

Annual Report

La'o Hamutuk

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La'o Hamutuk's vision

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

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Mission and Situational Context

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

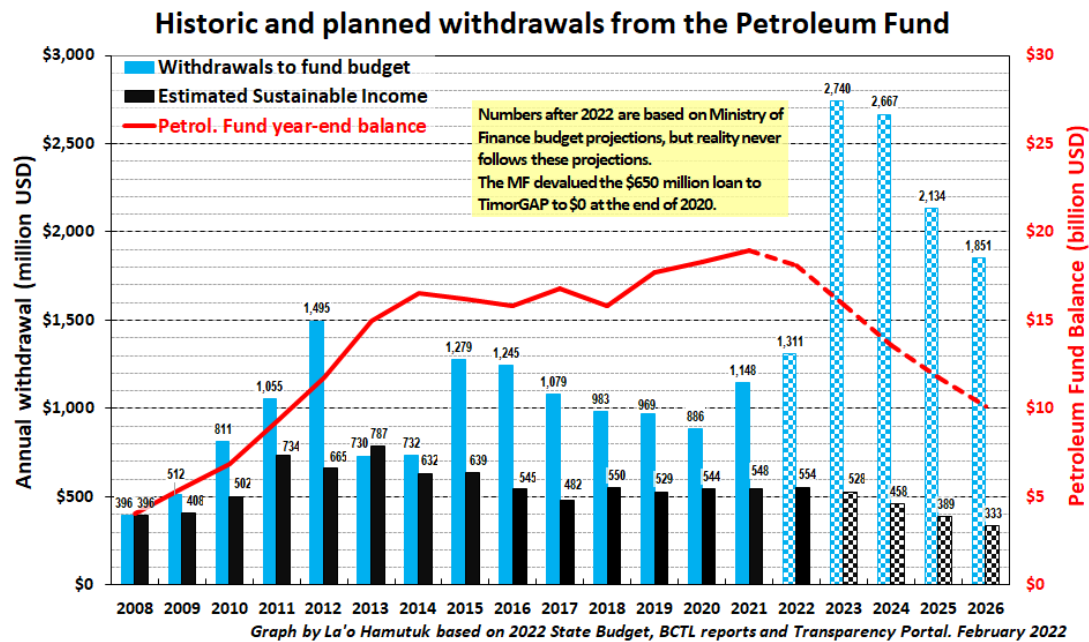
The first half of 2021 was shaped by the escalating Covid-19 pandemic and by the calamitous floods on 4 April. When Covid-19 cases increased rapidly in February and March, Timor-Leste introduced stricter prevention and control measures, including compulsory home confinement. In March the Council of Ministers proposed a revision to the 2021 budget to fund economic measures to alleviate some of the impacts of the lockdown. Shortly after the revised law was submitted to Parliament, heavy rains and flooding from Cyclone Seroja inundated Dili and surrounding areas, causing widespread damage. They killed 48 people and forced 13,554 people from their homes into evacuation centers. Across the nation, more than 30,000 households were impacted by floods and associated landslides, and more than 2,000 hectares of agricultural land were damaged.

Anticipating additional costs to address and recover from the damage, the Government asked Parliament to adjust the proposed budget revision. The version passed by Parliament and promulgated by the President on May 4 included \$135 million in additional expenditure, financed with cash balances from 2020 and by shifting money from other appropriations.

In response to the flood and clean-up needs, the Government temporarily suspended compulsory home confinement. This increased the transmission of Covid-19, and home confinement was reinstated later that month, and ended in June. New daily cases peaked at over 350 in August, and, by the end of 2021, Timor-Leste had suffered 122 deaths and 19,839 cumulative cases of Covid-19, although more than 60% of the population were double-vaccinated by December.

Despite the positive return on the Petroleum Fund's investments in 2021, which boosted its balance to \$18.9 billion at the end of the year, deposits into the Fund will continue to fall, with the Bayu-Undan field, the sole field in operation, ending production in the near future. No alternative fields have been shown to be commercially viable; this increases the urgency to optimize state spending for maximum long-term benefits, and to identify and develop sustainable, non-oil, local economic activities.

The Government presented a \$1,675 million budget for 2022 to Parliament in October, which included projections for future spending that are not sustainable. Projected Petroleum Fund withdrawals and Infrastructure Fund spending in 2023-2025 are several times higher than current levels, although oil revenues will disappear during that time and domestic revenues will not increase nearly enough to cover the gap. In late December, Parliament passed the 2022 State Budget, having approved amendments increasing the budget to \$1.95 billion. Withdrawals from the Petroleum Fund above the Estimated Sustainable Income will increase from \$488m to \$757m to pay for the increased spending. The following graph illustrates the projected use of excess withdrawals from the Fund in the future, against a rapidly declining Petroleum Fund balance.



The implications of this situation are serious. Similar to previous years, 82% of the 2022 State Budget comes directly or indirectly from the Petroleum Fund; without it, the government cannot continue its most basic functions. La'o Hamutuk has been warning of this reality over many years; in 2021, the recent World Bank Public Expenditure Review¹ and Ministry of Finance budget books² echo many of the La'o Hamutuk's arguments. The report warns of the serious implications of the 'fiscal cliff' and projects that once the Petroleum Fund is empty, the Government will have access to only \$400m per year in domestic revenue.

The following are some major results of our work during 2021:

- In February, La'o Hamutuk launched the results of our research on small-scale agricultural processing industries, providing valuable insight to practical ways to strengthen agricultural processing.³
- The World Bank Public Expenditure Review and the Ministry of Finance include many of the points that La'o Hamutuk has been making over many years, warning of the serious implications of the 'fiscal cliff', and indicates that decision-makers are approaching economic sustainability more seriously.
- We continued to monitor the implementation of and provided information, analysis and commentary about the Government's preventive measures and policy responses to the Covid-19 pandemic and the April floods.⁴
- We published a peer-reviewed article in the ANU journal *Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies*, which analyzes Timor-Leste's economic situation and prospects.⁵
- We expanded our engagement with regional networks, sharing Timor-Leste's experiences at the *Counter-Mobilisation of the Autonomous People's Response to the UN*

¹ World Bank, "Timor-Leste Public Expenditure Review," p 15.
<https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/timor-leste/publication/timor-leste-public-expenditure-review-changing-course-towards-better-and-more-sustainable-spending>

² Ministry of Finance, Book 1 of the proposed 2022 state budget, p.47-50.
https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OG22/books/BB1_Eng-Final.pdf

³ <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/02/relatoriu-peskiza-industria.html>

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

⁵ <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/app5.333>

Food Systems Summit, OilWatch Southeast Asia's Exchange on Energy and Extractives, The Asia Centre's Forum on Internet Freedoms, and The Environment Centre Northern Territory's Mythbusting Carbon Capture and Storage events.

- We brought the issues of Carbon Capture and Storage to the attention of the local and international media, public, and civil society.
- Our analysis of the draft Budget Framework Law suggested changes to strengthen accountability, transparency and governance in the budget process, several of which were incorporated in the law enacted in early 2022.
- We maintained and expanded our website, published our *Bulletin*⁶ and produced four radio programs.

Program Activities

Public events

Our ability to conduct public activities was limited by good public health practice and the restrictions of successive States of Emergency. Despite this, we continued our public advocacy by participating in televised discussion programs, virtual international conferences, and organized online events.

Website, blog and email lists

La'o Hamutuk's website (www.laohamutuk.org), in Tetum and English, continues to be a primary source for reliable, independent information and analysis on many issues relating to Timor-Leste, including the state budget and government finances, large scale infrastructure projects, private investment, petroleum and extractive industries, land laws, maritime boundaries and sustainable development. It now contains 21 gigabytes of information in more than 19,600 files.

We continue to collect and publish documents from many different sources, and combine them with our analysis. Our ability to provide up-to-date and accurate information on the shifting regulations relating to successive States of Emergency in 2020-2021 underscored the importance of our website as a reliable resource.

