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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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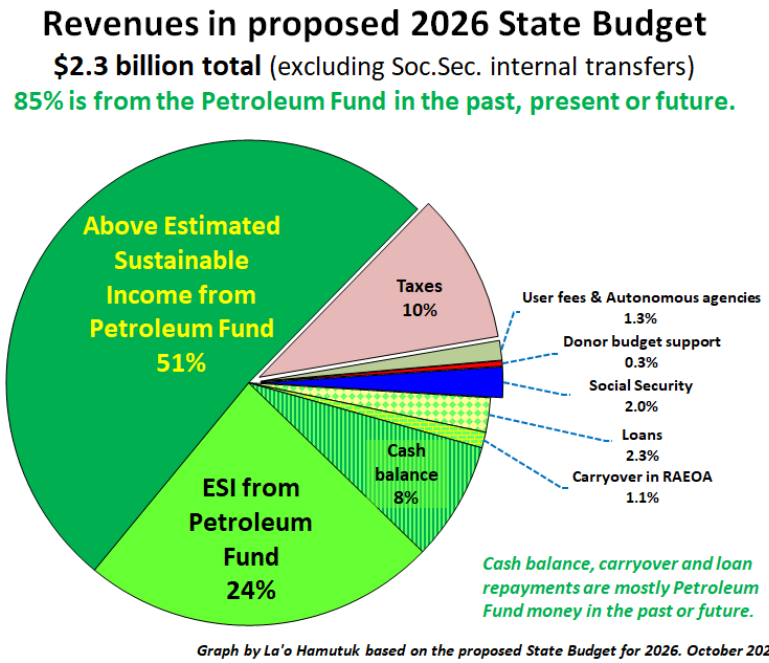
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Mission and Situational Context

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

In early 2026, geopolitical conflict, trade disruption and conflicts in the Middle East disrupted critical energy markets and shipping routes such as the Strait of Hormuz, raising energy prices and reducing the growth of commodity trade in the world, including in small countries like TL that depend heavily on imports. High cost of living economic and inflationary pressures, persistent supply chain issues, and tight fiscal space prompted the government to continue unsustainable withdrawals from its Petroleum Fund to fund fuel subsidies to secure domestic demand.

From January to June 2026, the government operated under the 2026 state budget promulgated by President Ramos-Horta, with a final budget of $2.3 billion (excluding Social Security internal transfers) for the year. The pie chart below shows that withdrawals from the Petroleum Fund continue to be the main source of money for the national budget. This year, they will pay for about 85% of state expenditures.

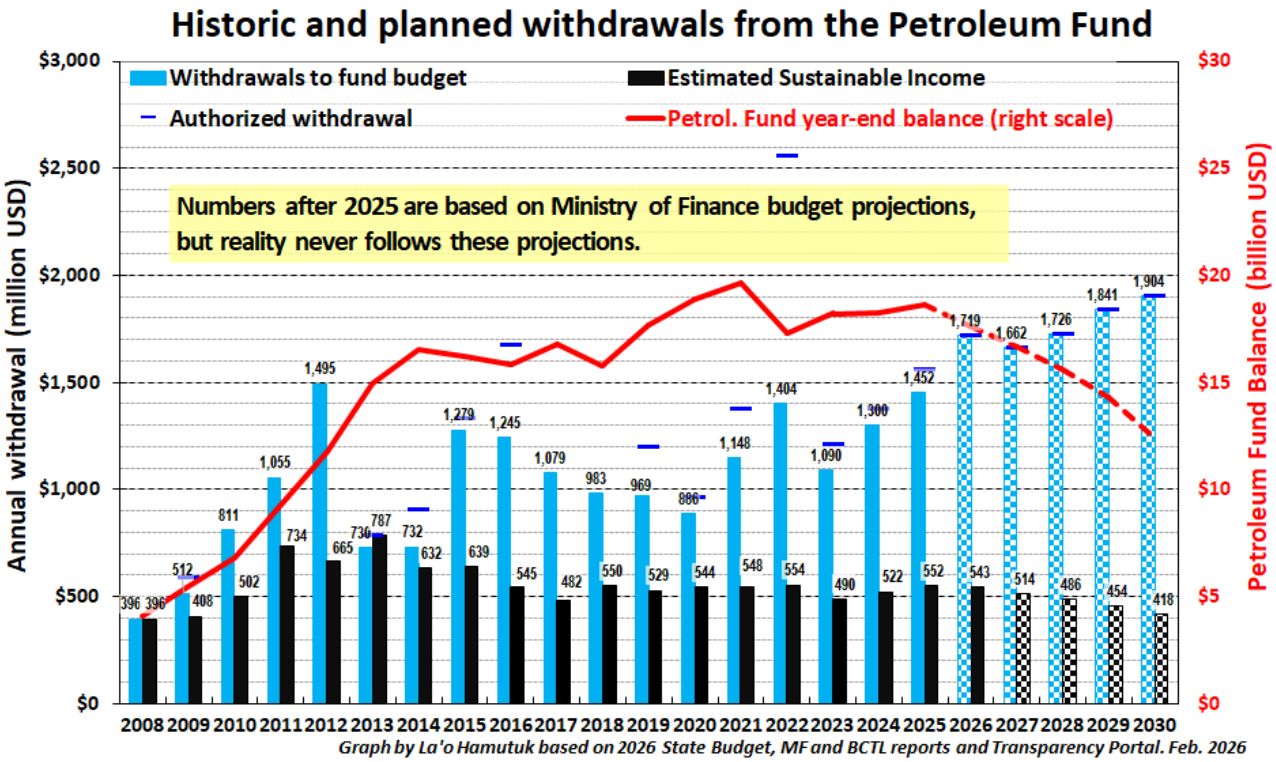


Graph by La'o Hamutuk based on the proposed State Budget for 2026. October 2025.

The Petroleum Fund held $18.43 billion at the end of June. Meanwhile, income from oil and gas production ended last year, when Santos shut down production from the depleted Bayu-Undan field in the Timor Sea because the field is no longer commercially viable. However, the dismantling of assets such as the floating production, storage and offloading unit (FPSO) is expected to be take about five years. The government is also deliberately maintaining other BU facilities pending a long-term strategic evaluation, which hopes to use the field for carbon capture and storage (CCS). Furthermore, the Timor-Leste government, through the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, continues to imagine that gas can still be extracted from the Bayu-Undan and Chuditch fields to generate revenue for the state.

Currently, the value of the Petroleum Fund fluctuates with the stocks and bonds it is invested in. With withdrawals exceeding revenues, a fiscal cliff is imminent within a decade, especially if the government fails to invest in productive sectors that can sustain Timor-Leste's economy.

The following graph shows the planned continuing escalation of Petroleum Fund withdrawals even as the Fund is shrinking.



Notwithstanding that Timor-Leste has not received any petroleum revenue since last year, the government proposes an indicative expenditure ceiling for the 2027 State Budget of US$2.1 billion, which is likely to increase as the budgetary process evolves.

