

Mid-Year Report La’o Hamutuk January – June 2022

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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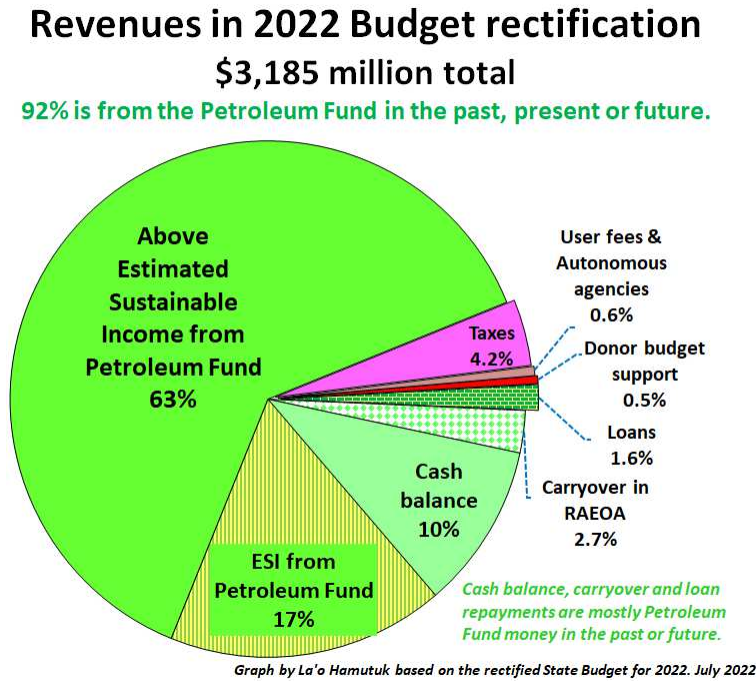
Mission and Situational Context

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 2022 saw the two rounds of the Presidential Election conducted peacefully. Sixteen candidates contested the first round on 19 March, in which 77% of registered voters participated. The valid vote turnout was the highest turnout in a first-round Presidential election since 2007, being 6% higher than in 2017 and 4% higher than in 2012. In the second round of voting on 19 April, Jose Ramos-Horta received 62% of votes, securing the Presidency over incumbent Francisco Guterres (Lú-Olo) who received 38% of votes.

The President promulgated the 2022 State Budget in early January, however in April to Council of Ministers asked the Parliament to increase the enacted 2022 budget to add \$1.13 billion in new expenditures, in a ‘budget rectification’. Almost 90% of the proposed new spending was for a new Veterans’ Fund’. After then President-Elect Jose Ramos-Horta indicated that he would veto the budget, the Government sought to fast-track its passage. During Parliamentary deliberations, amendments to further increase spending by \$112 million were accepted, and on 11 May Parliament voted to approve the entire budget rectification, increasing the 2022 budget by \$1.24 billion, resulting in total Central Administration appropriations of \$3.10 billion for 2022, and a global consolidated total of \$3.35 billion, 58% higher than the 2021 budget which was the highest in the nation’s history

The graph below shows where this money will come from; 80% will be new withdrawals from the Petroleum Fund, but if we consider past and future withdrawals this figure increases to 92%.

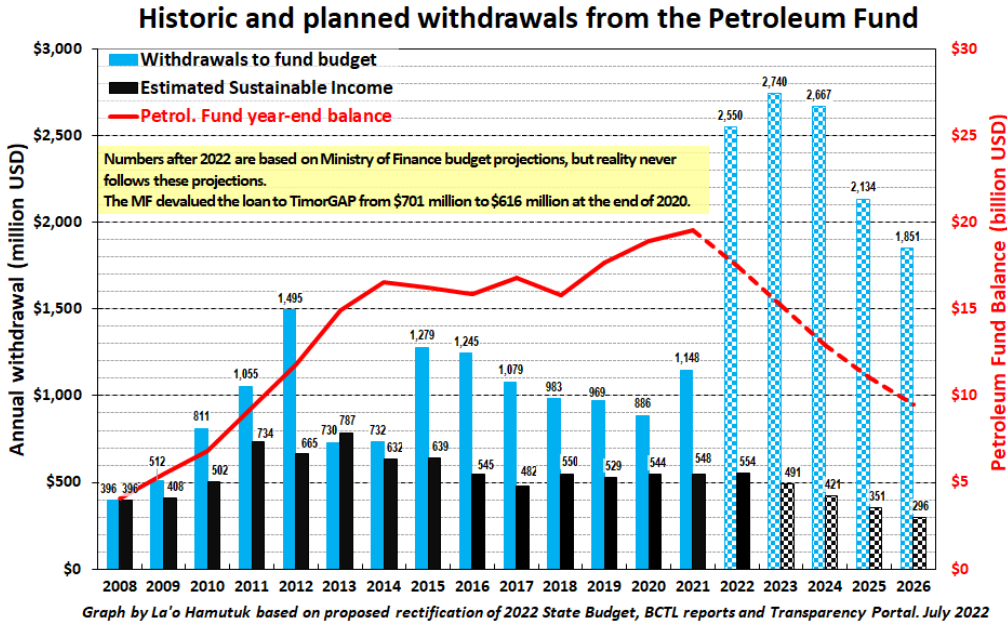


Outgoing President Lu-Olo promulgated the Rectified Budget two days before his term ended.

In accordance with new Law No. 2/2022 on the Framework for the General State Budget and Public Financial Management, the Government for the first time submitted a Major Planning Options Law to Parliament, as part of the 2023 State Budget process. The Major Planning Options Law is intended to facilitate discussion of the Government’s priorities for the coming year, before the state budget proposal is presented. It is an opportunity for the Government to indicate what programs will be given priority, but the Law contains 275 ‘measures’ without indicating how much money each will get or what priority it will be given. Unfortunately, the addition of this step in the budget process has not led to more meaningful discussion and deliberation over the direction of the budget.