We continued to update existing pages and added new ones during 2021. We also continued to post materials to our reference page⁷. Our website was visited by 6,300 people every day, accessing more than 19,700 pages. The following are some of the web pages we created or significantly updated during 2021:

- Updated our page on 2021 State Budget with information about the rectified budget and input from civil society.⁸
- Created a page on the 2022 State Budget, including the new Budget Framework Law.⁹
- Created a page with key documents from 2021 Development Partners Meetings, including the Emergency Meeting that followed the April floods.¹⁰
- Regularly updated our web page on the State of Emergency and related pandemic policies.¹¹

⁶ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2022/Jan/bulletinv23n1te.html>

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

⁸ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OG21/200GE21.htm>

⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OG22/210GE22.htm>

¹⁰ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/21TLDPM/21TLDPMindex.htm>

¹¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2020/20Emergency.htm>

- Created a web page with key documents of the trial of Richard Daschbach.¹²
- Updated our web page on the UN Universal Periodic Review of human rights in Timor-Leste to include materials relevant to the 2022 review.¹³

We published 11 blog articles in Tetum, with English translations of ten, and one in English. About 250 people accessed our blog each day in 2021, 27% more than in 2020. Blog topics included the proposed carbon capture and storage project in the Timor Sea, the Budget Framework Law, and the UN Food Systems Summit. These articles are listed in Appendix 6.

Radio programs

We broadcast four radio programs on seven community radio stations across the country. Our radio programs production was impacted by the pandemic restrictions in place for much of the year. The programs are listed in Appendix 5.

Bulletin

In December, we finalized our *Bulletin* with articles on topics including the trial of Richard Daschbach, the 2022 State Budget, the human rights situation in Myanmar, the proposed Carbon Capture and Storage project in the Timor Sea, the new Budget Framework Law, and inclusive urban planning. Parliamentary amendments to the 2022 State Budget in late December led us to delay printing and distribution of the *Bulletin* until January 2022, to ensure that it was current.

Research, Analysis and Advocacy

State finances and economy

Events in the first half of 2021 prompted amendments to the State Budget, and La'ó Hamutuk closely followed the ongoing revision process through May. In April we made a submission to Parliament, in regard to proposed changes to the budget to provide assistance to the population following the home confinement policy and the April flood, through distribution of an Extraordinary Subsidy.¹⁴ Our submission urged Members of Parliament to implement assistance measures based on principles of equity, sustainability, and justice, specifically recommending that the Social Security system not be used to calculate the subsidy. Using the Social Security system to assess people's eligibility threatened to further exacerbate existing inequalities and may not benefit many of the most vulnerable people who are outside the formal economy. We also detailed these concerns in a letter to the President¹⁵ before he promulgated the rectified budget, and summarized them on our blog.¹⁶

Throughout the year, La'ó Hamutuk followed the proposed Law on the Framework for the General State Budget and Public Financial Management, which was submitted to Parliament in February. This law was a significant opportunity to incorporate more rigorous transparency and oversight mechanisms in the process of developing, enacting, executing and auditing the General State Budget, as the Law will replace existing Law no. 13/2009 on Budget and Financial Management. Our analysis of the draft law identified ten articles in which transparency and quality of information could be improved, including ensuring greater public access to budget documents, more effective and transparent use of program-based budgeting, and stricter caps on the contingency reserve. On 8 June, La'ó Hamutuk delivered a written and oral submission to

¹² <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2021/RD/21Daschbach.htm>

¹³ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/UPR/12UPRIIndex.htm>

¹⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OG21/OR/LHSubOR2021-12Abril2021en.pdf>

¹⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OG21/OR/LHKartaPresidenteOR2021-3May2021te.pdf>

¹⁶ <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/04/budget-revision-should-be-just.html>

Parliament,¹⁷ including detailed discussion of these issues and our recommendations. The report by Parliamentary Committee C on the proposed law includes recommendations in La'o Hamutuk's submission, and the final version of the law enacted early in 2022 incorporates several of our points.

In October, the Government proposed a \$1,675m budget to Parliament for 2022. La'o Hamutuk was invited to present at a Parliamentary Budget Panorama seminar, outlining our analysis of the sustainability of the proposed budget in the context of Timor-Leste's broader socio-economic context. Our written submission on the proposed budget, delivered to Parliament and summarised in an oral testimony to Parliament Committee C, discussed key issues of accountability, transparency and sustainability. The proposed budget documents mentioned that the loan from the Petroleum Fund to TimorGAP for the Greater Sunrise petroleum project has been revalued from \$701m to \$0 due to the project's uncertainty -- our submission asks for more transparency from the Petroleum Fund and TimorGAP, including on-time annual reports. Other issues in our submission include the 'program-based budgeting' model, which is not yet functioning as intended; and allocations which fail to equitably benefit all citizens, such as a \$25m food subsidy for public servants and education allocations to the elite 'CAFE schools.'

Our analysis of the proposed budget also demonstrated that projected spending is unsustainable; Petroleum Fund withdrawals and Infrastructure Fund spending in 2023-2025 are projected to be several times higher than current levels, although oil revenues will disappear during that time. Parliamentary debate over the budget led to a series of amendments, including the cancellation of the proposed food subsidy for public servants, but ultimately increased the size of the budget by 16%, to \$1.95 billion.

We continued to advocate for economic diversification in a variety of forums, including as guests on several televised program and speakers at public events. In February, La'o Hamutuk staff presented an economic survey of Timor-Leste to a webinar organized by the Australian National University, and a paper expanding on this topic was published in ANU's *Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies* journal.¹⁸ The article analyzes Timor-Leste's economic situation and prospects, highlighting the impacts of resource dependence, the small amount of probable future petroleum revenues, and the need for economic diversification. Our Memo to the Timor-Leste Development Partners Meeting¹⁹ in July urged development actors to support economic diversification, while reminding them that these effort will not bring benefits to the people and the environment if we only focus on large projects.

To help strengthen civil society participation in budgetary and economic analysis and advocacy, we facilitated several training workshops throughout the year, including

- Three-day training organized by Oxfam in May for 30 local civil society group members, representing a range of organizations in both Dili and in other municipalities
- One-day training on Budget Analysis and Advocacy in July for PN-BESI, the network for NGOs working on water and sanitation
- One-day workshop on Gender Responsive Budgeting and the 2022 State Budget in December for the Public Finance Management and Oversight (PFMO) program
- Two-day workshop on State Budget Analysis, Economic Diversification, and Advocacy for Oxfam's partners.

¹⁷ <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/06/lh-asks-parliament-to-strengthen.html>

¹⁸ <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/app5.333>

¹⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/21TLDPM/210727LHtoTLDPMen.pdf>

Petroleum and natural resources

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

In July, ANPM granted an environmental license to Timor Resources, to drill five onshore test oil wells in Covalima. La'o Hamutuk made a submission to ANPM²⁰ on another proposed well in Ainaro, raising questions about issuing of an environmental license notwithstanding concerns about the company's capacity to safely implement the project, and the economic, social, and environmental impacts. We summarised these concerns in a blog article.²¹ The first test well had discouraging results, but further wells are planned for 2022.

We monitored the ongoing situation with the abandoned Northern Endeavor oil processing ship which sits above the depleted Laminaria-Corallina oil field, threatening Timor-Leste's and Australia's marine environment. The Maritime Boundaries Treaty says that the site will revert from Australia's to Timor-Leste's territory, now that Australia has received all the revenue from extracting its oil. Unfortunately, the site is not clean, safe or stable. The Australian company Northern Australia Oil and Gas (NOGA), which purchased the project in 2016, repeatedly violated environmental and safety rules, was ordered to cease operations in 2019, and is now bankrupt. The Australian Government must now pay more than \$200m in clean-up costs, and it is considering assessing other oil companies to pay for them. La'o Hamutuk consulted with Australian NGOs, to provide context about the urgency and importance of returning the site to Timor-Leste in a safe and stable condition.