The following are some major results of our work between January and June 2026:

- La'o Hamutuk was interviewed or cited more than 67 times in national and international media.
- Throughout the period, dozens of local and international researchers, NGOs, academics, government agencies, and development partners requested meetings with us, continuing to rely on La'o Hamutuk as a source of independent, evidence-based information.
- Following our letter to EDTL, E.P., which called for greater transparency in the publication of essential information - specifically the availability of annual reports on the public company's website - EDTL subsequently posted its reports for 2021 through 2024. These documents had not previously been accessible to the public.
- Following submissions and hearings held with eight deputies, the proposed law to abolish the Petroleum Fund Consultative Council (KKFP) ultimately failed, meaning its mandate remains within the Petroleum Fund Law.
- Through LH advocacy with submissions, blog posts, and press release - alongside other civil society organizations, journalists, and academics who opposed the draft law criminalizing defamation and insult, the Prime Minister publicly expressed his disagreement, and the President of the RDTL instructed the National Parliament not to waste time debating it, stating he would veto the bill.
- After LH published and distributed a press release condemning the criminal aggression by the United States and Israel against Iran, LH received a letter from the Iranian Ambassador in Jakarta, expressing appreciation for the statement and requesting a meeting with LH during his next visit to Timor-Leste.
- We launched a research report titled "Impacts of Climate Change on the Agricultural Sector and

Social Issues," highlighting that climate change continues to have a significant impact on farmers and vulnerable communities.

- We gave many trainings and presentations on budget analysis, increasing the ability and effectiveness of civil society advocacy.
- A second proposal to pardon Richard Daschbach, a former Catholic priest convicted of child sex abuse, has sparked a strong public outcry, with victims, NGOs, civil society groups, and human rights organizations, including La'o Hamutuk. Following strong pressure from victims' advocates and civil society, President Ramos-Horta issued a presidential decree formally rejecting the pardon request.
- After a sustained advocacy campaign promoting international transparency, accountability, and good practice in foreign investment, the Government of Timor-Leste officially cancelled the Pelican Paradise project. La'o Hamutuk, which played a key role in the advocacy efforts, welcomed the decision, describing it as an important step to protect the country's long-term interests, uphold institutional integrity, and strengthen accountability in the management of foreign investments.
- Together with Oxfam and Core Group Transparency (CGT), LH organized a discussion in March on "Investing in Productive Sectors to Strengthen Economic Diversification in Timor-Leste." This colloquium shared thoughts on Timor-Leste's economic diversification, as a sustainable alternative for the well-being of the people. In addition, participants recognized the importance of collaboration between ministries, the private sector, academia and civil society organizations.

Program Activities

During the first half of 2026, La'o Hamutuk actively monitored, analyzed, and responded to Government actions and policies, particularly on the execution of the 2026 State budget and the process for the proposed 2027 state budget.

In early 2026, The Ministry of Finance held budget consultations in 13 municipalities on the proposed state budget for 2027, including with civil society in Dili. The consultations included presentations from key ministries, group discussions, and online questionnaires. After La'o Hamutuk observed the consultation process in four municipalities (Liquisa, Manatuto, Atauro and Dili), we wrote observations and lessons learned from the citizen consultation and budget methodology reform for the 2027 budget.[1]

La'o Hamutuk produced a radio program on Economic Diversification in Timor-Leste[2], which was distributed to radio stations across seven municipalities. In addition, we continued to distribute our 2025 *Bulletin*[3] and *Surat Popular*[4] throughout the country.

We regularly shared information through TV talk shows and interviews with local and international journalists, ensuring that people who were not able to attend our events were informed about the country's economic situation. These media engagements also aimed to encourage the public to advocate for political parties to prioritize development strategies that promote economic diversification, equity, and sustainability. Additionally, we conducted state budget analysis training to the target group of Core Group Transparency (CGT), provided briefings on Rights and Sustainability[5] for AVI (Australian Volunteers International), and gave specialized briefings to visiting students from Queensland, Australia.

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

We met with:

- The President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. We discussed online scams in Timor-Leste and efforts to prevent them, as well as the proposed 2027 budget.
- Ministry of Finance. We discussed the planning process for the State Budget to improve people's lives linked to an ideal program to dynamize the country's economy.
- The Executive President of BTL, E.P. We discussed water supply projects to improve water coverage, including BTL's business plan and continuing transparency on digital platforms.
- The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Forestry (MAPPF) Advisor. We discussed the Pesticide Law which is part of WTO requirements.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF). We discussed economic development and fiscal policy, in relation to our current economic realities, and efforts to secure alternative revenue streams for the sustainability of the economy and the nation.
- The Australian Office of National Intelligence (ONI). We discussed the domestic economy, with a focus on the Greater Sunrise project and the Pacific Australia Labor Mobility (PALM) scheme.
- Twice with the EU Ambassador and his representatives. We discussed justice in Timor-Leste, including the processing of criminal cases, as well as matters related to Foreign Direct

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1 https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE27/consult/260610LHobservasaunKonsultaSidadaunOGE2027.pdf

2 https://www.laohamutuk.org/media/2026/2603RadigDiversEkonomia.mp3

3 https://www.laohamutuk.org/Bulletin/2025/bulletinv26te.htm

4 https://www.laohamutuk.org/surat/251016SP_Soberania_ai-han.pdf

5 https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/briefing/RightSustainCurrentEn.pdf

Investment (FDI), the Pelican Paradise project, and coverage by *The Guardian*.

- The Ambassador of Switzerland and his Secretary. They sought information on Timor-Leste's economy, including the oil and gas industry, the development of productive sectors, and which initiatives are most worthwhile.
- Consultants from the Institute of Equipment Management and Infrastructure Development Support -IGEADI, I.P. They consulted on the strategic plan for IGEADI, and plans to manage and train Timorese to maintain heavy equipment.
- Several international and national researchers. We discussed various issues, including economic diversification, the Petroleum Fund, China's involvement in the country, climate change, education, sustainable economic development, CSO participation in state budget advocacy, budget analysis for digitalization, political parties' intervention in national development and the situation of political and humanitarian activists affected by their efforts to defend truth and human rights.

During the first half of 2026, people accessed our web pages an average of 49,105 times every day, 70% more than in the first half of 2025. Many of our webpages and articles are reposted on online journals, blogs and other media, so our actual readership is even larger. 254,000 people viewed pages on our blog during the period, more than three times as many as during the first half of 2025.

We published often to our website (www.laohamutuk.org) and continued to add new information to our reference page[6]. Major new pages or updates published in the first half of 2026 include:

- Created a new webpage on Timor-Leste Joins ASEAN[7]
- Created a new webpage on the 2027 General State Budget[8]
- Created a new webpage for Materials from the 2026 TL and Development Partners Meetings[9]
- Updated our website on 2025 and 2026 General State Budgets[10]
- Updated our website on Timor-Leste and the U.S. Millennium Challenge Corporation[11]
- Updated our website on Ex-priest Richard Daschbach convicted of sexually abusing young girls[12]
- Updated our website on Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) in Timor-Leste[13]
- Updated our website on Timor-Leste's great hopes for Greater Sunrise Oil and Gas[14]
- Regular updates with new materials to our page on Petroleum Projects[15]
- Regular updates with new materials to our page on Mining Projects[16]

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6 https://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexEn.htm and https://www.laohamutuk.org/DVD/DVDIndexTe.htm

7 https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/ASEAN/26ASEAN.htm

8 https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE27/26OGE27.htm

9 https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/26TLDPM/26TLDPMindex.htm

10 https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE25/24OGE25.htm and https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE26/25OGE26.htm

11 https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/MCC/10MCC.htm

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

13 https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/EITI/10EITIindex.htm

14 https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Sunrise/25Sunrise.htm

15 https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PSCs/10PSCs.htm

16 https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/24MiningProjects.htm

Analysis, Monitoring and Research

State Budget, Economy and Fiscal Sustainability

Timor-Leste's economy remains heavily dependent on the Petroleum Fund to finance state expenditures, despite oil and gas revenue generation ending last year. Politicians continue to prioritize oil and gas extraction over the development of productive sectors, even though the country has significant sustainable resources that remain underutilized.