These budget decisions took place at the same time as the Petroleum Fund was experiencing major losses due to reduced oil income and falling stock prices. The value of the Petroleum Fund’s investments dropped \$2.1 billion in the first six months of 2022, the two largest quarterly losses in the Fund’s 15-year history. By the end of June, the Fund’s balance was \$1.7 billion lower than it had been at the start of the year.¹

In the Major Planning Options Law, the Government recognized that the Petroleum Fund will be empty before 2035, which it terms a ‘fiscal cliff’ requiring severe cuts in government programs. Revenues from oil and gas extraction will end in 2022, and may not re-start for several years (if ever). However, the unprecedented additional spending that was approved through the 2022 State Budget Rectification — which establishes a worrying precedent for future budgets — and stock market volatility mean that Timor-Leste could fall off the cliff much sooner than anticipated. The following graph shows planned continuing escalation of Government spending even as the Petroleum Fund is rapidly depleted.



The following are a few major results of our work between January and June 2022:

- La'o Hamutuk was interviewed and cited more than 65 times in national and international media.
- We conducted initial research about onshore oil exploratory drilling on the South Coast.
- As local partners of the International Budget Partnership’s Open Budget Survey, we finalized the research and began to launch the results of the 2021 Survey on budget transparency, participation, and accountability. Together with IBP, we conducted the first half of detailed training for civil society on budget monitoring and advocacy.

¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/05PFIndex.htm#2022>

Program activities

During the first half of 2022, La’o Hamutuk continued to monitor, analyze, and respond to Government policies, including the extended 2022 State Budget Process, as well as participating in election monitoring. In 2022, the Government is conducting a review of the 2011-2030 National Strategic Development Plan (PEDN), and La’o Hamutuk joined nine other civil society organizations in writing a submission to the Vice Prime Minister in April.

Many organizations and individuals, including Government agencies, continue to rely on La’o Hamutuk as a source of independent, factual information. Dozens of local and international researchers, NGOs, academics and development partners sought our perspective and expertise on Timor-Leste’s economic and social context. In June we participated in the Timor -Leste Development Partners Meeting and circulated an open letter sharing our analysis of the most pressing challenges facing the country.² We provided several requested briefings for incoming international staff and diplomats, and responded to requests for consultations, as well as initiating strategic meetings with decision makers in various Ministries.

We published often to our website (www.laohamutuk.org) and continued to add new information to our reference page.³ Major new pages or updates published in the first half of 2022 include

- Created new webpage for the 2022 Presidential Election⁴
- Created a new webpage for the 2023 State Budget⁵
- Updated our webpage on 2022 State Budget with information about the budget rectification
- Regular updates with new materials to our pages on Petroleum projects⁶, the Bernard Collaery case⁷, Development Partners’ meetings⁸, the Petroleum Fund⁹ and many others.

During the first half of 2022, people accessed our webpages an average of 20,860 times every day, 19% more than during the same part of 2021. Many of our webpages and articles are reposted on online journals, blogs and other media, so our actual readership is even larger.

The publication of our 2021 *Bulletin*¹⁰ was delayed until January 2022, to allow us to ensure that our article on the 2022 State Budget was up to date. The *Bulletin* contains articles on the 2022 State Budget, the Budget Framework Law, the proposed CCS project at Bayu-Undan, and other topics. 480 printed issues have been distributed, and many more via electronic media.

40,549 people viewed pages on our blog during the six-month period. We posted six new blog entries in Tetum and translated four into English, including

- Eleisaun Prezidensiál 2022: Eleitor Hotu iha Direitu Hanesan atu Partisipa
- Santos proposal for CCS at Bayu-Undan is not a true or honest solution (also Tetum)
- 2023 Proposed Major Planning Options Law (also Tetum)
- La’o Hamutuk husu PN atu la aprova proposta Orsamentu Retifikativu
- LH thoughts for Development Partners (also Tetum)
- TimorGAP begins exploring Pualaca Block by itself (also Tetum)

² [https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/21TLDPM/Jun2022/220610LHKarta ba TLDPMen.pdf](https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/21TLDPM/Jun2022/220610LHKarta%20ba%20TLDPMen.pdf)

³ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexEn.htm>

⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2022/PresElec/22PresElec.htm>

⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OJE23/22OGE23.htm>

⁶ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PSCs/10PSCs.htm>

⁷ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Boundary/Collaery/20Collaery.htm>

⁸ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/21TLDPM/21TLDPMindex.htm>

⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/05PFIndex.htm>

¹⁰ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/bulletin.html>

In addition, we broadcast five radio programs¹¹ on the following topics:

- The 2022 Presidential Election
- The proposed Carbon Capture and Storage project at Bayu Undan
- The Food Systems Summit
- Climate Change
- The Second Phase of the 'Cesta Basika' program

Analysis, Monitoring and Research

State Budget, economy and fiscal sustainability

La' o Hamutuk closely followed the ongoing 2022 State Budget process, including the proposed additional measures as part of the Rectified Budget.