Following Santos' announcement in May that it was considering working with Eni to repurpose the near-depleted Bayu-Undan gas field for carbon capture and storage (CCS), we researched the possible venture and published a blog article.²² In September, Santos signed an MoU with ANPM to continue investigating a CCS project, and it became clear that Santos wants the facility to store carbon emissions from its imminent Barossa Gas project. Barossa Gas is a planned project in Australian maritime territory, which has attracted criticism because of the high levels of carbon dioxide contained in the gas. We engaged with NGOs and activists in Australia involved in campaigns and research related to Barossa Gas, to increase our understanding and to share our perspectives. We presented at the Southeast Asia Exchange on Energy and Extractives online conference in August, and made a presentation on CCS and Carbon Colonialism at a webinar organized by the Environment Centre NT (Australia) in September.²³

As Australia continued to prosecute Bernard Collaery and "Witness K", we continued to offer solidarity and make information available to support these whistleblowers who exposed Canberra's spying on Timor-Leste during maritime boundary negotiations 15 years ago.²⁴

²⁰ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/onshore/EnvApp/LHSubANPMEnvLicenseRusaWell13Sep2021en.pdf>

²¹ <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/09/onshore-oil-drilling-imminent-despite.html>

²² <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/06/carbon-capture-and-storage-under-timor.html>

²³ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Project/Bayu/CCS/211123ECNT-CCS.pdf>

²⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/Collaery/20Collaery.htm>

Governance and human rights

In 2020, the Government proposed a criminal defamation law, which was widely criticized and eventually abandoned. However, in January 2021, the Prosecutor-General proposed a Cybercrime Law as a partial substitute for the shelved defamation law. Such a major piece of legislation requires extensive consultation with the public and civil society; the prevailing pandemic situation and related lockdown measures made this impossible. La'o Hamutuk wrote an open letter to the President of Parliament²⁵ in June, as Parliament began considering the proposal, urging him not to bring it up during the Emergency period. The proposal has not yet been entered into the legislative agenda.

In January 2021, Timor-Leste's Information and Communications Technology Agency (TIC) circulated a draft Strategic Plan for a Unique Identifier (UID) system for limited consultation. The objective of the UID system is to streamline access to Government services, banking, and telecommunications providers by establishing online identity verification. La'o Hamutuk met with the proponents and wrote a submission which questioned, among other things, the capacity of existing systems to ensure data security and uphold constitutional rights, the difficulty of obtaining genuine informed consent across diverse populations, and the efficacy and sustainability of a UID system at local level. As of the end of 2021, the UID system remains in development, and no further regulations or plans for protection of privacy have been circulated.

The trial of Richard Daschbach began in February. Daschbach, a now-defrocked Catholic priest from the USA, ran an orphanage in Oecusse for decades and has been accused of systematically abusing more than a dozen young girls in his care. This is the first sexual abuse case against a member of the clergy in Timor-Leste, but the legal process was made longer and more difficult by circulation of false information and the interventions of people attempting to speculate or protect the perpetrator. To help people access reliable information on the case, we created a web page²⁶ to compile relevant reports, documents and analyses. We also wrote an open letter²⁷ to leaders urging them to respect the victims and to use the case as an opportunity to show other victims, as well as potential perpetrators, that Timor-Leste does not tolerate sexual abuse. Daschbach was found guilty in December and sentenced to 12 years in prison, although he is appealing. Lawyers representing the victims have also filed an appeal to ask for a longer sentence.

With the rest of the world, we watched with concern as the human rights situation in Myanmar deteriorated following the February coup. We were disappointed when the Timor-Leste delegation abstained on UN General Assembly Resolution 75/287, which condemns the military coup in Myanmar and asks all nations not to provide arms to the military regime. We wrote a letter to Timor-Leste's leaders²⁸ asking them to support democracy and human rights in Myanmar. As members of OilWatch, we joined in initiatives urging mining companies to pull out of projects that provide financial support to the military regime, and summarized the an international petition in Tetum to help people in Timor-Leste lend their support. Several companies, including TotalEnergies, Woodside and Chevron, recently announced they will withdraw from the country.

We used our submissions on proposed state budgets and the Economic Recovery Plan to advocate for investments into programs that ensure equity and promote access for all, and in

²⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/defamation/cybercrime/LHtoPPNCybercrime4Jun2021en.pdf>

²⁶ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2021/RD/21Daschbach.htm>

²⁷ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2021/RD/210708LHKomImpRDden.pdf>

²⁸ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2021/LHKartaMianmar5Jul2021en.pdf>

September the Ministry of Justice invited us to present²⁹ to a roundtable discussion on the implementation of the UN Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, in which we also raised these issues.

We provided input into The Asia Centre's report on internet freedoms in Timor-Leste, and made a presentation at their report launch.

We helped write two joint submissions³⁰ to the third UN Universal Periodic Review on the human rights situation in Timor-Leste, which will take place in January 2022. We also updated our web page to share submissions from other organisations and key documents related to the process.³¹

Food sovereignty, agriculture and environment

We launched the results of our research on small-scale agricultural processing industries in February.³² The research is an important contribution to discussion about economic diversification and food sovereignty; the report identifies key areas where existing production systems could be improved during preparation, production, transport, and sale. The report highlights the need to consider the whole cycle of small-scale production, and to improve coordination between Government agencies responsible for different parts of the process.

Following the flood of April 4, we wrote a paper outlining the need for effective urban and regional planning.³³ Many observers noted the lack of integrated urban planning in assessing the impact of the floods and our report, which was published in various news outlets and which is also summarised as a Tetum-language blog and discussed in a radio program, demonstrates that urban planning can help resolve some of the root causes that made the impacts of the flooding so severe. It also creates an opportunity to make access to public spaces more inclusive and equitable. Our paper suggests that effective and just urban planning requires the public participation and needs to recognise the realities of current land use; a plan that fails to do this may exacerbate problems or conflict in the future.

In June, we liaised with regional networks organizing events in the lead-up to the UN's Food Systems Summit, which created an opportunity to advocate for a more inclusive and sustainable approach to agriculture in Timor-Leste. We made a Submission to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries³⁴ asking that in representing Timor-Leste at the Summit, they raise issues of popular participation and sustainability. We also participated in the Ministry's local consultation process. In July we spoke at the Reclaim People's Sovereignty Over Food Systems online event, as part of the global Counter-Mobilization to the Food Systems Summit, which featured food sovereignty activists from across the world.

La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the implementation of environmental licensing laws, meeting regularly with Government authorities to obtain information on the status of environmental licenses for both private and public projects. We continued to update our web registry of environmental licensing documents, implementing transparency requirements the government has failed to do.³⁵

²⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/AprezMezaRedondaMJ10Sep2020te.pdf>

³⁰ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/UPR/2021/210715SubUPRTLfromCIVICUS-FA%20JSMPLH.pdf> and <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/UPR/2021/210714SubUPRTLfromTimoreseCSOs.pdf>

³¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/UPR/12UPRIndex.htm>

³² <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/02/relatoriu-peskiza-industria.html>

³³ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/2021/280921Planu%20Urbanu%20no%20TerritorialEn.pdf>

³⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Agri/2021/210713Briefing%20ba%20MAP-FSSen.pdf>

³⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/18EnvRegistry.htm>

Despite the proliferation of climate-related development projects in Timor-Leste, very little information is available in Tetum that explains the causes and implications of climate change, including who is responsible and what needs to be done. In October, we organized three webinars on climate change, which engaged participants from across Timor-Leste in discussions of climate change, climate justice, and implications for extractive industries. Speakers included representatives from Kalikasan in the Philippines; the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law, and Development (APWLD); and Jubilee Australia.

Networking and Coalitions

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

National networks

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

International networks

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

Organizational Report

Like other organizations, we adapted the structure of our work to the Covid-19 pandemic. For most of the year, we were able to work in the office, albeit with masking, restrictions on meeting numbers and appropriate social distancing. We have worked from home when this has been mandated by home confinement policies or good health practices. We have expanded our virtual working environment, using online meeting software to conduct meetings, trainings, and to present the results of our work.

Maxi Tahu resigned from the organization at the start of 2021. Recruitment was complicated by pandemic-prevention confinement policies, but we welcomed new researcher Jonathan Gonsalves in July.

As of December 2021, La'ó Hamutuk staff are Bree Ahrens, Marta da Silva, Martinha Fernandes, Mariano Ferreira, Elizaria Gomes, Celestino Gusmão, Ricarda Martins, Charles Scheiner (part time and in New York), Jonathan Gonsalves, three security staff and one cleaner.