The annual state budget is an opportunity for the government to strengthen strategies for economic diversification and job creation, and for advocacy in these areas. However, Timor-Leste still relies heavily on imports, resulting in a persistent trade deficit and vulnerability to external shocks that drive inflation in food and essential goods. Each year, the General State Budget allocates too much money to inefficient expenditures and activities with unclear outcomes, and overall spending has consistently failed to improve the living standards of the Timorese people. Our analyses of the 2026 Budget reveal significant inconsistencies between the Government's public statements and its actual policy decisions. These discrepancies illustrate the lack of coherent strategy to effectively address the country's pressing economic and social challenges.

In June, the Council of Ministers approved a new budgetary methodology for 2027, based on Decree-Law 42/2025. This methodology will be implemented for the first time in the preparation of the 2027 State Budget and will serve as a framework for subsequent budget processes. The reform aims to strengthen budgetary discipline, improve alignment between government policy priorities and the allocation of public resources, and promote more rigorous multi-year financial planning.

We monitored and participated in the citizen consultation organized by the Ministry of Finance ahead of the June 2026Budget Day (Jornada Orsamentál) seminar. This consultation was held in all municipalities. To gain a deeper understanding of the process, LH monitored the consultations in three municipalities (Manatuto, Liquiça, and Atauro) and also participated in the final citizen consultation held in Dili. Drawing on our involvement in these consultations and our analysis of the new budget methodology, we wrote Observations and Lessons Learned from the Citizen Consultation and Budget Methodology Reform for the 2027 Budget.[17]

Economic diversification remains a key priority for La'o Hamutuk's advocacy. In early 2026, La'o Hamutuk initiated discussions on economic diversification, identifying investment in productive sectors as an urgent and important priority for inclusion in the proposed State Budget 2027 and subsequent fiscal plans. In collaboration with Oxfam in Timor-Leste (OiTL) and Core Group Transparency (CGT), LH held a national colloquium on 17–18 March 2026. The event brought together representatives from Government, the private sector, academia, research institutions, and civil society organizations to gather perspectives, share experiences, and draw on insights from independent studies critical to productive sector investment. The outcomes of the two-day deliberations will inform a policy brief on economic diversification, which will underpin future advocacy efforts. Ahead of the colloquium, LH consulted a range of stakeholders—including former government officials, academics, independent researchers, and staff from international financial institutions such as the World Bank—to discuss and identify strategic priorities for economic diversification.

To support our advocacy for the 2027 budget preparation, LH met with the Minister of Finance and with His Excellency the President of the Republic of Timor-Leste. Our discussions focused on urgent issues, including economic diversification into productive and sustainable sectors to boost revenue generation - a crucial step toward ensuring long-term fiscal sustainability - as well as investments in areas that directly affect people's daily lives, including health, education, and clean water.

[17] https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE27/consult/260610LHobservasaunKonsultaSidadaunOGE2027.pdf

We continued to monitor and provide input to the programs and agenda of international agencies. La'o Hamutuk was invited as a participant in the Timor-Leste Development Partners Meeting (TLDPM) in May.[18] The annual high-level conference brought together government officials, international partners, civil society representatives, and the private sector. Key focus areas included ASEAN integration, blue economy, institutional reform, national development strategy, and private sector engagement. When the World Bank launched its Timor-Leste Economic Report Leveling Up: How ASEAN Members Can Support Timor-Leste's Economic Transformation in April, they invited La'o Hamutuk to speak on the panel discussing the report's findings and recommended priorities for reform. We continued to monitor the cancellation of the U.S. government's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and to update our webpage.[19]

To strengthen the capacity of civil society, grassroots people and youth to engage in budgetary and economic analysis and advocacy, La'o Hamutuk facilitated a two-day training session[20] organized by the Core Group for Transparency (CGT) in Ritabou and Tapo-Memo villages in Maliana, Bobonaro Municipality. LH also organized public meetings in three municipalities—Oecusse, Viqueque, and Manufahi— to deliver presentations on fiscal policy and public participation, with a specific focus on the 2026 state budget and opportunities for the 2027 state budget.[21] LH also made a brief presentation on Timor-Leste's Economy and Energy[22] at a meeting in Dili organized by Oxfam with the Climate Action Network for Southeast Asia (CANSEA) delegation.

Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining

The government continues to prioritize plans for large-scale industrial and extractive projects - including the Tasi Mane petroleum infrastructure project, onshore and offshore petroleum extraction, and mining projects in rural areas.[23] Relative to mining, the National Minerals Authority (ANM) launched Timor-Leste's Second Licensing Round for Metallic and Non-Metallic Minerals, with 33 new blocks open for bidding.

In December 2025, the ANM conducted a baseline survey of community needs in potential locations for future mining operations. This survey was a crucial first step in establishing a social impact baseline and community engagement framework before any excavation activities commence. In January 2026, the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources (MPRM) issued Ministerial Decree 1/2026, with regulations governing the transportation and export of mineral samples, establishing standard procedures for companies to move mined material overseas for analysis and testing. Related to this Ministerial Decree, ANM approved Estrella's request to export 30,000 tons of "sample" manganese ore from Ira Miri, and extraction began. The state-owned mining company Murak Rai Timor, E.P. (MRT) reported on their joint manganese and rare earths prospecting in March 2026, although local authorities blocked manganese extraction in Suku Maina I at the end of March.

To ensure that consultations on future mining operations, including transportation and export of mineral samples, consider socio-economic and cultural aspects, promote transparent consultation and consider FPIC (Free, Prior, and Informed Consent) as the standard for projects that may have a significant impact on land, cultural resources and human rights protection. La'o Hamutuk continues to monitor the mining activities currently being accelerated by the Government. In collaboration with OXFAM Timor-Leste, LH organized and facilitated community meetings in areas where companies have begun exploration activities. As part of this initiative, the team conducted community meetings in Maina 1 and Soikili villages (Lautem Municipality) to present information and discuss with community members about the potential benefits and negative impacts of mining activities. Discussions focused on the possible consequences for local communities, the environment, public health, social conditions, and climate change. At the same time, we screened a documentary about

[18] https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/26TLDPM/26TLDPMindex.htm

[19] https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/MCC/10MCC.htm

[20] https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE27/2606Partisipasaun%20Publiku%20no%20OJE.pdf

[21] https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/OGE27/260724AprezentasaunViquequeManufahi.pdf

[22] https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/260119APREZENTASAUN%20LH%20IHA%20ENKONTRU%20OXFAM%20NO%20CANSEA.pdf

[23] https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/24MiningProjects.htm

mining and the impacts that will arise both during the project's operational phase and afterward.

During the discussion, many participants appreciated the information we shared and expressed their opposition to these projects. Community members raised concerns that these projects could result in the loss of their homes, productive land, and culturally significant ritual sites that are traditionally protected and restricted from access by outsiders. Mining projects cannot be assessed solely in terms of investment, revenue, or jobs, but must also consider their effects on human health and dignity, land and water, biodiversity, cultural heritage, livelihoods and the rights of future generations.