At the end of April, the Government submitted the proposed 2022 Budget Rectification to Parliament, and requested that it be subject to an expedited process. Parliament approved the request for urgency, and therefore there was little opportunity to the public or civil society to engage in advocacy around the proposed changes, notwithstanding the large new expenditure being proposed. On 5 May, La' o Hamutuk distributed an unsolicited submission¹² to every Member of Parliament, pointing out that the measures included in the Budget Rectification were not urgent. We suggested that Parliament should not approve the proposed rectification and instead give the matters it claims to address more careful consideration. We summarized our submission in a blog article in Tetum.¹³

In May, Government proposed a Major Planning Options (MPO) Law for the 2023 budget to Parliament, as required by recent changes in the budgetary process. Although we were pleased that the law's explanatory material analyzed financial sustainability, as La' o Hamutuk has long advocated, we observed some inconsistencies in the data presented. In response to the draft MPO Law, we submitted a letter¹⁴ to Members of Parliament, issued a press release¹⁵ and held a press briefing, published a blog article¹⁶, and facilitated a televised talk show.¹⁷

Although the MPO Law failed to prioritize the 275 measures it enumerates, our letter identified proposed measures that should be prioritized in the 2023 State Budget, including agriculture oriented towards local consumption, education, health, and water and sanitation. We also pointed out programs that should not be prioritized, including regional airports and the Tasi Mane project. For example, the proposed law lists measures to "acquire land and resettle the population" to make space for Tasi Mane, notwithstanding that the project may never be built.

Over this period, we continued to bring key issues of state finances and economic diversification to the attention of development agencies and international delegations. In April we were invited to present¹⁸ to the heads of UN Agencies in Timor-Leste, outlining our observations about the sustainability of state finances and the economy. In April we also presented a paper on the resource curse to the Association of Asian Studies conference.¹⁹

¹¹ Radio programs can be accessed on our webpage at <https://www.laohamutuk.org/media/radio.htm>

¹² <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE22/OR/220504LHSubmisaunPN-OR2022en.pdf>

¹³ <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2022/05/lao-hamutuk-husu-pn-atu-la-aprova.html>

¹⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OJE23/MOP/220524LHbaPNPropostaLeiOpsaunPrinsipalPlanuEn.pdf>

¹⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OJE23/MOP/220525KomunikaduImprensaLeiOpsaunPrinsipalSiraPlanuEn.pdf>

¹⁶ <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2022/05/proposta-lei-opsaun-prinsipal-sira.html>

¹⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=briT0tQuEdI>

¹⁸ https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/220411LH-UN_EkonomiaEn.pps

¹⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/curse/220324ScheinerAASResourceCurseTL.pps>

During this period, we continued to monitor the Petroleum Fund²⁰ as well as key indicators related to trade, inflation, budget execution and reporting and other components of Timor-Leste's economy and state finances. We responded to media requests to discuss these issues, and updated the presentation materials²¹ we use in our briefings.

Petroleum resources

We continued to monitor, explain and analyse developments related to Timor-Leste's dwindling non-renewable oil and gas resources, including the Bayu-Undan field which is in its last months of production, the conclusion of the bidding round for new exploration areas, and the now-cancelled Buffalo project. In January we met with the President of the National Petroleum and Minerals Authority (ANPM) to discuss petroleum licensing and production as well as the proposed carbon capture and storage project at Bayu-Undan. We engaged regularly with international and local journalists to try to improve their coverage of petroleum issues in Timor-Leste.

We conducted two field visits to observe the impacts of onshore exploratory petroleum activities in Covalima and Manufahi. This was the first stage in a research process to learn about community understanding of the project and how their initial expectations compare to experiences.

In June, we travelled to Pualaca and Laclubar to observe TimorGAP's 'socialization' event for new exploration activities there. In addition to the Minister of Petroleum and Mining and the ANPM, civil and military authorities from all three municipalities participated, including PNTL and F-FDTL commanders. We published a blog²² summarizing our observations and will continue to monitor whether the closing remarks of the TimorGAP President, indicating that there will be deeper consultations in the future, result in genuine community engagement.

Since 2021, La'o Hamutuk has been monitoring and analysing the proposed Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project to be built at the depleted Bayu-Undan offshore gas field, and we often collaborate with Australian environmental and policy organizations. In February we made a submission²³ to the Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority, in relation to the Barossa pipeline duplication project. This project — while taking place in Australian maritime territory and not having an immediate impact on Timor-Leste — forms part of the broader Barossa Gas project that relies on the Bayu-Undan CCS project to ostensibly reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. Our submission argued that evaluating individual components of a major project in a piecemeal fashion risks ignoring the broader impacts of the project, such as how the high-emission Barossa Gas project will accelerate climate change.

We continue to be concerned that the proposed CCS project is poorly understood in Timor-Leste. We published a blog article²⁴ and facilitated a seminar for students at UNTL to increase awareness of the issue.

²⁰ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/05PFIndex.htm#2022>

²¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/RightSustainCurrentEn.pps>

²² <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2022/06/timorgap-begins-exploring-pualaca-block.html>

²³ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Project/Bayu/CCS/220215LHSubNTEPADPDproject.pdf>

²⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Project/Bayu/CCS/220301LHKomunikadulmprensaCCSen.pdf>

Governance and Human Rights

In the lead-up to the March Presidential election, La’o Hamutuk worked to promote meaningful discussion of the nation’s future. We created a web-page to make key election documents more available,²⁵ and distributed a survey to Presidential candidates. La’o Hamutuk staff were accredited observers for both rounds, and we published two reports of our observations and recommendations for authorities.²⁶ We broadcast a radio program and published a blog article²⁷ discussing voting access and key election issues with the director of the national disability organization Rae’s Hadomi Timor Oan (RHTO), the director of Fokupers and a member of the Youth Parliament Alumni Organization.

In 2022, as the culmination of our recent work as local researchers for the International Budget Partnership’s (IBP) 2021 Open Budget Survey, we began releasing results within Timor-Leste. Timor-Leste’s scores are slightly better than in the previous survey; the transparency score increased to 52 out of 100, and oversight increased to 56/100. However, the survey shows that the government has yet to demonstrate a genuine commitment to public participation, which scored only 7/100. There is a need for improvement in all areas. At the end of June we issued a press release explaining the results.²⁸ The results of this survey help advance advocacy for transparency and oversight in the budget process, and we will continue to disseminate them in the second half of the year.