Outputs of La'o Hamutuk's Work in 2021

In our 2020 Annual Report, we identified new and quantifiable activities to be completed in 2021, as follows:

Target	Result
Analyze and explain evolving information on oil production and revenues, trade, inflation, employment and other economic statistics.	We continued to monitor key statistics, through official reports and direct communication with relevant authorities. We updated our presentation on Rights and Sustainability throughout the year to include new data. ³⁶
Write at least eight submissions or letters to Parliament, policy makers and international agencies on proposed legislation and policies such as the state budget and public finances, offshore and onshore petroleum activity, contracting and other issues.	We made 13 submissions during the year, listed in Appendix 4.
Monitor the revenues, investments and spending of the Petroleum Fund, and their implications for the sustainability of state finances.	We made twelve updates to our web page on the Petroleum Fund ³⁷ based on ongoing monitoring and analysis, and incorporated this information in many articles, submissions and presentations.
Follow the 2022 State budget process, including written and oral testimony to Parliament, briefings for MPs, the media and civil society in Dili and Municipalities.	We provided written and oral submissions on the 2022 state budget, and conducted briefings for Members of Parliament and the media.
Monitor and provide input into the Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, including its economic, health, and other repercussions	We updated our web page on the states of emergency through April, and continued to monitor the Government's Covid-19 response measures and proposed assistance mechanisms.
Give at least six trainings to other organizations, civil society, schools, media, or local communities.	We gave eight training sessions on different topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Five trainings over three days for local partners of Oxfam (May) ➤ One-day training on budget analysis and advocacy for PN-BESI, the network for NGOs working on water and sanitation (July) ➤ One-day workshop on GRB and state budget analysis for PFMO (December) ➤ Two-day workshop on State Budget Analysis, Economic Diversification, and Advocacy for Oxfam's partners (December)
Post at least 10 new web pages, 20 updated web pages and 12 new blog entries.	We made 12 blog entries (not including translations of other posts), created new web pages for the trial of Richard Daschbach, the 2021 Timor-Leste Development Partners Meetings, and the 2022 state budget, and updated 23 web pages, often multiple times.
Produce at least one edition of La'o Hamutuk's <i>Bulletin</i> .	As discussed above, our 2021 <i>Bulletin</i> was printed in 2022, as we waited for the final 2022 state budget.
Produce at least five <i>Radio Igualdade</i> programs.	We broadcast only four episodes this year; the home confinement policy and staff changes made it difficult to interview guests and produce the program.

³⁶ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/RightSustainCurrentEn.pdf>

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

Plans for 2022

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

With no end to the Covid-19 pandemic in sight, we will continue to comply with Government public health regulations and monitor the development and implementation of Covid-19 responses by the Government and other relevant bodies.

Our measurable goals for 2022 are:

- Write at least eight submissions or open letters to decision makers on key topics, including proposed legislation and policies such as the state budget and public finances, offshore and onshore petroleum activity, contracting and other issues.
- Follow the 2023 State budget process, including written and oral testimony to Parliament, briefings for MPs, the media and civil society in Dili and municipalities.
- Continue to monitor the revenues, investments and spending of the Petroleum Fund, and their implications for the sustainability of state finances.
- Conduct two training sessions for civil society
- Broadcast six *Radio Igualdade* programs
- Produce one edition each of our *Bulletin* and *Surat Popular*
- Recruit one local researcher and one international researcher.
- Promote substantive discussion of key issues in the 2022 Presidential Election, help the public access key information, and monitor the election process.

Appendix 1. Financial Report

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

The organization has a flat wage structure; local and international staff received take-home salaries of \$840 per month from January to December 2021, plus the legally-mandated 13th month salary at the end of the year. According to Timor-Leste law, in addition to wage tax, 10% of pre-tax salaries must be paid into the government's social security program; the organization pays 6% and the employee pays 4%. International staff receive one return airfare from their home country, as well as a readjustment allowance of \$200 for each month worked up to the end of their first year, payable after they finish working with La'o Hamutuk. According to Timor-Leste's Labor Code, Timorese staff who have worked for more than one year are entitled to severance pay when they leave the organization. Staff members who must move to Dili to work at La'o Hamutuk receive up to \$200/month toward house rental costs.

Our work in 2021 was supported by grants from Misereor/KZE, the Norwegian Embassy in Jakarta (administered by Hivos), Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD) and The Asia Foundation (TAF). La'o Hamutuk also earned money from the International Budget Partnership and OXFAM for services performed. We received supplementary funding from HIVOS to allow us to assist staff members and our local communities impacted by the April 2021 flood emergency.

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

Balance sheet

This table indicates our total assets at the end of 2020 and 2021.

Calendar year	2021	2020
Cash and bank accounts at start of year	88,396	93,373
Receivables (salary and program advances)	23,306	24,622
Total assets at start of year	111,702	117,995
Income during year	124,693	159,865
Expenditure during year	148,399	166,158
Cash and bank accounts at end of year	65,152	88,396
Receivables at end of year	22,844	23,306
Total assets at end of year	87,996	111,702

Due to a bank error, \$79,493 transferred by Misereor for our work during 2021 was not received until January 2022, and is not included in this report.

These accounts also include money put aside for future severance and readjustment payments, and health self-insurance for staff.

Readjustment and severance

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

2021	2020
18,119	20,897

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

	Cash & bank balances	General support donors	Project donors (Misereor)	LH assets
Assets 31 Dec 2020	111,702	14,885	51,554	45,263
Income Jan-Dec 2021	124,693	108,686	0 ³⁸	16,007
Expenses Jan-Dec 2021	148,399	74,546	73,485	369
Assets 31 Dec 2021	87,996	49,025	-21,931	60,901

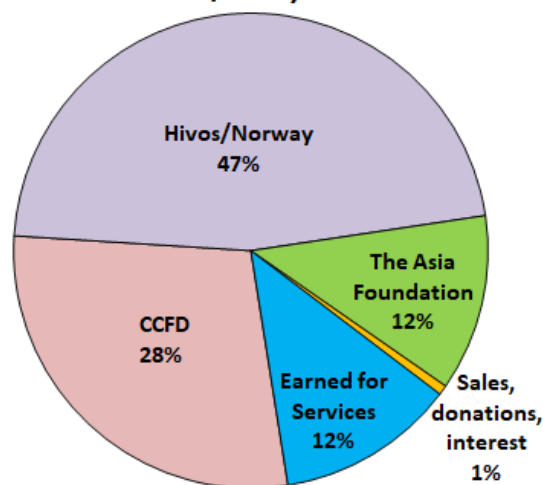
³⁸ Misereor transferred \$79,493 in December 2021, but due to a bank error we did not receive it until January 2022, and therefore it is not in this table.

Revenue

This table shows revenues received by La'o Hamutuk during 2021 from the Norwegian Embassy (through Hivos), Comité Catholique Contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD), The Asia Foundation (TAF), and from services performed by La'o Hamutuk, totaling \$124,693.

As described in the previous footnote, Misereor's support for La'o Hamutuk's work during 2021 was received in 2020 and 2022.

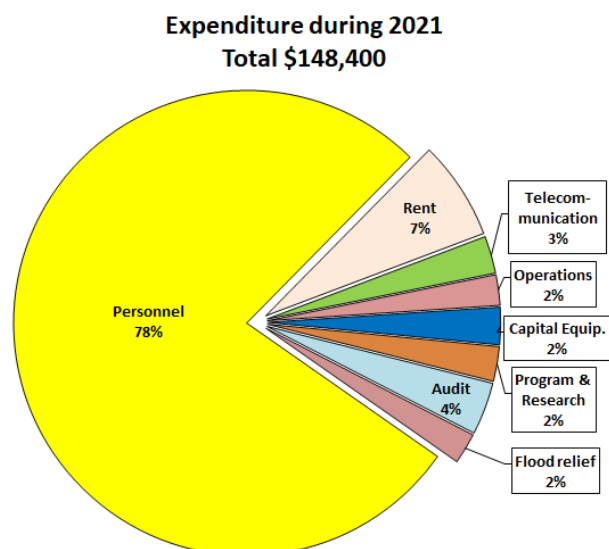
Revenue received in 2021 Total \$124,693



Source	Budget 2021	Actual received	Difference	Explanation
Norway/HIVOS grant	55,000	55,000	0	
Norway/HIVOS	0	3,147	3,147	Special funding for staff who lost property in the floods in April 2021.
CCFD grant	34,000	35,539	1,539	
The Asia Foundation grant	12,000	15,000	3,000	New contract signed.
Misereor project grant	110,100	5	-110,095	Funding for 1q2021 was received in 2020; the remainder in 2022.
Earned for services	5,500	15,182	9,682	Payment for LH research on Open Budget Survey, briefings and trainings
Sales and interest	700	820	120	Motorcycle sale and donations
Total	217,300	124,693	-92,607	

Expenditure

During 2021 we spent \$148,400, of which \$74,915 was from general support funds and \$73,486 was for the Misereor/KZE-supported project. Personnel costs are the largest component of our expenses because the research, analysis and advocacy that form the core of our work rely on our human resources. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a number of activities were moved on-line or deferred.