To continue drawing public attention to the destruction caused by large-scale projects implemented by the Government—projects that do not recognize the people as owners of land and resources and that violate human rights. LH organized a screening of the documentary film "Pesta Babi" (about mining in West Papua) in Haburas. After the film, a discussion was held with the directors who wrote and produced it. The event was attended by activists, youth, and students, with the objective of drawing their attention to evictions that disregard the country's culture and cause suffering among affected communities, who lose their land, lives, culture, and peace. In addition, while these projects benefit certain groups, most people bear the consequences. This is closely relevant to the situation in Timor-Leste, where the Government is currently attempting to evict people from many places on grounds of national interest, including through the initiation of mining, which may endanger people's lives.

We also conducted two trainings on Mining and Climate Change[24] for communities in Bobonaro Municipality, organized by Core Group Transparency (CGT).

Regarding the Tasi Mane Project, La'o Hamutuk continues to closely monitor the Government's preparations for the Greater Sunrise Project. As part of these efforts, the Government has initiated the tender process for the highway component of the project and continues to conduct public outreach and socialization activities with communities in Manufahi, Suai, and Manatuto.

Governance and Human Rights

In 2026, LH continued to collaborate with other organizations to explore the development of safe online platforms that respect human rights and protect against intimidation and threats, linked to the draft cybercrime law and international standards to ensure the fair use of online platforms in Timor-Leste. This includes using digital opportunities to promote good governance and ensure transparency of information, we participate in discussions with relevant entities on the prospects, advantages, and disadvantages of the draft cyber law.

LH made a presentation on the Civil Society Organization (CSO) Perspective on the Challenges and Opportunities of AI Adoption in the Timor-Leste Context[25] organized by Fundasaun Hadomi Timor (FTH). LH also supported FTH colleagues to analyze the digitalization sector budget to help increase advocacy for the sector in the future.

Demonstrating our commitment to strengthening government transparency and public participation, we conducted desk research which showed that many of the Government's mechanisms for transparency are not functioning well. The results of this research open up a new opportunity for advocacy and monitoring in the future.

Regarding of transparency in public information, after finalized monitoring for those websites, LH held strategic meetings with state institutions, including Bee Timor-Leste (BTL, E.P.) to discuss the country's water supply and ongoing efforts to improve coverage in the field, BTL's business plan that has not been updated, as well as broader concerns over transparency and accountability in the agency's programmes and expenditures. LH also called on BTL to continue ensuring transparency through its digital platforms, including its Facebook page and website, by regularly sharing accurate and up-to-date information with the public.

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[24] https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Mining/2026/260617Formasaun%20Mineiru%20Mudansa%20Klimatika.pdf

[25] https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/260226Presentation%20ba%20FHT-AI.pdf

In a similar effort, LH also submitted a letter[26] to the electricity company EDTL, E.P. requesting clarification and confirmation regarding its reports. Although a meeting has not happened yet, EDTL implemented our letter's suggestion to publish its annual reports for 2021-2024, which had previously not been publicly available.

LH organized a strategic meeting with the President of the Republic of Timor-Leste to express our concern about online scams, which are major threats to the state, and efforts to prevent them.

In January, eight MPs proposed a law to eliminate the Petroleum Fund Consultative Council (KKFP). La'o Hamutuk made a written submission[27] and testified before the Economics Committee of Parliament; we believe the most appropriate response to the current situation of KKFP is not to eliminate or close the institution, but to reinforce the institutional system that can strengthen transparency, accountability and balance of power. Therefore, we recommended to realize dependent, promote institutional and legal reform, use and implement rules to increase institutional responsiveness. The proposed law has been withdrawn.

In May, the National Parliament introduced a new criminal defamation law in Parliament. La'o Hamutuk wrote another submission,[28] blog[29] and press release[30], as did others from civil society. After strong protests from many people, President José Ramos-Horta told Parliament not to waste time debating the proposed law because he would veto it. The process in the National Parliament continued, and Committee A issued a report. Eventually, Parliament suspended discussion of the bill, and Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão also said he did not agree with the Law to Criminalize Defamation.

In addition, La'o Hamutuk appreciated[31] the announcement by the Government of Timor-Leste to cancel the Pelican Paradise project. This decision comes in a context where the project has not progressed proportional to its initial scale and promise, while it raised concerns about sustainability, corruption, violations of community rights, transparency and financial risk. La'o Hamutuk has warned about this for many years, and considers this decision important to protect Timor-Leste's long-term interests, maintain institutional integrity and strengthen accountability in managing foreign investment. We encourage the Government to continue to strengthen rigorous protection of Timor-Leste's people and interests.

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 advocate. We also participate in the UADU (UN Human Rights Advisory Unit) regular meetings to share updates on human right issues, including our plan to write a submission to the Universal Periodic Review by the UN Human Rights Council in July 2026. LH made a presentation and discussion via online at the 2026 conference in Prague to children in the Czech Republic organized by PORG Model United Nations (PORGMUN) on "Ensuring Stability and Humanitarian Protection Amid the 1975 Crisis in Timor Leste".

We continued our international solidarity by maintaining communication with activists and partner organizations abroad. LH has written open letters and public statements expressing solidarity with the people of Myanmar and reaffirming support for the protection of community rights and democratic aspirations.[32] LH has also expressed concerns about the United States' illegal arrest of the

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[26] https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/Power/260127Karta%20pedidu%20ba%20EDTL.pdf

[27] https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/2026/260325LHSubKomDeliminasaunCCFPTe.pdf

[28] https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/defamation/2026/260603LHSubKodPenal.pdf

[29] https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2026/06/lh-asks-national-parliament-to-remove.html

[30] https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/defamation/2026/260604LHKomImprensaKriminalizasaunDefamasaunTe.pdf

[31] https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/corruption/pelican/260402LH%20Komunikadu%20kona-ba%20Governu%20kansela%20projetu%20Pelican%20ParadiseTe.pdf
https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2026/04/lh-appreciates-governments-intention-to.html

[32] https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/ASEAN/Mianmar/260223LHkartaMyanmarEn.pdf

President of Venezuela,[33] and the attack on Iran by the U.S. and Israel.[34] Through these communications, LH stresses the importance of peace, human rights, and adherence to international law, as part of LH's broader commitment to engage with global civil society and to advocate for justice, human rights, and peaceful solutions to conflicts around the world.

Agriculture, Land and Environment

Over the past six months, La'o Hamutuk continued to monitor the Government's programs, with a particular focus on agriculture. We have actively pursued initiatives in agriculture, livestock, fisheries, forestry, and value-added processing. Despite ongoing efforts, persistent gaps in service delivery continue make Timor-Leste heavily dependent on food imports. Given the urgent need to diversify the economy, increased agricultural budget allocations are critical, although the budget allocation for the agricultural sector in 2026 is less than in 2025.

To increase the 2027 annual budget allocation for the agriculture sector, LH met with the President of the Republic to present our perspective and recommendations on the proposed 2027 budget, in which we asked the President to encourage the government to prioritize economic diversification in production sectors such as agriculture, livestock, fisheries, forestry, processing industries, and community tourism. During the discussions, the President informed us that the recommendations would be carefully considered.

Earlier this year, the National Parliament accelerated the enactment of remaining legislation required for ASEAN accession,[35] following the Council of Ministers' approval in 2025 of draft laws on pesticides, exportation, and the industrial property code, all of which were subsequently submitted to Parliament for enactment. During the 2025–2026 legislative period, La'o Hamutuk actively engaged with Parliament's Committee D on these three key laws, writing submissions to raise concerns and suggest procedural and substantive improvements.