We continued to support civil society to engage in budget analysis and advocacy; we conducted trainings for Fokupers in January and March to increase their capacity to conduct gender-sensitive budget analysis. In April, we facilitated training for local organizations partnered with Oxfam, and also conducted three budget analysis sessions for young people as part of trainings organised by Plan International in Dili, Ainaro, and Aileu. We also partnered with the IBP to deliver four sessions in February, March and May as part of the COAB training program for CSOs in Timor-Leste. In the second half of the year will conduct a second in-person training together with visiting IBP staff.

We continued to advocate for good governance directly with government institutions. Following the creation of the National Agency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (ANAPMA), we initiated a meeting with agency officials in April to better understand their plans and to advocate for transparent and inclusive processes. In June we were invited to present at a workshop organized by the Anti-Corruption Commission, on evaluating the risk of procurement corruption in the health sector.

We continued to participate in NGO networks. During the first half of this year, we participated in regular meetings of PN-BESI.TL (Water and Sanitation Network) to share information and conduct advocacy. La’o Hamutuk staff helped them with a state budget analysis of the water and sanitation sector. We also participated in RDDU (Human Rights Defenders Network) and UADU (UN Human Rights Advisory Unit) regular meetings to share updates about human rights issues, including violence perpetrated by government officials such as F-FDTL (military), PNTL (police) and civil security and municipality sanitation taskforce teams. We also provided information to international researchers about the police and military roles in pandemic response.

We continued to monitor and provide input to the programs and agenda of international agencies. Early in the year, La’o Hamutuk was invited to join the UN Sustainable Development Framework (UNSDCF) Joint Steering Committee. This Committee is a planning and implementation instrument for UN activities in Timor-Leste, and includes UN, government, and civil society representatives. During the first half of 2022, La’o Hamutuk participated in the first two meetings, and will continue

²⁵ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2022/PresElec/22PresElec.htm>

²⁶ [https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2022/PresElec/obs/220413LHRelatoriu Observasaun Eleisaun PR 2022-2027Te.pdf](https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2022/PresElec/obs/220413LHRelatoriu%20Observasaun%20Eleisaun%20PR%202022-2027Te.pdf)
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²⁷ <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2022/03/eleisaun-presidential-2022-eleitor-hotu.html>

²⁸ [https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trans/OBS21/220630LH-OBS press releaseEn.pdf](https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/trans/OBS21/220630LH-OBS%20press%20releaseEn.pdf)

to be involved. We continued to monitor the U.S. government's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and update our webpage²⁹ on it; during the first half of the year representatives of the Timor-Leste Government worked to finalize a new five-year, \$420 million Compact that will focus on water, sanitation and drainage.

Following on from our participation in two submissions to the UN's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of human rights in Timor-Leste last year, La'o Hamutuk recorded a video statement which was presented at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.³⁰ We also compiled documents and other materials relating to the UPR on our website.³¹

We sought to express our solidarity with movements for justice and peace outside of Timor-Leste. In March we circulated an open letter³² urging the withdrawal Russian forces from Ukraine and support for people fleeing the conflict. We continued to follow the human rights disaster in Myanmar and published an article in our *Bulletin* on the issue.

Agriculture, Land and Environment

We continued to monitor the *Cesta Bázika* program. This 'basics basket' program distributes food and other necessities to the population, and was introduced by the Government in 2020 to try to address the economic impacts of the pandemic and lockdowns. In the first half of 2022, the program entered its 'second phase.' In April and June we met with officials from the Secretary of State for Cooperatives, the Ministry of Tourism, Commerce, and Industry to better understand if and how the program will support local agricultural production, and to lobby for greater engagement of local producers.

Our work on land and environment overlapped with our research activities noted in the above section on Petroleum Resources. In addition to the research activities -- which explored how well public consultation and compensation is implemented, and the perspectives of the community on the impact of petroleum activities on their local environment -- we organized public workshops in Suai and Same to discuss climate change (and the relevance to agricultural production) and land rights.

We continued to work to increase public awareness of climate change and climate justice. We gave an invited presentation on climate change to tertiary students at St. John de Britto Institute in March. We held a seminar at UNTL to mark World Environment Day in June, at which we gave presentations on climate change and the proposed Carbon Capture and Storage project, and invited Professor Antero Da Silva to present on agro-ecology.

We also continued to update our webpage on environmental licensing documents, an effort to fill the gap caused by the government's failure to maintain a publicly available registry.³³

²⁹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/MCC/10MCC.htm#NewCompact>

³⁰ <https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1u/k1uq2l2yph>

³¹ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/UPR/12UPRIndex.htm#2021>

³² <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/2022/220308KomunikaduFunuKontraUkrainaEn.pdf>

³³ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/18EnvRegistry.htm>

La’o Hamutuk’s Networks

Timor-Leste Networks

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

International Networks

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

We work with several other organizations in Australia to share information on the ongoing Collaery case, as well as on the proposed CCS project at Bayu-Undan. We also serve on the Steering Committee for USAID’s NGO Advocacy for Good Governance program.

Organizational Report

During the first half of 2022, La’o Hamutuk research staff included Celestino Gusmão, Charles Scheiner (part-time, from New York), Elizaria Febe Gomes, Jonathan Gonsalves, Mariano Ferreira, Bree Ahrens and Marta da Silva. Our Finance Officer was Ricarda Martins, and Assistant in Finance and Administration was Martinha Fernandes. We also have three security employees and one cleaner.