Category	Budget	Actual			Difference	Explanation
	2021	Gen. supp. & LH funds	Misereor project	Total		
I Non-recurrent expenditure						
Capital Equipment	1,400	100	1,300	1,400		Purchased one motorcycle
Office Maintenance	1,200	509	735	1,244	(44)	Renovated part of the office
Computer stand	800	1,200		1,200	(400)	Bought one desktop computer
II Staff costs						
Personnel	162,918	57,408	57,812	115,220	47,698	Salaries, wage & social security taxes, health insurance, housing allowance, int'l staff air fare and severance. New hiring delayed due to Covid.
Training for staff	2,100				2,100	Training was delayed due to Covid
III Project activities						
<i>Bulletin</i>	2,122				2,122	<i>Bulletin</i> printed in January 2022.
Public Meetings	2,546	150	450	600	1,946	Workshops were online
Radio Program	1,697	240	510	750	947	Fewer programs because of difficulties with interviews and distribution due to Covid-19
Resource Center	1,362	230	367	597	765	No postal service and little international travel made it difficult to get books and other resources.
Research	4,244	1,124	500	1,624	2,621	Fieldwork delayed due to Covid
Video Production	1,500	-	-	-	1,500	Deferred
Publications	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	Deferred
Int'l Conference	1,500	-	-	-	1,500	Conferences virtual due to Covid.
IV Project administration						
Operations & supplies	4,703	1,436	1,108	2,544	2,159	Lower than anticipated because of home confinement policy
Office Rent	10,500	4,080	6,120	10,200	300	
Transportation	644	67	55	122	523	Little travel during pandemic.
Telephone & Internet	5,733	2,282	1,568	3,850	1,883	Lower than anticipated because of home confinement policy
Audit	6,729	2,500	2,900	5,400	1,329	Two audits of the Misereor project and one of the entire organization.
Miscellaneous	610	418	62	480	130	
Flood relief		3,172		3,172	3,172	For staff impacted by floods
Total	213,308	74,916	73,486	148,400	65,768	

Projected budget for 2022

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

Category	Misereor project	General support	Total	Explanation
I Non-recurrent expenditure				
IT Equipment	0	1,000	1,000	
Office maintenance and equipment	2,850	0	2,850	
II Staff costs				
Personnel	71,500	80,700	152,200	Salaries, wage and social security taxes, health insurance, housing allowance, int'l staff air fare and visa fees, severance
Training for staff	1,200	1,200	2,400	
III Project activities				
Bulletin	960	640	1,600	Printing and distribution of one issue
Public meetings	4,200	2,800	7,000	Space rental, publicity, refreshments
Radio Programs	1,000	700	1,700	Production and fuel for community radio stations.
Research	3,600	2,400	6,000	Travel and accommodation for conducting field research in Timor-Leste
Resource center	780	520	1,300	Books, videos and other materials
Short video production	0	1,200	1,200	
Publication	180	120	300	
International conferences	900	600	1,500	
IV Project administration				
Operations & Supplies	2,400	2,700	5,100	Electricity, supplies, bank charges, photocopying, etc.
Office rent	6,300	4,200	10,500	
Transportation	350	250	600	Transport and motorcycle maintenance in Dili and nearby
Communication	3,150	2,100	5,250	Telephone, internet and website
Auditor	3,900	2,600	6,500	Two audits for the Misereor project and one for the whole organization
Miscellaneous	350	250	600	
External evaluation	3,000	0	3,000	
Total	106,620	103,980	210,600	

Projected revenues to be received during 2022

During 2021, La'o Hamutuk received some revenues on multi-year grant contracts that are allocated for expenditures during 2022, including \$15,000 from TAF. As we had similar balances carried forward from 2020, we have not included them in the following table.

Source	Amount	Explanation
Hivos/Norway	50,000	New two-year contract
Misereor	186,073	Includes \$79,493 received in January 2022 for expenses during in 2021. The remaining \$106,580 is for 2022 work, including part of a new three-year contract expected to start in September 2022.
CCFD	34,000	New three-year contract to be signed in April 2022
The Asia Foundation	15,000	New annual contract
International Budget Partnership	14,000	Payment for co-organizing and facilitating budget training for CSOs
Earned for services	4,500	Payments for other briefings and presentations
Sales, interest, donations	500	
Total	304,073	

Appendix 2. Media Coverage

During 2020, La'o Hamutuk materials or staff were quoted or cited in local and international media more than 65 times. Here's a partial list.

Date	Title	Medium	URL	Comment
01 Jan	Sudah Dicap Negara Termiskin di Dunia Timor Leste Ternyata Juga Terancam Kehabisan Uang, Laporan Ini Ungkap Skenario Runtuhnya Ekonomi Negara Tersebut	Intisari	https://intisari.grid.id/read/032491887/sudah-dicap-negara-termiskin-di-dunia-timor-leste-ternyata-juga-terancam-kehabisan-uang-laporan-ini-ungkap-skenario-runtuhnya-ekonomi-negara-tersebut?page=all	Quotes La'o Hamutuk on state finances.
01 Jan	Timor Leste, Negara Kecil yang Sukses Taklukkan COVID-19	Mukisi.com	https://mukisi.com/4210/timor-leste-negara-kecil-yang-sukses-taklukkan-covid-19/	Quotes Mariano about Timor-Leste's Covid-19 response
06 Jan	Kampu Mina Bayu Undan Maran, Presiza Diskuti Kle'an Jestaun FP	Dili Post		Quotes Celestino on the future of Bayu Undan
06 Feb	LH: Governu la'o tuir hela lei jestaun finanseira	GMNTV	https://youtu.be/gXzPgl54uDY	Quotes Febe on State Budget management
16 Feb	Governu tenke haforsa medida prevensaun atu labele iha transmisaun lokál	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/2021/02/16/governu-tenke-haforsa-medida-prevensaun-atu-labele-ih-transmisaun-lokal/	Lists LH as part of civil society monitoring group for Covid-19 emergency
18 Feb	Hasa'e Produsaun iha Setor Agrikultura, Governu Presiza Hadia Irigasaun	Indepedente		Interviews Mariano on agriculture
19 Feb	East Timorese politics in flux	Inside Story	https://insidestory.org.au/east-timorese-politics-in-flux/	Cites LH on Tasi Mane and budget priorities
23 Feb	Sosiedade Sivil Konsidera Governu Ladun Fo Prioridade ba Seitor Agrikultura	Indepedente		Quotes Mariano on agriculture
01 Mar	Water and Soil, Blood and Oil: Demarcating the Frontiers of Australia, Indonesia and Timor-Leste	Chapter in <i>Frontiers in Int'l Environmental Law: Oceans and Climate Challenges</i>	https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004372887_003	Quotes "the impressively well-informed NGO, La'o Hamutuk" about 10 times
02 Mar	La'o Hamutuk Nia Submisaun kona ba Planu Estratjiku Identidade Uniku	Timor Post	https://timorpost.com/lh-nia-submisaun-kona-ba-planu-estratjiku-identidade-uniku/	Publication of LH's submission on the proposed Unique ID
18 Mar	TL Tenke Kuidadu ho Politika WTO	KSI	https://kdadalak.org.tl/notisia/10-tl-tenke-kuidadu-ho-politika-wto	Quotes Mariano on possibility of TL's entry to the WTO
19 Apr	Relatório e Parecer Primeira alteração ao Orçamento Geral do Estado para 2021	Parliament Committee C report	http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE21/OR/RelComCOR21-19Apr2021.pdf	Refers to LH Submission to Parliament on the 2021 Budget

