Charlie on impact of economic downturn on TL
Celestino Gusmão Pereira	8 Apr	Suara Timor Lorosae		Profile of LH staffer Celestino
Karta aberta La'ó Hamutuk ba PM, Taur Matan Ruak	12 Apr	Tatoli	<a href="http://www.tatoli.tl/2020/04/12/karta-aberta-lao-hamutuk-ba-primeiru-ministru-taur-matan-ruak/">http://www.tatoli.tl/2020/04/12/karta-aberta-lao-hamutuk-ba-primeiru-ministru-taur-matan-ruak/</a>	LH's submission to the PM on Covid-19 economic response
COVID-19: La'ó Hamutuk pede apoios prioritários para mais vulneráveis	13 Apr	Lusa	<a href="http://noticias.sapo.tl/portugues/info/artigo/1533681.html">http://noticias.sapo.tl/portugues/info/artigo/1533681.html</a>	Based on LH letter to Prime Minister
COVID-19: La'ó Hamutuk husu apoiu proprietáriu sira ba ema sira ne'ebé fraku liu	14 Apr	Lusa	<a href="http://noticias.sapo.tl/tetum/info/artigo/1533684.html">http://noticias.sapo.tl/tetum/info/artigo/1533684.html</a>	Discusses LH's submission to the PM
Timor-Leste: ONG La'ó Hamutuk pede apoios prioritarios para os necessitados	14 Apr	Lusa	<a href="https://e-global.pt/noticias/lusofonia/timor-leste/timor-leste-ong-lao-hamutuk-pede-apoios-prioritarios-para-os-necessitados/">https://e-global.pt/noticias/lusofonia/timor-leste/timor-leste-ong-lao-hamutuk-pede-apoios-prioritarios-para-os-necessitados/</a>	Discusses LH's submission to the PM
Economic impacts of Covid-19	21 Apr	RTTL-TV Ita Nia Bainaka	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=632694884178658&amp;ref=watch_permalink">https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=632694884178658&amp;ref=watch_permalink</a>	Febe on TV talk show
LH Kontra Hasoru Política MJ	11 Jun	Lafaek News	<a href="https://lafaek.news/lh-kontra-hasoru-politika-mj/">https://lafaek.news/lh-kontra-hasoru-politika-mj/</a>	Quotes Adilson on defamation law
Submisaun ba Ministériu Justisa Husi La'ó Hamutuk Kona-ba Proposta Alterasaun ba Kódigu Penal hodi Kriminaliza Defamasaun	11 Jun	Diariu Timor Post	<a href="https://diariutimorpost.com/2020/06/11/submisaun-ba-ministeriu-justisa-husi-lao-hamutuk-kona-ba-proposta-alterasaun-ba-kodigu-penal-hodi-kriminaliza-defamasaun/">https://diariutimorpost.com/2020/06/11/submisaun-ba-ministeriu-justisa-husi-lao-hamutuk-kona-ba-proposta-alterasaun-ba-kodigu-penal-hodi-kriminaliza-defamasaun/</a>	References LH submission on the defamation law
Timor-Leste plans to restore criminal defamation law amid concerns about its free speech impact	20 Jun	Global Voices	<a href="https://globalvoices.org/2020/06/20/timor-leste-plans-to-restore-criminal-defamation-law-amid-concerns-about-its-free-speech-impact/">https://globalvoices.org/2020/06/20/timor-leste-plans-to-restore-criminal-defamation-law-amid-concerns-about-its-free-speech-impact/</a>	Draws extensively from LH submission and web page
Lagi, Timor Leste Berlakukan Pasal Pencemaran Nama Baik	21 Jun	Mata Politik	<a href="https://www.matamatapolitik.com/lagi-timor-leste-berlakukan-pasal-pencemaran-nama-baik-news/">https://www.matamatapolitik.com/lagi-timor-leste-berlakukan-pasal-pencemaran-nama-baik-news/</a>	Quotes LH Submission on the defamation law
TIMOR-LESTE Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) Assessment 2018	Jun	PEFA report by World Bank and others	<a href="https://www.pefa.org/node/256">https://www.pefa.org/node/256</a>	Includes two references to LH in the text, and more than a dozen in reference lists and links to our website.
Dalan ba Soberania Ai-han iha Timor-Lest	29 Jun	Independente		LH opinion article