At the beginning of the year we conducted our annual planning process to guide our work in 2022. We made adjustments to these plans as we were asked by one of our donors to try and use unspent funds from a three-year grant that ends this year. Many planned in-person activities, including research and public meetings, were delayed over the last two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This has meant that our budget execution was lower than expected over this period. Appendix 1 has more details on the shifts in expenditure.

In the first half of the year we sought to recruit a new international staff member to replace Bree upon her departure later in the year, and a new local researcher.

Appendix 1. Financial Report

This Mid-Year Report is being written before the end of the 2022 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 2022, we received \$79,493 from Misereor to reimburse some 2021 Misereor project expenses. We also received general support funding from Yayasan Humanis dan Inovasi Social - HIVOS (\$35,000), and the Comité Catholique Contre la Faim et Pour le Développement – CCFD (\$30,903). La’o Hamutuk also earned \$6,595 by providing services and briefings.

Balance Sheet

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

	Cash & bank balances	General support donors	Project donors (Misereor)	LH earned and reserve fund
Balance 31 Dec 2021	87,996	49,025	-21,931	60,902
Income Jan-June 2022	151,998	65,903	79,500	6,595
Expenses Jan-June 2022	83,159	41,643	37,139	4,378
Balance 30 June 2022	156,835	73,285	20,431	63,119

Revenues received during the first half of 2022

Source	Budget 2022	Half year budget	Actual received	Difference	Explanation
HIVOS grant	50,000	25,000	35,000	10,000	We received most of the funding for 2022 in the first half of the-year.
CCFD grant	34,000	17,000	30,903	13,903	We received 2022 budget in the first half of the year.
The Asia Foundation grant	15,000	7,500	0	-7,500	We haven't yet signed a new contract for 2022
Misereor project grant	186,073	93,037	79,493	-13,543	We received October 2021 - Feb 2022, and will receive transfer for expenses incurred in 2022 later in the year
International Budget Partnership	14,000	7,000	0	-7,000	The payment will be made in the second half of the year
Earned for services	4,500	2,250	6,595	4,345	Payments for LH work on webinar for OXFAM and briefing for PLAN International
Interest, donations and sales	500	250	7	-243	
Total	304,073	152,037	151,998	-6,962	

Expenditures during the first half of 2022

Category	Budget half year 2022	Actual	Difference	Explanation
I Non-recurrent expenditure				
IT Equipment	500	500	0	Purchase of one projector
Office Maintenance and equipment	1,425	89	1,336	
II Staff costs				
Personnel	76,100	56,872	19,228	Recruitment of new staff delayed and expected in second half of the year
Training for Staff	1,200	0	1,200	Training planned for second half of the year
III Project activities				
Bulletin	800	810	-10	Includes cost to print the delayed 2021 Bulletin
Public Meeting	3,500	1,718	1,782	
Radio Program	850	1,059	-209	
Research	3,000	3,667	-667	Including monitoring the Presidential elections
Resource Center	650	420	230	
Short video production	600	800	-200	One talk show on RTTL
Publication	150	0	150	
International conference	750	0	750	
Advanced for training	0	3,852	-3,852	Outlays for COAB trainings which IBP will reimburse in the second half of 2022.
IV Project administration				
Operations & Supplies	2,550	2,418	132	
Office Rent	5,250	5,100	150	
Transportation	300	215	85	
Telephone and Internet	2,625	2,404	221	
Audit	3,250	2,900	350	
Miscellaneous Expenses	300	335	-35	
V. Evaluation			0	
Evaluation	1,500	0	1,500	Evaluation planned for second half of the year
TOTAL	105,300	83,159	22,141	