To reinforce advocacy on the pesticide law, we also met with the Advisor to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Forestry (MAPPF), to discuss the Pesticide Law, which is part of WTO's requirements related to export issues, to ensure that all products must have sanitary standards or criteria that guarantee product quality.

In January 2026, LH made a submission on the Pesticide Law.[36] However, a subsequent Committee D report did not address our concerns, and the law was unanimously approved in March. Similarly, the Export Law received input from La'o Hamutuk in January 2026,[37] with Committee D reporting in March 2026 before parliamentary enactment a month later.

Regarding the Industrial Property Code, La'o Hamutuk provided comments in June 2026[38] and Committee D issued its report that month, with plenary discussion still pending. In all cases, La'o Hamutuk fulfilled its role as a civil society observer through formal input, although the degree of its influence on the final legislative outcome varied across the three laws.

On April 30, we launched a research report "Impact of Climate Change on the Agricultural Sector and Social Problems".[39] During the launch event, LH presented the main findings of the research,[40] which highlighted that climate change continues to significantly affect farmers and vulnerable communities. However, the study also found that additional factors contribute to the challenges. These include limited market access, insufficient purchasing capacity for seeds and other agricultural inputs, unequal distribution of resources, inadequate infrastructure and facilities, declining productive-age

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33 https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/260113LHVenezuelaEn.pdf

34 https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/260303LH%20KOMUNIKADU%20IMPRENSA%20kona-ba%20atake%20kontra%20IranEn.pdf

35 https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/ASEAN/26ASEAN.htm

36 https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/ASEAN/LeiPestisida/260122LHsubLeiPestisidaTe.pdf

37 https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/ASEAN/LeiEsportasaun/260121LHSubmisaunLeiEsportasaunTe.pdf

38 https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/ASEAN/PropInd/260603LHSubPropIndTe.pdf

39 https://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/Climate/2605LHImpaktuMKAgriTe_Optimized.pdf

40 https://www.laohamutuk.org/Env/Climate/260430PresentationMK.pdf

populations in rural areas, and limited knowledge and technical capacity among farmers, as well as other socio-economic constraints.

This report is the result of our field research in three municipalities, Viqueque, Manufahi and Oé-Cusse. In addition to field visits to interview farmers, we also interviewed local authorities, governments, private sector companies, local NGOs and international agencies. In addition, we also reviewed prior research, including policies and laws. We hope that this report will help the Government to improve adaptation and mitigation policies and programs based on communities' needs to be resilient to climate change and respond to Timor-Leste's social, cultural and economic context.

As a continuation of the national launch held in Dili, La'o Hamutuk held public meetings in the areas covered by the research: Oé-Cusse, Viqueque, and Manufahi. These were attended by members of the Government, civil society, local authorities, international agencies, farmers, the private sector, religious leaders, youth groups and the media. Participants expressed the need to continue the dialogue as a continuous process with clear follow-up, monitoring and advocacy mechanisms, to ensure that research results and community aspirations are transformed into policy recommendations and concrete measures at local and national levels.

In response to growing concerns about the lack of reliable economic data in rural communities, La'o Hamutuk, in collaboration with the Transition Towards Peasant-Base Agroecology For Food Sovereignty (TAPSA) program, launched a new research initiative: "Designing and Piloting Data Systems for Future Research on Economic Viability for Agroecological Transitions in Timor-Leste." This project represents a foundational step toward building a robust and responsive evidence ecosystem for rural agricultural development in Timor-Leste. By clearly defining the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders and designing a system based on collaboration and scalability. The research is led La'o Hamutuk, and aims to address a critical gap in Timor-Leste's rural development landscape: the absence of standardized, reliable systems to track the economic realities of agroecological livelihoods.

La'o Hamutuk's Networks

Timor-Leste networks

- Rede ba Rai (Land Network)
- Sustainable Agriculture Network (HASATIL)
- Core Group on Transparency (CGT)
- Timor-Leste NGO Forum (FONGTIL)
- Human Rights Defenders Network
- National Platform of Water Sanitation and Hygiene in TL (PN-BESI.TL)
- Timor-Leste Coalition for Education (TLCE)
- Raes Hadomi Timor Oan - Disability Rights Network (RHTO)
- Koligasaun Agrikultura (Agriculture Coalition)
- Open Government Partnership (OGP)
- National Social Audit Network Board (KD-RENAS)

International Networks:

- International Budget Partnership (IBP)
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- International solidarity and human rights organizations, especially ETAN
- Timor-Leste Studies Association (TLSA)

- Australia-East Timor Association (AETA)
- ASEAN People's Forum (APF)
- OilWatch (especially in Southeast Asia)
- Towards Organic Asia
- Resource Justice Network (New name of Publish What You Pay)
- Inclusive Development International (IDI)
- Amnesty International
- Civicus
- Climate Action Network-Southeast Asia (CANSEA)

Organizational Report

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

We hosted interns in 2026: Vinny Wynn – a Master's student from the University of Saskatchewan (Canada) for three-months from June to August 2026, Eufrazia Pascuela, from the University of Dili, continued her internship at LH beyond her initial application period, which is scheduled to conclude by March 2026, and Nick Kearney from SOAS University in London will conclude his internship in mid-2026.

Internally, our work in early 2026 included finalizing the annual action plan and participating in meetings with donors (Misereor and Humanis). LH participated in the opening session of an online meeting with the evaluation consultant, Humanis-GoR-TL and Partners, to evaluate the GoR-TL Phase I Program. In addition, LH linked the discussion to the GoR-TL Phase II project administration document and contributed to updating the new document titled Grant Form and Submit. LH also attended the Visual-Communication Brand and Identity Guidelines Humanis Socialization Meeting, which was held in an online/hybrid format.

Regarding climate change, LH participated in a Zoom meeting organized by Misereor to discuss the growing global concern over the climate crisis. Participants noted that although developed countries engage in discussions and make commitments on climate action each year, concrete action and the implementation of mitigation measures remain insufficient. Particular concern was raised regarding the situation of small and developing countries, which are often among the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change while contributing comparatively little to global emissions.

Internally, and in response to donor requirements as well as LH's commitment to valuing and respecting the rights, dignity, and safety of all individuals and entities with which it works, LH has prepared a Draft Safeguarding Policy. The policy is a comprehensive framework for preventing and responding to various forms of violence, abuse, exploitation, harassment, and other safeguarding concerns. It will guide LH staff and others who have specific relationships or engagements with LH. Although LH already has an internal policy addressing related matters, the Safeguarding Policy is intended to strengthen and consolidate existing measures, clarify responsibilities, and ensure that safeguarding practices align with organizational values and relevant donor requirements.

Appendix 1. Financial report

This Mid-Year Report is being written before the end of the 2026 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 2026, we continued to receive project funding from Katholische Zentralstelle für Entwicklungshilfe KZE/(Misereor) ($55,974) and the Comité Catholique Contre la Faim et Pour le Développement (CCFD) ($23,284). We received general support from Yayasan Humanis & Inovasi Sosial/Hivos ($19,995). La'o Hamutuk also received $4,973 from OilWatch, and earned $5,632 for providing briefings for Australian Volunteers International (AVI) and Towards Agro ecological Transition for Food Sovereignty (TAPSA).