Date	Title	Medium	URL	Comment
30 Apr	Less than 20 years after independence, Timor-Leste is running on fumes	Australian Financial Review	https://www.afr.com/companies/energy/less-than-20-years-after-independence-timor-leste-is-running-on-fumes-20210429-p57nc7	Quotes Charlie on BU Production and PF Sustainability
04 May	La'ó Hamutuk Husu Governu Apoiu Sosial Inklui ema Hela iha "Kost"	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/2021/05/04/la-o-hamutuk-husu-governu-apoiu-sosial-inklui-ema-hela-kost/	Quotes Celestino and LH submission on the fair implementation of the Extraordinary Subsidy
05 May	ONG LM Lamenta Subsídium estraordináriu la Tuir Prinsípiu Justisa Sosiál no igualdade	Nautil	https://www.nautil.com/2021/05/05/ong-lm-lamenta-subsidiu-estraordinariu-la-tuir-prinsipiu-justisa-sosial-no-igualdade/	Quotes Celestino and LH submission on the fair implementation of the Extraordinary Subsidy
14 May	East Timor faces energy transition early	Petroleum Argus	https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news/2215303-east-timor-faces-energy-transition-challenge-early	Based on interview with Charlie, many quotes
20 May	Governu Presiza Apoiu Subsidiu Ba Agrikultór	Tempo Timor	https://tempotimor.com/politika/6210-governu-presiza-apoiu-subsidiu-ba-agrikultór	Quotes Mariano on Government support for farmers
27 May	The future of the Greater Sunrise project	Ita nia Bainaka program RTTL-TV	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZbW2aGFlpA	Celestino appears as television guest with heads of ANPM and TimorGAP.
May	Oiling the Rigs of State-building: A Political Settlements Analysis of Petroleum Revenue Management in Timor-Leste	Asian Journal of Peacebuilding, Vol. 9 No. 1	https://ipus.snu.ac.kr/eng/archives/ajp/volume-9-number-1-may-2021/research-article/oiling-the-rigs-of-state-building-a-political-settlements-analysis-of-petroleum-revenue-management-in-timor-leste	11 references to LH publications
16 Jun	Diversifika ita nia Ekonomia hodi Investe ba Setór Produtivu Seluk iha OJE 2022	Ita nia Bainaka program RTTL-TV	https://youtu.be/qF-dC-WnTP8	Febe appears as television guest.
30 Jun	Relatório e Parecer Lei Enquadramento Orçamental	Parliament Committee C	http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/Framework/210630RelComCLEO.pdf	Refers to LH submission to Parliament on the Budget Framework Law
06 Jul	TL Abstain soal konflik Myanmar - LH minta pemerintah beri alasan tegas		http://tatoli.tl/id/2021/07/06/tl-abstain-soal-konflik-myanmar-lh-minta-pemerintah-beri-alasan-tegas/	About LH's Open Letter on TL Government position on human rights in Myanmar
06 Jul	La'ó Hamutuk sujere PN diskute kle'an proposta-lei enkuadramentu orsamental	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/2021/07/06/la-o-hamutuk-sujere-pn-diskute-klean-proposta-lei-enkuadramentu-orsamental/	Reports on LH's submission on the Budget Framework Law
09 Jul	ONG timorese pede mais rapidez no julgamento de ex-padre acusado de abuso de crianças	Lusa	https://www.lusa.pt/lusofonia/timor-leste/article/2021-07-09/33880921/ong-timorese-pede-mais-rapidez-no-julgamento-de-ex-padre-acusado-de-abuso-de-crian%C3%A7as https://portocanal.sapo.pt/noticia/271067	Based on LH open letter on the Daschbach trial

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09 Jul	East Timor: Defrocked priest's trial must be swift – NGO	Macau Business	https://www.macaubusiness.com/east-timor-defrocked-priests-trial-must-be-swift-ngo/	Based on LH open letter on the Daschbach trial
12 Jul	Programa Sociál Ba Ema Vulneravel Durante Pandemia Covid 19	TVE	https://www.facebook.com/28566652521927/videos/59276678776476/?flite=scwspnss	TV panel on social programs during the pandemic, featuring Marta
14 Jul	Timor-Leste: Internet Freedoms Under Threat	Report by Asia Centre	https://asiacentre.org/timorleste-internet-freedoms-under-threat/	Numerous references to and citations of LH materials
15 Jul	Sosiedade sivil husu MAP lori aspirasaun povu bá simeira mundiál	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/2021/07/15/sosiedade-sivil-husu-map-lori-aspirasaun-povu-ba-simeira-mundial/	Based on submission to Agriculture Minister from LH and other CSOs
26 Jul	La'o Hamutuk Apoiu Programa SEKoop Lori Joven Ba Agrikultura	Tempo Timor	https://tempotimor.com/politika/7143-la-o-hamutuk-apoiu-programa-sekoop-lori-joven-ba-agrikultura	Interviews Mariano on youth participation in agriculture
27 Jul	La'o Hamutuk expects the Government to involve Civil Society in the TLDPM conference	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/en/2021/07/27/lao-hamutuk-expects-the-government-to-involve-civil-society-in-the-tdpdm-conference/	Based on LH memo to the TL Development Partners Meeting
27 Jul	ONG timorense pede a doadores mais sustentabilidade e envolvimento comunitário	Lusa, RTP	https://www.rtp.pt/noticias/mundo/ong-timorense-pede-a-doadores-mais-sustentabilidade-e-envolvimento-comunitario-n1338272 https://www.lusa.pt/lusofonia/timor-leste/article/2021-07-27/34001063/ong-timorense-pede-a-doadores-mais-sustentabilidade-e-envolvimento-comunit%C3%A1rio	Based on LH memo to the TL Development Partners Meeting
28 Jul	La'o Hamutuk minta pemerintah dan mitra kembangkan sektor produktif	Tatoli	http://tatoli.tl/id/2021/07/28/lao-hamutuk-minta-pemerintah-dan-mitra-kembangkan-sektor-produktif/	Based on LH memo to the TL Development Partners Meeting
29 Jul	Territóriu TL Presiza Avansa ho Planu Integradu no Inkluzivu	Lafaek News	https://lafaeknews.com/territoriu-tl-presiza-avansa-ho-planu-integradu-no-inkluzivu	Op-ed by Febe about inclusive urban planning
30 Jul	La'o Hamutuk Kestiona PN la envolve entidade barak iha diskusaun Lei EO no JF	GMN-TV	https://youtu.be/JlmvPEprw40	Interviews Celestino on civil society's role in discussions about the Budget Framework Law
30 Jul	LH kestiona PN la envolve sociedade sivil iha diskusaun lei EOJF	GMN	https://gmntv.tl/politika/07/2021/lh-kestiona-pn-la-envolve-sosiedade-sivil-ih-diskusaun-lei-eojf/	Interview with Celestino about the Budget Framework Law
02 Aug	Dili no Territóriu Timor-Leste: Presiza Avansa ho Planu Integradu no Inkluzivu	Independente		Op-ed by Febe about inclusive urban planning
03 Aug	Dili no Territóriu Timor-Leste: Presiza Avansa ho Planu Integradu no Inkluzivu	Independente		Reprint op-ed by Febe