Appendix 2. Media mentions of La’o Hamutuk

Date	Title	Medium	URL/Page	Comment
12 Jan	Osan Boot, Maibe Laiha Kbiit Ezekusaun	Timor Post	Page 11	Interviews Celestino of the efficacy of budget execution
13 Jan	Fundu Petroliferu Bele Mohu Entre Tinan 10	Timor Post	Page 11	Interviews Celestino on the future of the PF
21 Jan	Timor-Leste’s dependence on oil is a ticking time bomb	UCA News	https://www.ucanews.com/news/timor-lestes-dependence-on-oil-is-a-ticking-time-bomb/95804	Quotes Charlie on the impacts of the PF running out
25 Jan	Timor Leste Menderita karena Kemiskinan, Kini Dituding Biang Kerok Kerusakan Alam Lingkungan Dunia	Tribun News	https://makassar.tribunnews.com/2022/01/25/timor-lestemenderita-karena-kemiskinan-kini-dituding-biang-kerok-kerusakan-alam-lingkungan-dunia	Quotes Charlie’s presentation on CCS at the Environment Centre NT Seminar
25 Jan	Climate activists target Santos’ NT expansion plans	Green Left Weekly	https://www.greenleft.org.au/content/climate-activists-target-santos-nt-expansion-plans	Quotes LH’s submission to NTEPA on the Barossa Pipeline Duplication Project
28 Jan	OJE 2022 Governu Investe Deit 1.9% ba Setor Agrikultura, Mariano: Ne’e La Suficiente	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2022/01/28/oje-2022-governu-investe-deit-1-9-ba-setor-agrikultura-mariano-nee-la-suficiente/	Interviews Mariano on budget allocations to agriculture.
3 Feb	Reseita Petroliferu Bele Hamoris Ekonomia	Timor Post		Interviews Celestino for alternative perspective.
11 Feb	Timor Leste: Oil Revenue Fails to Address Child Stunting	In Depth News	https://www.indepthnews.net/index.php/the-world/asia-pacific/5074-timor-lestee-oil-revenue-fails-to-address-child-stunting?fbclid=IwAR3T6PvPR16ZQJyLLwmOxma9CnPugoaSf2qR-MkGRDvbcLxZbKUHLt3Ces	Quotes Charlie and Febe on the impacts of petroleum dependency
15 Feb	East Timor NGO hits out at Santos’ carbon storage plans for Barossa LNG	Energy Voice	https://www.energyvoice.com/oilandgas/asia/387738/east-timor-ngo-hits-out-at-santos-carbon-storage-plans-for-barossa-lng/	Cites LH submission to NT EPA on the Barossa Pipeline Duplication Project
16 Feb	Timor Leste NGO asks NT EPA to grill Santos’ Barossa CCS	Energy News Bulletin	https://www.energynewsbulletin.net/outlook-analysis/news/1426645/timor-lestee-ngo-asks-nt-epa-to-grill-santos%E2%80%99-barossa-ccs	Cites LH submission to NT EPA on the Barossa Pipeline Duplication Project
16 Feb	Not in our waters	Carbon Pulse Daily	https://carbon-pulse.com/151138/	Brief summary and link to LH submission to NT EPA
17 Feb	Critics say Santos’ Barossa LNG should be halted until CCS scheme proven	Energy Voice	https://www.energyvoice.com/oilandgas/asia/388407/critics-say-santos-barossa-lng-should-be-halted-until-ccs-scheme-proven/	Cites LH submission to NT EPA on the Barossa Pipeline Duplication Project
22 Feb	Governu Tenki Kria Kondisaun Merkadu ba Negosiante	Independente	Page 6	Interview Mariano on business environment
2 Mar	Lao Hamutuk konsidera projetu CCS la’ós solusaun ba emisaun net zero	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/2022/03/02/lao-hamutuk-konsidera-projetu-ccs-laos-solusaun-ba-emisaun-net-zero/	Based on LH press release
3 Mar	Santos proposal for CCS at Bayu-Undan is not a true or honest solution	Neon Metin	neonmetin.info/buletin/2022/03/03/santos-proposal-for-ccs-at-bayu-undan-is-not-a-true-or-honest-solution/	Reprints LH press release

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3 Mar	Proposta Santos Nian Hari CCS iha Bayu Udán La'os Solusaun Loos no la Honestu	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2022/03/03/proposta-santos-nian-harii-ccs-iha-bayu-undan-laos-solusaun-loos-no-la-onestu/	Publication of LH's press release on Bayu Udán CCS
9 Mar	La'ó Hamutuk apresia deklarasaun misaun permanente TL iha Nasaun Unida	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/2022/03/09/lao-hamutuk-apresia--deklarasaun-misaun-permanente-tl-ih-nasaun-unida/	Based on LH press release
10 Mar	Timorese civil society calls to end war in Ukraine	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/en/2022/03/10/timorese-civil-society-calls-to-end-war-in-ukraine/	Based on LH press release
19 Mar	East Timor vote highlights young nation's political impasse	Associated Press (distributed via more than 20 media outlets)	https://apnews.com/article/business-elections-indonesia-voting-presidential-elections-1165382f5ca5ea9e3de1ec0476206886	Quotes LH on declining oil revenues and PF.
21 Mar	Timor-Leste Vote Highlights Young Nation's Political Impasse	The Diplomat	https://thediplomat.com/2022/03/timor-leste-vote-highlights-young-nations-political-impasse/	Cites LH analysis of the petroleum fund and need to invest in human resources
25 Mar	OJE 2022 Fulan 3 Ona, Ezekusaun Programa Seidauk La'ó	Independente	Page 11	Interviews Marta on state budget execution
25 Mar	La'ó Hamutuk: Governu Bele Husu Apoiu, Maibe La'os Imprestimu	Independente	Page 12	Interviews Marta on loans
31 Mar	TL EITI report for 2019	TL EITI report for 2019	https://tleiti.mpm.gov.tl/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2019-TL_EITI-Report.pdf	References LH paper on Implications of recent changes to the Petroleum Fund
7 Apr	Reitor DIT Rekomenda Subsidiu	Timor Post	Pages 1 & 11	Interviews Marta on subsidies
12 Apr	Oxfam-La'ó Hamutuk Organiza Treinamentu Analiza OJE ba Jornalista no Grupu Produtivu	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2022/04/12/oxfam-lao-hamutuk-organiza-treinamentu-analiza-oje-2023-ba-jornalista-no-grupu-produtivu/	Reports on budget analysis training carried out by LH and Oxfam
21 Apr	MAP Tenke Koopera ho Nasaun Vizinu Kombate Virus ASF	Independente	Page 2	Quotes Mariano on combatting ASF
26 Apr	Restaura URA Tinan-20 LH Aprezenta Pontu Negativu iha TL	Timor Post	Page 1 & 15	Interviews Celestino on progress in Timor-Leste since independence
28 Apr	Tambasa sasan folin sae iha merkadu TL	GMNTV's Grande Entrevista Program	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6arevP60tE	Celestino appears on panel discussing inflation
2 May	OJE 2022 sa'e to'ó billiaun USD 3.1 ameasa ba Fundu Minarai	GMN TV	https://gmntv.tl/politika/05/2022/oje-2022-sae-too-billiaun-usd-3-1-ameasa-ba-fundu-minarai/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulGyVwVa5rg	Interviews Celestino on the 2022 Budget Rectification
3 May	OJE 2022 sa'e to'ó billiaun USD 3.1 ameasa ba Fundu Petrolu	Jornal Nasional Diario	Page 1 & 3	Interviews Celestino on the 2022 Budget Rectification
4 May	La'ó Hamutuk Apoiu Governu Ezekuta OJE 2022 ho Kuidadu	Tempo Timor	https://tempotimor.com/ekonomia/11009-la-o-hamutuk-husupn-rejeita-proposta-funduveteranu-billaun-1	Interviews Celestino on efficacy of budget execution
5 May	La'ó Hamutuk preokupa PN debate orsamentu retifikativu ho karáter urjensia	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/2022/05/05/lao-hamutuk-preokupa-pn-debate-orsamentu-retifikativu-ho-karater-urjensia/	Draws extensively from LH submission on the 2022 State Budget Rectification