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

	Cash and bank balances	General support	Misereor project, including CCFD	LH assets
Assets 31 Dec 2025	90,897	79,993	-97,197	109,101
Income Jan-June 2026	109,936	43,279	55,974	10,683
Expenses Jan-June 2026	90,457	25,987	63,904	566
Assets 30 June 2026	110,376	97,285	-105,127	119,218

Revenues received during the first half of 2026

Source	Budget 2026	Half budget 2026	Actual received	Difference	Explanation
Yayasan Humanis & Inovasi Sosial (Hivos)	25,000	12,500	19,995	7,495	support from January-October 2026
CCFD	40,000	20,000	23,284	3,284	part of two-year contract
KZE /Misereor	86,667	43,334	55,974	12,641	part of three-year project
Oxfam NZ through Kōtui Project	40,000	20,000	0	-20,000	Support from December 2026-November 2027
Earned for services	5,450	7,500	5,632	-1,868	Providing briefings and trainings for AVI & TAPSA
OilWatch (Global Greengrants Fund)	5,000	2,500	4,973	**2,473**	
Sales and Interest	1,500	750	79	-671	
deficit	20,000	10,000	0	-10,000	Several donors will not fulfill their commitments to support LH, and we are looking to fill this gap.
TOTAL	**237,000**	**118,500**	**109,937**	**-6,646**	

Expenditures during the first half of 2026

Category	Half budget for 2026	Actual	Differ-ence	Explanation
1. Non-recurrent expenditure				
IT Equipment	1,700	2,095	-395	
Office maintenance	200	0	200	
Office furniture	600	0	600	
SUBTOTAL NON-RECURRENT EXPEND.	**2,500**	**2,095**	**405**	
2. Staff costs				
Program Staff (researchers) salaries	80,417	57,358	23,059	
Training for staff (capacity building)	1,000	0	1,000	
SUBTOTAL STAFF COSTS	**81,417**	**57,358**	**24,059**	
3. Project Activities				
Bulletin and Surat Popular	1,088	22	1,066	*Bulletin* and *Surat Popular* will be published later in 2026
Public meetings	4,502	9,230	-4,728	Space rental, publicity and refreshments for national seminar and event
Radio Programs	725	279	446	Two radio programs produced
Research and community education (monitoring, advocacy and networking)	3,913	3,950	-37	Monitoring and field research in Natarbora, Turiskai, Lospalos and Laga
Resource center	450	144	307	Books, newspaper subscriptions
Short video production	1,225	0	1,225	Video will be in the second half of the year
International conferences and events	950	0	950	
SUBTOTAL PROJECT ACTIVITIES	**12,852**	**13,624**	**-771**	
4. Project Administration				
Operations & Supplies	2,369	2,710	-342	Electricity, office supplies, bank charges, photocopy, etc.
Office rent	6,600	9,300	-2,700	
Transportation	150	183	-33	Transport and motorcycle maintenance in Dili and nearby
Communication	2,890	2,186	704	Telephone, internet and website
Auditor	2,750	3,000	-250	Two audits for Misereor project
Miscellaneous	281	0	281	
SUBTOTAL PROJECT ADMIN.	**15,040**	**17,379**	**-2,340**	
TOTAL	**111,809**	**90,456**	**21,353**	

Appendix 2. Media mentions of La'o Hamutuk

During the first half of 2026, La'o Hamutuk was quoted or interviewed by national and international media more than 67 times.

Date	Title	Medium	URL/Page	Comment
05 Jan	LH Konsidera MAPPF la Konsistente Utiliza Kazuais Sira	Independente	P.7	Interview Mariano
05 Jan	La'o Hamutuk Konsidera Ezekusaun OJE 2025 La Fó Benefisiu ba Povu	Independente	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARXfNf8gIC8	Interview Marta
05 Jan	Efeitu Rekompensa Gaji - 13	Timor Post	P.1 & 11	Interview Yonatan
13 Jan	LH Kestiona Subsidiu Mina Tokon $186: Transparencia no Sustentabilidade Sai Preokupasaun	Independente	P.1 & 7	Interview Marta
15 Jan	La'o Hamutuk: Operasaun Militar Ilegal Estadu Unidus iha Venezuela no Lori Halai Prezidente Maduro: Alerta hasoru normalizasaun krimininalidade global nian	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2026/01/15/lao-hamutuk-operasaun-militar-ilegal-estadus-unidus-iha-venezuela-no-lori-halai-prezidente-maduro-alertahasoru-normalizasaun-kriminalidade-glob/	Statement by LH
15 Jan	On the Illegal U.S. Military Operation in Venezuela and the Abduction of President Nicolas Maduro: A Warning Against the Normalization of Global Criminality	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2026/01/15/on-the-illegal-u-s-military-operation-in-venezuela-and-the-abduction-of-president-nicolas-maduro-a-warning-against-the-nor/	Statement by LH
15 Jan	Governo tapa buraco de 2025 com orcamento de 2026: especialistas alertam para riscos graves	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/governo-tapa-buraco-de-2025-com-orcamento-de-2026-especialistas-alertam-para-riscos-graves/?fbclid=IwY2xjawPdZ8VleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBicmlkETFDRDl4RzBnY2w2Yk9Ja1gyc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjIyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHn-7kuXNS7WZf5kiSxcfjMVtDnMES51k91xFWg3Ngo8vCk7iNGQJqsNXpU3I_aem_OkJuy4fU6WhgPA4FxqXS7w	Interview Marta
20 Jan	Hametin Solidariedade Klimátika Rejionál iha Timor-Leste	Oxfam in Timor-Leste (OiTL)	https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1326496076189539&id=100064874763294&rdid=wz6z4ifKMD4ftbez#	Presentation to Oxfam and CANSEA
22 Jan	Ekonomia Azul TL: Quo Progressi Sumus?	GMNTV Grande Entrevista	https://www.youtube.com/live/T4kaESeDBVE	Mariano is guest
23 Jan	"Failansu Jestaun no Administrasaun Ligadu ho Atrazu Pagamentu Desimu Terceiru no Salariu ba Funsionariu no Kazuais Sira, nebe'e lolos tenki mai husi OGE 2025 nian, Maibe Governu uja fali OGE 2026 hodi sustenta fali pagamentu tinan kotuk nian''	Podcast Timor	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWqQYAF2AQ4	Celestino is guest
27 Jan	LH Husu MAPPF Avalia Kazuais no Ajente Administrasaun Bazea ba Dezempenu Serbisu	Independente	P.9	Interview Mariano
30 Jan	Australia's friendship with Timor-Leste has always come second to its hunger for oil and gas	The Point	https://thepoint.com.au/opinions/4787	Cites LH on resource curse in TL
4 Feb	Reading between the lines of the Australia/Timor-Leste 'Parseria ba Era Foun'	Gordon Peake	https://gordonpeake.substack.com/p/reading-between-the-lines-of-the?r=typ2&shareImageVariant=overlay&triedRedirect=true	Two citations of LH
4 Feb	A 'ghost airport' and sinkhole highway as Timor-Leste gambles on oil and gas with Greater Sunrise project	ABC News	https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-02-05/timor-leste-greater-sunrise-project-ghost-airport-and-sinkholes/106303186	Interview Marta
4 Feb	VIDEO: What is happening with Timor Leste's Greater Sunrise gas project?	ABC TV News	https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-02-04/timor-leste-s-greater-sunrise-gas-project-/106306548	Interview Marta
26 Feb	When the banyans fall: How Dili's ai-hali carry our past, protect our future, and shape our sense of place	LinkedIn Pulse	https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/when-banyans-fall-how-dilis-ai-hali-carry-our-past-protect-da-cruz-jmbdf	References LH article on urban planning
27 Feb	Budgeting & execution, agri-food systems, MSMEs, human capital & fiscal sustainability.		https://www.facebook.com/UNTimorLeste	Strategic meeting
12 Mar	Subida do preço dos combustíveis começa a pressionar transportes e custo de vida em Timor-Leste	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/subida-do-preco-dos-combustiveis-comeca-a-pressionar-transportes-e-custo-de-vida-em-timor-leste/	Interview Marta
13 Mar	Ministra Finansas rona opiniaun husi NGO La'o	Ministerio	https://www.facebook.com/people/Minist%C3%	Meeting with