Date	Title	Medium	URL	Comment
03 Aug	Ezekusaun OJE 2021 la efetivu ba povu	GMN-TV	https://gmntv.tl/economia/08/2021/ezekusaun-oje-2021-la-efetivu-ba-povu/	Interview with Febe on state budget execution
03 Aug	La'ó Hamutuk konsidera ezekusaun OJE 2021 la dun efetivu no la refleto kondisaun ekonomia sosiál povu	GMN-TV	https://youtu.be/pRA7l88DgRs	Interview with Febe on state budget execution
04 Aug	Dili no Territóriu Timor-Leste: Presiza Avansa ho Planu Integradu no Inkluzivu	Independente		Op-ed by Febe about inclusive urban planning
09 Aug	Lei Enkuadramentu Orsamentál	GMNTV	https://youtu.be/TTjhX-VHDo4	Interview with Celestino about the Budget Framework Law.
11 Aug	Ezekusaun OJE 2021 Atinje ona 44.6 %	Independente		Interview with Febe on state budget execution
12 Aug	Lao Hamutuk Kestiona Efetividade Ezekusaun OJE 2021	RTTL	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBibPmq_AMw	Interview with Celestino about state budget execution
17 Aug	Komunidade Bairro Karegaturu Halerik ba Bee Moos	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2021/08/17/koresaun-komunidade-bairro-karegaturu-halerik-ba-beemoos-branco-ukun-an-20-besik-anos-sei-ihaproblema/	Quotes LH data on state budget allocations
22 Sep	Sosiedade Sivil Husu Governu Tau Prioridade ba Setor Agrikultura	Independente		Interviews Celestino on Government investment in agriculture
30 Sep	Timor-Leste economic survey: The end of petroleum income	Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/app5.333	Academic paper by Charlie
11 Oct	Reabilitacao do Aeroporto de Comoro Nao e Prioritaria/	Timor Post	https://timorpost.com/pt/reabilitacao-do-aeroporto-de-comoro-nao-e-prioritaria/	
19 Oct	Rai Produtivu Uza Hotu ba Dezenvolvimentu Susar atu Hametin Soberania Ai-Han	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2021/10/19/rai-produtivu-uza-hotu-ba-dezenvolvimentu-susar-atu-hametin-soberania-ai-han/	Interviews Mariano about food sovereignty
21 Oct	Timor-Leste will soon be running on fumes	DevPolicy Blog	https://devpolicy.org/timor-lestewill-soon-be-running-on-fumes-20211021/	Article by Charlie
18 Nov	Elizaria Gomes: PN Presija Informasaun Loloos Molok Foti Desizaun Ba OJE 2022	Loluwari	https://loluwari.com/lh-pn-presija-informasaun-loloos-molok-fotidesizaun-ba-oje-2022/	Reports on LH briefing on the 2022 state budget
18 Nov	LH Konsidera OJE 2022 fo projesaun despeza la sustentavel	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/2021/11/18/laohamutuk-konsidera-oje-2022-foprojesaun-despeza-la-sustentavel/	Reports on LH briefing on the 2022 state budget
18 Nov	Lao Hamutuk considera que orçamento de 2022 não reflete situação do país	Tatoli	http://tatoli.tl/pt/2021/11/19/laohamutuk-considera-que-orcamento-de-2022-nao-refletesituacao-financeira-do-pais/	Reports on LH briefing on the 2022 state budget

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19 Nov	PN-Governu Tenke Diskuti Klean OJE 2022	Dili Post		Interviews Febe about the Budget Framework Law
19 Nov	Organização timorense considera que OGE de 2022 faz "projeções insustentáveis"	Lusa	https://portocanal.sapo.pt/noticia/284188	Quotes LH submission on 2022 state budget
22 Nov	OJE 2022	GMN TV news	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5HRCvhu19w	Interviews Febe on the 2022 state budget
22 Nov	LH: Ezekusaun OJE ki'ik, tanba Governu laiha planu prioridade	GMN-TV	https://gmntv.tl/economia/11/2021/lh-ezekusaun-oje-kiik-tanba-governu-laiha-planu-prioridade/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm	Interviews Febe about state budget execution
23 Nov	"OJE 2022, Subar Informasaun Esensial"	Timor Post		References LH submission on the 2022 state budget
23 Nov	LH: Ezekusaun OJE ki'ik tanba Governu laiha planu prioridade	Diario		Quotes Febe on state budget execution
24 Nov	Deputada Gabriela Ignora Paraser ONG Lao Hamutuk	Timor Post		Discusses LH state budget Submission
24 Nov	La'o Hamutuk Preokupa Sidadaun 430.000 Sofre Inseguransa Ai-han	Timor Post		Interviews Febe on insecurity
25 Nov	Is Santos and Eni's CCS plan in the Timor Sea 'carbon colonialism'?	Energy Voice	https://www.energyvoice.com/oilandgas/asia/367089/are-santos-and-enis-ccs-plans-in-the-timor-sea-carbon-colonialism/	Based on Charlie's presentation to Environment Centre NT webinar
29 Nov	Relatório e Parecer sobre a Proposta de Lei n.º 35/V (4ª) – Orçamento Geral do Estado para 2022	Parliament Public Finance Committee	http://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE22/211129RelComCPPLOJE2022pt.pdf	Cites LH concerns about write-down of PF loan to TimorGAP for Sunrise
15 Dec	Dezafiu ba alkansa Dezenvolvimentu ne'ebé sustentável	GMNTV	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LF03jsRgAuU	Interviews Mariano on sustainable development
21 Dec	Oxfam ho La'o Hamutuk Fasilita Treinamentu Analiza Alokasaun OJE 2022	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2021/12/21/oxfam-ho-lao-hamutuk-fasilita-treinamentu-analiza-alokasaun-oje-2022-ba-koligasaun-agrikultura/	Reports on training facilitated by LH on state budget analysis
23 Dec	Formasaun Halo Análize OJE 2022, Marta: Partisipante Aprende Konaba Lei Jestaun Finanseiru	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2021/12/23/formasaun-halo-analize-oje-2022-marta-partisipante-aprende-konaba-lei-justaun-finanseiru/	Reports on training facilitated by LH on state budget analysis

Appendix 3. Presentations

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

Topic	Date	Speaker	Event or Audience
Rights and Sustainability in Timor-Leste	Jan	Charlie	Briefing for incoming U.S. Ambassador, over three sessions
Small-Scale Agricultural Processing Industries in Timor-Leste	Feb	Mariano, Maxi	Launch of LH research report
Timor-Leste: 2021 Economic Survey	Feb	Charlie	Public Webinar for the Australian National University's Development Policy Centre
Sustainability of the Petroleum Fund and Economic Diversification	April	Charlie	Oxfam-organized webinar
State Budget Analysis, Economic Diversification, and Advocacy	May	Febe, Marta, Bree	Three-day training hosted by Oxfam and conducted by LH
Analyzing the 2021 Rectified Budget	May	Marta, Bree, Atino	Staff of the Anti-Corruption Commission
Diversifying the economy by investing in agriculture and other productive industries	June	Febe, Mariano	First in a series of Oxfam-sponsored televised panels
Chinese involvement in Timor-Leste: Myths and Facts	June	Febe	German Geographical Society (DGfG) Annual Conference
Internet Freedoms in Timor-Leste	July	Marta	Internet Freedoms Under Threat? Seminar organized by The Asia Centre
Analysis and advocacy on State Budget allocations to water sector	July	Marta, Febe	Training organized by PN-BESI.TL
Timor-Leste Perspective on the Food Systems Summit	July	Celestino	Online Counter-Mobilization of the Autonomous People's Response to the UN Food Systems Summit
Perspectives on Food Systems	July	Mariano	Briefing for the Ministry of Agriculture and development partners
National Context of TL and Potential Points of Solidarity	Aug	Bree	Southeast Asia Exchange on Energy and Extractives
Update on Timor-Leste politics, economics and Covid-19 situation	Sept	Charlie	Annual Meeting of Australia-East Timor Association/South Australia
Chinese involvement in Timor-Leste: Myths and Facts	Sept	Febe	Misereor staff and partners
LH Perspectives on the Economy and the 2022 State Budget	Oct	Febe	Parliament's "Budget Panorama"
Climate Change: Causes and Implications for Timor-Leste	Oct	Mariano	LH-organized climate change seminar series (seminar 1)

Topic	Date	Speaker	Event or Audience
Carbon Capture and Storage	Oct	Febe	LH-organized climate change seminar series (seminar 2)
Future of Extractive Industries	Oct	Jonathan	LH-organized climate change seminar series (seminar 3)
2022 State Budget: Analysis of its Sustainability, Transparency and Equity	Nov	Febe	Fongtil-facilitated seminar
Carbon Capture in Timor-Leste: Is it Carbon Colonialism?	Nov	Charlie	Environment Centre NT Webinar
GRB and 2022 State Budget Analysis	Dec	Febe, Marta	Training organized by PMFO
State Budget Analysis, Economic Diversification, and Advocacy	Dec	Marta, Febe	Two-day training hosted by Oxfam and conducted by LH
Diversifying the economy by investing in agriculture and other productive industries	Dec	Marta, Febe	Two in a series of Oxfam-sponsored televised panels