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5 May	La'o Hamutuk Husu PN Hodi La Aprova Proposta	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2022/05/05/lao-hamutuk-husu-pn-hodi-la-aprova-proposta-orsamentu-retifikativu/	Draws extensively from LH submission on the 2022 State Budget Rectification
5 May	Organização timorense critica orçamento retificativo que considera eleitoralista	Lusa	https://portocanal.sapo.pt/noticia/298489	Reports on LH's submission on the 2022 State Budget Rectification
5 May	La'o Hamutuk preokupa PN Hodi debate orsamentu retifikativu ho karáter urjénsia	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/2022/05/05/lao-hamutuk-preokupa-pn-debate-orsamentu-retifikativu-ho-karater-urjensia/	Based on LH submission
6 May	Orsamentu Retifikativu	STL	Page 1 & 11	Interviews Celestino on the budget rectification
7 May	OJE Retifikativu 2022 Billaun \$1-resin Fó Risku Boot Bá Jestaun Finanseira	Hatutan	https://www.hatutan.com/2022/05/07/oje-retifikativu-2022-billaun-1-resin-fo-risku-boot-ba-jestaun-finanseira/	Draws extensively from LH submission on the 2022 State Budget Rectification
11 May	La'o Hamutuk husu PR Lú Olo veta OR		https://gmtv.tl/sosiedade/05/2022/lao-hamutuk-husu-pr-lu-olo-veta-or/ and https://youtu.be/zLOI6DHbO8k?t=640	Interviews Celestino on LH's submission on the Budget Rectification
12 May	La'o Hamutuk husu PR Lu Olo Veta OR	Jornal Nacional Diario	Page 1 & 3	Interviews Celestino on LH's submission on the Budget Rectification
12 May	Saláriu Mínimu	RTTL's Gazeta program	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ik2LDWin6Ss	Interviews Celestino on the need to increase the minimum wage
12 May	LH Realiza Enkontru Públika Ho Autoridade Iha Covalima	Jornal Bisnis Timor	https://www.jornalbisnistimor.com/notisia/ekonomia/5879-lh-realiza-enkontru-publika-ho-autoridade-iha-covalima	Interviews Marta about LH's research in Suai
19 May	Publiku Nian Espetativa ba Presidente Eleitu	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2022/05/19/publiku-nian-espetativa-ba-prezidente-eleitu/	Quotes Celestino on hopes for the incoming President
20 May	Timor Oriental cumple 20 años entre logros políticos y pobreza	El Obrero (Spain)	https://elobrero.es/recursos/gastronomia/88500-timor-oriental-cumple-20-anyos-entre-logros-politicos-y-pobreza.html	Quotes Charlie on Sunrise & diversification
25 May	La'o Hamutuk Apresia Proposta Lei Grande Opsaun Planu 2023	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2022/05/25/lao-hamutuk-apresia-proposta-lei-grande-opsaun-planu-tinan-2023/	Draws extensively from LH submission on Major Planning Options Law
25 May	LH duvida ho politiku Ministeriu Finansas	GMN TV news	https://youtu.be/8SBZf2Uw_hhc?t=173	Febe at LH press conference on MOP law
25 May	Lao Hamutuk Avalia Que Execução Do OGE Para 2022 Sem Dar Benefício A Povo	RTTL TV news	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NCmq1tek90 (Portuguese)	Febe at LH press conference on MOP law
25 May	LH Haksolok PR Horta Hakarak Lori OR ba Tribunal	Diariu Independente	Page 1 & 11	Quotes Celestino on Budget Rectification
26 May	La'o Hamutuk Urges Parliament to Explain Spending and Future Revenue	Diariu Independente	Page 1 & 9	Draws on LH's submission on the Major Planning Options Law
26 May	LH Hatoo Karta Aberta Ba PN Kona ba Proposta LGOP	Diariu Dili Post	Page 1 & 2	Coverage of press conference on Major Planning Options Law
26 May	Projeitu Auto-Estrada La Fo Benefisiu Ba Povu	Diariu Dili Post	Page 1 & 11	Coverage of press conference on Major Planning Options Law
26 May	ONG La'o Hamutuk Kritika OJE Retifikativu	Timor Post	Page 1 & 15	Quotes Febe on 2022 State Budget Rectification