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	Hamutuk nune'e bele hamosu diskusaun ida útil, governu liuhusi Ministériu Finansas mós aposta iha planeamentu nune'e Orsamentu Jerál Estadu ne'ebé iha bele fó impaktu direta ba povu nia moris.	das Finanças	A9rio-das-Finan%C3%A7as-Timor-Leste/61575305170730/	LH
17 Mar	S.E. Vise-Ministra Finansas Sra. Regina de Jesus de Sousa, hamutuk ho sosiedade sivíl la'o hamutuk ho ekipa sira halo abertura ba kolokiu nasional ho tema "polítika investimentu setór produtivu hodi hametin diversifikasaun ekonómia iha Timor-Leste", atividade ne'e hala'o iha Suai Room, Timor-Plaza	Ministerio das Finanças	https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=122173341236843505&id=61575305170730&mibextid=wwXIfr&rdid=dq3KraXJI2OnRDST#	Public Seminars
18 Mar	LH Husu MAPPF Dezenvolve Setor Haat hodi Hasa'e Produsaun	Indepen-dente	P.6	Interview Mariano
18 Mar	Investe iha setor produtivu fundamentu ba diversifikasaun ekonomika TL	Indepen-dente	P.8	Interview Mariano
23 Mar	Lao Hamutuk rekomenda reforma institusional ba KKFP hodi hala'o knaar ho efetividade	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2026/03/26/lao-hamutuk-rekomenda-reforma-institusional-ba-kkfp-hodi-halao-knaar-ho-efetividade/	Based on LH Submission
26 Mar	Development without consent is dispossession	Tatoli	https://en.tatoli.tl/03/26/development-without-consent-is-dispossession/15/	Based on LH research
27 Mar	Komisaun D hahu konsulta posibilidade halakon KKFP	Indepen-dente	P.1 & 7	Based on LH Submission
3 Apr	La'o Hamutuk apresia Governu nia intensaun kansela projetu Pelican Paradise	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2026/04/03/lao-hamutuk-apresia-governu-nia-intensaun-kansela-projetu-pelican-paradise	Based on LH Press Release
4 Apr	Timor-Leste gasta 168 milhões em gasóleo, mas especialistas apontam erro de planeamento	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/timor-leste-gasta-168-milhoes-em-gasoleo-mas-especialistas-apontam-erro-de-planeamento/	Interviews Marta
5 Apr	Lao Hamutuk Apresia Intensaun Governu Kansela Projetu Pelican Paradise	Rafa.tl	https://rafa.tl/lao-hamutuk-apresia-intensaun-governu-kansela-projetu-pelican-paradise/	Based on LH press release
6 Apr	La'o Hamutuk appreciates Government's intention to cancel the Pelican Paradise project	Neon metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2026/04/06/lao-hamutuk-appreciates-governments-intention-to-cancel-the-pelican-paradise-project/	Based on LH press release
7 Apr	La'o Hamutuk: Desizaun Governu 'Ilegál'	Timor Post	P.1 & 11	Interview Celestino
10 Apr	Ramos-Horta discusses State Budget and Economic Diversification with Lao Hamutuk	Tatoli	https://en.tatoli.tl/2026/04/10/ramos-horta-discusses-state-budget-and-eonomic-diversification-with-lao-hamutuk/17/	
10 Apr	Prezidente Ramos-Horta Diskute Orsamentu Estadu no Diversifikasaun Ekonomia ho Lao Hamutuk President Ramos-Horta Discusses State Budget and Economic Diversification with Lao Hamutuk	President's FB page	https://www.facebook.com/100088342724887/posts/940305642257518/?rdid=wapUG1XRNvXP0pMA	
11 Apr	Redes criminosas? Timor-Leste no centro de polemica internacional	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/redes-criminosas-timor-leste-no-centro-de-polemica-internacional/	
12 Apr	Prezidente Ramos-Horta Diskute Orsamentu Estadu no Diversifikasaun Ekonomia ho Lao Hamutuk	Presidência da República Democrática de TL	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TP-A9Z0yuDg	Interview Celestino
13 Apr	LH kestiona subsidiu mina tokon $186: Transparensia no sustentabilidade sai preokupasaun	Indepen-dente	P.1 & 7	Interview Marta
13 Apr	Sosiedade Sivil Lao Hamutuk Relata Atividade Nebe'e sira halo durante ne'e,ba Prezidente Republika, Jose Ramos Horta	STL	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72xKVV8GSG0	Interview Celestino
13 Apr	Sosiedade Sivil Lao Hamutuk, Sujere Labele taka Konsellu Konsultivu Fundu Petroliferu, tanba nia reprezenta cek balance iha governasaun	STL	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2X_3iMIyjXA	Interview Celestino
13 Apr	Lao Hamutuk Kestiona Governu Halo Ajudikasaun Direta Ba ETO Laiha Transparansia	STL	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0Vi8G5ETZU	Interview Marta
14 Apr	LH kestiona subsidiu mina tokon $186: Transparensia no sustentabilidade sai preokupasaun	Indepen-dente	https://independente.tl/nasionali/lh-kestiona-subsidiu-mina-tokon-186-transparensia-no-sustentabilidade-sai-preokupasaun	Interview w Marta & Atino after visit w PR
17 Apr	Paradox of Plenty III/III	Broad Peak blog	https://broadpeak.ch/resource-curse-trilogy-iii/	Quotes Charlie
30 Apr	Timor-Leste: Climate change not the only cause of	AMAN Lusa	https://www.aman-	Based on LH