Appendix 4. Submissions and Open Letters

Topic	Date	Detail	Link
Proposed Unique ID System	March	Submission to TIC	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2021/UID/LHSubmisaunTIC-UID26Feb2021te.pdf
Amended 2021 State Budget	April	Submission to Parliament	https://www.laohamutuk.org/economy/OGE21/OR/LHSubOR2021-12Abril2021en.pdf
Amended 2021 State Budget	May	Open letter to the President of the Republic	https://www.laohamutuk.org/economy/OGE21/OR/LHKartaPrezidenteOR2021-3May2021te.pdf
Proposed Cybercrime Law	June	Open letter to President of Parliament and other leaders	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/defamation/cybercrime/LHtoPPNCybercrime4Jun2021en.pdf
Proposed Budget Framework Law	June	Submission to Parliament Committee C	https://www.laohamutuk.org/economy/Framework/LHSubPN-LEO7Jun2021te.pdf
Trial of Richard Daschbach and the rights of victims	July	Statement circulated to Timor-Leste's leaders and media	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2021/RD/210708LHKomImpRDen.pdf
UN Human Rights Universal Periodic Review	July	Joint submission from LH, CIVICUS, FORUM-Asia and JSMP to the UN Human Rights Council	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/UPR/2021/210715SubUPRTLfromCIVICUS-FA%20JSMP-LH.pdf
UN Human Rights Universal Periodic Review	July	Joint submission from LH and 17 other Timorese civil society organizations	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/UPR/2021/210714SubUPRTLfromTimoreseCSOs.pdf
Timor-Leste participation in the UN Food Systems Summit	July	Memo to Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, together with Permatil, Hasatil and CCH	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Agriculture/2021/210713Briefing%20ba%20MAP-FSSen.pdf
Human Rights in Myanmar	July	Open Letter to Timor-Leste's Leaders	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2021/LHKartaMianmar5Jul2021en.pdf
Development Priorities for TL	July	Memo to the Timor Leste Development Partners Meeting	https://www.laohamutuk.org/economy/21TLDPM/210727LHtoTLDPMen.pdf
Environmental licensing for the Rusa test well	September	Submission to ANPM	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/onshore/EnvApp/LHSubANPMEnvLicenseRusaWell13Sep2021en.pdf
2022 State Budget	November	Submission to Parliament, including Committee C	https://www.laohamutuk.org/economy/OGE22/211115LHSubPNkonabaOJE2022te.pdf

Appendix 5. Radio Programs

Recordings of all radio programs produced by La'o Hamutuk are on our website at <https://www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm>.

Date	Topic	Guests
May	The rectified 2021 State Budget, in the context of Covid-19 and natural disaster	Sr. Manekas Pinto Napoliaun Correia (Leader of Kondar Village, Manatuto), Celestino Gusmão (LH)
July	Youth and Agriculture in Government Policies	Sr. Bernardino de Menezes (Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry), Sr. Domingus Pereira (Coordinator of Youth Empowerment for Future - youth agricultural group in Hera), Mariano Ferreira (LH)
October	Urban and regional planning	Sr. Joao da Cruz Cardoso (urban planning expert), Sr. Joãozitu dos Santos (Executive Director of Rae's Hadomi Timor (RHTO)), Elizaria Febe Gomes (LH)
November	The proposed 2022 State Budget	Sr. Adriano do Nascimento (Member of Parliament), Elizaria Febe Gomes (LH)

Appendix 6. Blog Articles

Blog articles published during 2021 are listed below; most are also in Tetum. A list of more than 300 posts and updates to our website is at www.laohamutuk.org/updates.htm.

Date	Topic	Link
February	Research report on Agriculture Processing Industry in Timor-Leste	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/02/relatori-u-peskiza-industria.html
March	Consultations Begin on the Unique ID System	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/03/consultations-begin-on-unique-identity.html http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/03/identidade-uniku-uid-hahu-halo.html
March	New Budget Framework Law Under Discussion	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/03/new-budget-framework-law-under.html
April	Budget Revision Should be Just, Equitable and Sustainable	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/04/budget-revision-should-be-just.html http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/04/revizau-n-orsamentu-estadu-tenke-justu.html
June	Carbon Capture and Storage Under the Timor Sea: Climate Change Prevention or Carbon Colonialism	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/06/carbon-capture-and-storage-under-timor.html https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/07/kaptur-a-no-rai-hela-karbonu-iha-timor.html
June	La'o Hamutuk Asks Parliament to Strengthen Budget Framework Law	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/06/lh-asks-parliament-to-strengthen.html http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/06/lh-husu-parlamentu-atu-hametin-proposta.html
July	Condolences to family and comrades who lost a great friend in Carmel Budiardjo	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/07/sentidu-kondolencias-familia-no-maluk.html
July	LH Asks the Ministry of Agriculture to Bring the Voice of the People to the Food Systems Summit	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/07/lh-asks-ministry-of-agriculture-to.html http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/07/lh-husu-map-atu-lori-lian-povu-ba.html
July	Urban Planning Needs to Progress with Integrated and Inclusive Planning	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/07/dili-no-territoriu-timor-leste-presiza.html http://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/2021/280921Planu%20Urbanu%20no%20TerritorialEn.pdf
August	Modernizing Agriculture	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/08/modernizasaun-agrikultura-modernizing.html
Sept.	Onshore Drilling Imminent Despite Serious Concerns	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/09/onshore-oil-drilling-imminent-despite.html
Nov.	La'o Hamutuk's observations on proposed 2022 state budget	http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/11/laohamutuk-observations-on-proposed.html http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2021/11/observasaun-husi-lao-hamutuk-kona-ba.html

Appendix 7. Staff and Advisory Board

Staff

Bree Ahrens

Bree holds a BA (Indonesian and History) and MA (Asian Societies) from the University of Melbourne. She has worked as a researcher, translator, instructor, and organizer in Australia, Indonesia, and Timor-Leste and within labor, animal, and queer movements. She works with La'ó Hamutuk's State Finances and Economy and Major Projects and Environment teams, and speaks English, Indonesian, and Tetum.



Marta da Silva

Marta was born in Gariuai, Baucau, and grew up in Lospalos. She studied social and political science at the National University of Timor-Leste. She joined La'ó Hamutuk in 2016, having worked previously with the Australian-supported water and sanitation program BESIK and UNFPA. Marta speaks Fataluku, Tetum, Indonesian and English. Currently Marta works on freedom of expression, good governance and justice issues, and is one of La'ó Hamutuk's coordinators.



Martinha Fernandes

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



Mariano Ferreira

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



Elizaria 'Febe' Gomes

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



Jonathan Gonsalves

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

**Celestino Gusmão Pereira**

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

**Ricarda Martins**

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

**Charles Scheiner**

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



Advisory Board

Justino da Silva

Justino da Silva was born in Hato-udo, Ainaro district. Justino worked as facilitator for Civic Education in UNTAET and for the National Democratic Institute (NDI). He was leader of the Advocacy Division of the Timor-Leste NGO Forum, and also served as chair of their Board of Directors. He also worked for Concern and Save the Children before joining Water Aid, where he is now Country Representative in Timor-Leste.

Oscar da Silva

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

Andrew de Sousa

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

Selma Hayati

An Indonesian human rights activist, Selma started working in Timor-Leste in 2001, including with Concern, Care, Oxfam, La'ó Hamutuk (2003-2004), NGO Forum and UNTAET, UNMIT, UNDP, Action Asia, Fokupers, JSMP, CAFOD, USAID, Ba Distritu and other organizations. Selma writes articles and poetry. She currently works in Indonesia with Winrock International on Reducing Gender Base Violence in West Papua.

Inês Noronha Martins

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

Santina Soares

Santi was born in Beaçu, Viqueque district. She graduated from the Social Welfare University in Bandung. On returning to Timor-Leste in 2002, she volunteered at the Denore Foundation and worked at the Peace and Democracy Foundation. She was on La'ó Hamutuk's staff from 2005-2008, before joining the Government's Sunrise LNG Taskforce. In 2010, she completed her Masters on gender and development studies at Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand and now works as a Program Officer for Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Responsive Budgeting at UN Women.