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26 May	LH duvida ho politika MF kontinua foti osan boot husi FP	Jornal Nasional Diario	Page 1 & 3	Coverage of press conference on Major Planning Options Law
26 May	OJE 2023 Prioridade Ba Setor 4	STL	Page 2	Coverage of press conference on Major Planning Options Law
26 May	Lao Hamutuk: Lei Grande Opsaun La Konsidera Impaktu OJER 2022	Neon Metin	neonmetin.info/buletin/2022/05/26/lao-hamutuk-lei-grande-opsaun-la-konsidera-impaktu-ojer-2022/	LH press conference on MOP law
27 May	LH: Programa Sesta Bazika hanesan fantazia	Jornal Nasional Diario	Page 1	Quotes Mariano on Cesta Bazika
30 May & 5 Jun	Fundu Petroliferu Sei Mamuk Molok Tinan 2035	Business Timor	Page 5 & 25	Quotes Febe on Petroleum Fund
May 2022	As Australia Heads to the Polls, a Look at Morrison's "Gas-Fired Recovery," Carbon Capture, and Greenwashing	<i>Drilled</i> podcast	https://www.spreaker.com/user/15244480/timor-sea-ccs-episode-mixdown	Interviewed Charlie about Laminaria and BU CCS
2 Jun	Timor Leste's New President: Polarisation Defused or Postponed?	Fulcrum	https://fulcrum.sg/timor-lestes-new-president-polarisation-defused-or-postponed/	Cites LH as "Timor's premier development policy think tank" on rectified budget
2 Jun	Sustentabilidade Fundo Petroliferu ho Grandes Opcoes	GMN TV's <i>Grande Entrevista</i> program	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2XBMFvezww (www.gmntv.tl)	Feature Celestino as a panelist discussing Major Planning Options Law
13 Jun	Lao Hamutuk: MoAF must optimize agricultural land productivity to ensure food security in Timor-Leste	Tatoli	http://www.tatoli.tl/en/2022/06/13/lao-hamutuk-moaf-must-optimize-agricultural-land-productivity-to-ensure-food-security-in-timor-leste/	Interview with Mariano
15 Jun	Implikasaun Lei Opsaun Prinsipál Sira iha Planu ba OJE 2023	RTTL-TV's <i>Ita Nia Bainaka</i> program	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=briT0tQuEdI	Celestino and Marta discuss the Major Options Planning Law
16 Jun	LH: Mina-rai iha Bayu Undan maran, povu mak sei terus liu	GMN TV	https://gmntv.tl/economia/06/2022/lh-mina-rai-ih-bayu-undan-maran-povu-mak-sei-terus-liu/	Interviews Celestino on implications of the Petroleum Fund running out
22 Jun	Oinsá atu investe iha setór turizmu	RTTL's <i>Gazeta</i> program	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z38_SpZKil0	Interviews Marta on investment in the tourism sector
30 Jun	Estadu Tenki Pratika Diak Liu Tan Partisipasaun Publiku no Transparensia Haktuir Klasifikasaun Internasional	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2022/06/30/estadu-tenke-pratika-diak-liu-tan-partisipasaun-publiku-no-transparensia-haktuir-klasifikasaun-internasional/	Publication of LH press release on Open Budget Survey results
30 Jun	Estadu TL Tenke Prátika Di'ak Liután Partisipasaun Públiku no Transparénsia Haktuir ba Klasifikasaun Internasional	Lafaek News	https://www.lafaeknews.tl/estadu-tl-tenke-pratika-diak-liutan-partisipasaun-publiku-no-transparensia-haktuir-ba-klasifikasaun-internasional/	Publication of LH press release on Open Budget Survey results

Appendix 3. Presentations and programs by La’o Hamutuk

Most of these presentations are available from <https://www.laohamutuk.org/pres.htm>. In addition to the specific events listed below, we regularly updated our “Rights and Sustainability” overview presentation³⁴ and showed it to several audiences.

Topic	Date	Speakers from LH	Event
State Budget Analysis and Advocacy	January	Marta, Febe	Training for Fokupers staff, facilitated by Fokupers, Spotlight Project
Open Budget Survey and the State Budget process	February	Marta	Training for local CSOs, facilitated by the International Budget Partnership via Zoom
Legal framework of TL’s State Budget	February	Marta	Training for local CSOs, facilitated by the International Budget Partnership via Zoom
Revenue and the State Budget calendar	March	Marta	Training for local CSOs, facilitated by the International Budget Partnership via zoom
Climate Change	March	Febe	Briefing to students of Sao Brito Kasait, organized to celebrate International Womens Day.
State budget analysis of the National Action Plan for Gender-Based Violence	March	Marta, Febe	Training for Fokupers focal points, organized by Fokupers, Spotlight Project
The Resource Curse in Timor-Leste	March	Charlie	Timor-Leste Studies Initiative virtual workshop
The Resource Curse in Timor-Leste	March	Charlie	Association for Asian Studies Conference
State Budget Analysis and Advocacy	April	Marta	Training for Oxfam’s partners
Rights and Sustainability in Timor-Leste	April	Bree	Briefing for Maluk Timor
State Budget and Agriculture	April	Marta, Mariano	Press briefing facilitated by Oxfam
Entrepreneurship in Agriculture	April	Mariano	Panel presentation as part of the 2022 Entrepreneurship Expo
Budget Analysis	April	Marta	Basic budget analysis training for youth, part of a Plan International Youth event in Dili
Budget Analysis	April	Marta	Basic budget analysis training for youth, part of a Plan International Youth event in Aileu
Budget Analysis	April	Marta	Basic budget analysis training for youth, part of a Plan International Youth event in Ainaro
Economic Overview of Timor-Leste	April	Marta, Atino	Presentation to the UN’s Annual Reflection event
State Budget, Agriculture and Land Rights	May	Mariano, Marta	Public meeting organized by LH in Suai
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The Major Planning Options Law	May	Febe, Mariano	Media briefing organized by LH
Budget Analysis	May	Febe, Marta	Training for local CSOs, facilitated by the International Budget Partnership
Continuing Solidarity – the example of La’o Hamutuk	May	Charlie	Int’l Workshop on Solidarity with TL struggle for Self-Determination, Lisbon and virtual
The EU’s Contributions to Timor-Leste	May	Febe	Panel to commemorate Europe Day
World Environment Day seminar	June	Mariano, Febe	Presentations on CCS and climate change for students at UNTL, organized by LH
Covid 19 Fund Analysis	June	Marta	Procurement corruption risk analysis for the health sector, organized by the Anti-Corruption Commission

³⁴ <https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/RightSustainCurrentEn.pdf>