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	farming, social issues – NGO	Business News	alliance.org/Home/ContentDetail/102670	report
3 May	Intervensaun kona ba Situasaun Media iha TL	tvET	https://www.facebook.com/tvetimorleste/videos/1753124065665883/	Marta speaks at 42:58
6 May	RELATÓRIO E PARECER Relativo à apreciação inicial do Projeto de Lei n.º 12/VI (3.ª): Extingue o Conselho Consultivo do Fundo Petrolífero	Parliament committee report	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Oil/PetFund/2026/RelatorioParecer%20PJL12%20taka%20CCFPocr_Optimized.pdf	Summarizes LH submission
18 May	Timor-Leste liberta ona pátria, maibé seidauk liberta povu – La'o Hamutuk	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2026/05/18/timor-leste-liberta-ona-patria-maibe-seidauk-liberta-povu-lao-hamutuk/	Interview Marta
18 May	Lao Hamutuk husu Governu hasai osan fundu minarai billoens 18 hodi investe ba setór vital sira	RTTL TV Noticia Kalan	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnYmORbpEpI	Interviews Mariano
19 May	La'o Hamutuk Timor Leste Gelar Nonton Bareng Sekaligus Diskusi Film Dokumenter Pesta Babi	Odiyaiwuu.com	https://www.odiyaiwuu.com/lao-hamutuk-timor-leste-gelar-nonton-bareng-sekaligus-diskusi-film-dokumenter-pesta-babi/	Covers LH film showing
22 May	Papél Autoridade ba promove transpáransia no prevensaun korrupsaun iha podér lokál	Tatoli Hakbesik	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwszJ5G5pVw	Marta is Guest
22 May	Orçamento do Estado retificativo de Timor-Leste expõe dependência das importações – La'o Hamutuk	Lusa	https://www.lusa.pt/lusofonia/Timor-Leste/article/2026-05-22/47158399/or%C3%A7amento-do-estado-retificativo-de-timor-leste-exp%C3%B5e-depend%C3%AAncia-das-importa%C3%A7%C3%B5es-la-o-hamutuk	Based on LH submission
23 May	Lao Hamutuk : implementasaun podér lokál susesu, hametin uluk kapasidade institusionál	Tatoli Atuál	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6JqYGM7oLc	Marta is guest
23 May	Lao Hamutuk Nia Proposta Submisaun Ba PN Atu Haré Pontu Sia Importante iha Orsamentu Retifikativu 2026	Rafa.tl	https://rafa.tl/lao-hamutuk-nia-proposta-submisaun-ba-pn-atu-hare-pontu-sia-importante-iha-orsamentu-retifikativu-2026/	Reprints LH submission
23 May	Business News - Timor-Leste: Amending budget exposes import dependence – NGO	Lusa/AMAN	https://www.aman-alliance.org/Home/ContentDetail/103382	Based on LH submission
25 May	Pontu sia husi rekomendasaun La'o Hamutuk ba PN atu konsidera iha debate OJE Retifikativu	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2026/05/25/pontu-sia-husi-rekomendasaun-lao-hamutuk-ba-pn-atu-konsidera-iha-debate-oje-retifikativu/	Based on LH submission
1 Jun	First Mover Advantage: Timor-Leste's Bayu-Undan CCS Project Opens a New Chapter for Regional Energy Investment	Energy Circle	https://www.energycircle.org/articles/first-mover-advantage-timor-lestes-bayu-undan-ccs-project-opens-a-new-chapter-for-regional-energy-investment	Cites LH call for rigorous environmental review
3 Jun	ONG considera que dependencia critica de energia e alimentos mostra vulnerabilidades de Timor-Leste	Rafa.tl	https://rafa.tl/pt/ong-considera-que-dependencia-critica-de-energia-e-alimentos-mostra-vulnerabilidades-de-timor-leste	Based on LH article
3 Jun	Vulnerabilidade Timor-Leste nian ba Krize Globál Enerjia no Alimentár: Oportunidade Estratéjiku atu Harii Soberania Ekonómika	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2026/06/03/vulnerabilidade-timor-leste-nian-ba-krize-global-enerjia-no-alimentar-oportunidade-estratejiku-atu-harii-soberania-ekonomika/	Article by LH
4 Jun	La'o Hamutuk: Lei Kriminaliza Difamasaun Bele Fó Injustisa Bá Ema Ki'ik no Vulneravel	Hatutan.com	https://www.hatutan.com/2026/06/04/lao-hamutuk-lei-kriminaliza-difamasaun-bele-fo-injustisa-ba-ema-kiik-no-vulneravel/	Based on LH submission
4 Jun	La'o Hamutuk: Nesesidade Liu Atu Iha Lei Protesaun Denunsiante Duke Kriminalizasaun Defamasaun	Neon Metin	https://neonmetin.info/buletin/2026/06/04/lao-hamutuk-nesesidade-liu-atu-iha-lei-protesaun-denunsiante-duke-kriminalizasaun-defamasaun/	Based on LH submission
4 Jun	La'o Hamutuk Konsidera Proposta Lei Kriminalizasaun Difamasaun Kontra Konvensaun Direitu Umanus	Rafa.tl	https://rafa.tl/lao-hamutuk-konsidera-proposta-lei-kriminalizasaun-difamasaun-kontra-konvensaun-direitus-umanus/	Based on LH submission
5 Jun	LH konsidera inisiativa kriminaliza difamasaun ameasa sériu ba liberdade espresaun, demokrasia no direitu umanu	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2026/06/05/lh-konsidera-inisiativa-kriminaliza-difamasaun-ameasa-seriu-ba-liberdade-espresaun-demokrasia-no-direitu-umanu/	Reprints LH press release
5 Jun	Nova lei da difamação divide Timor-Leste: sociedade civil teme retrocesso democrático	Diligente	https://www.diligenteonline.com/nova-lei-da-difamacao-divide-timor-leste-sociedade-civil-teme-retrocesso-democratico/	Cites LH submission
5 Jun	Vulnerabilidade Timor-Leste nian ba krize globál enerjia no alimentár: Oportunidade estratéjiku atu harii soberania ekonómika	Tatoli	https://tatoli.tl/2026/06/05/vulnerabilidade-timor-leste-nian-ba-krize-global-enerjia-no-alimentar-oportunidade-estratejiku-atu-harii-soberania-ekonomika/	Article by Atino

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5 Jun	JU,S Jurídico Social Pede ao Parlamento que rejeite criminalização da difamação	Rafa.tl	https://rafa.tl/pt/jus-juridico-social-pede-ao-parlamento-que-rejeite-criminalizacao-da-difamacao/	Cites LH submission
5 Jun	FONGTIL Rejeita Totál Esbosu Lei Kriminaliza Difamasaun Ne'ebé Inisia husi PN	Rafa.tl	https://rafa.tl/fongtil-rejeita-total-esbosu-lei-kriminaliza-difamasaun-neebe-inisia-husi-pn/	Interview Elivania
5 Jun	La'o Hamutuk rejeita criminalização da difamação e alerta para riscos para a liberdade de expressão	Rafa.tl	https://rafa.tl/pt/lao-hamutuk-rejeita-criminalizacao-da-difamacao-e-alerta-para-riscos-para-a-liberdade-de-expressao/	Cites LH submission
10 Jun	RELATÓRIO E PARECER Relativo à apreciação inicial do Projeto de Lei n.º 18/VI (2.º), Código da Propriedade Industrial	Parliament committee report	https://www.laohamutuk.org/econ/ASEAN/PropInd/RelatorioParecerPPL18kodigu%20propriedade%20industrial_Optimized.pdf	Summarizes and annexes LH submission
11 Jun	Rezultadu Peskiza 'Impaktu Mudansa ba setor Agrikultura no Problema Sosiais seluk Tan neebe deskobre iha Povu Agrikultor durante nee	STL	https://www.facebook.com/stltimorleste/videos/1011500975172642/	Interview Marta
17 Jun	RELATÓRIO E PARECER Relativo à apreciação inicial do Projeto de Lei n.º 17/VI (3.ª) que aprova sétima alteração ao Código Penal	Parliament committee report	https://www.laohamutuk.org/Justice/defamation/2026/260617ComAReportDefamEn.pdf	Annexes LH submission

Appendix 3. Presentations and programs by La'o Hamutuk

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

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

Topic	Date	Speaker(s) from LH	Event
Right and Sustainability	January	Marta and Elia	Training organized by Australian Volunteers International (AVI)
Economic Development and Energy in Timor-Leste	January	Celestino	Meeting organized by Oxfam and Climate Action Network SE Asia (CANSEA)
CSOs' Perspectives on AI Adoption: Challenges and Opportunities in the Timor-Leste Context	February	Marta	Workshop organized by Fundasaun Hadomi Timor and The Asia Foundation
The Impact of Climate Change on the Agricultural Sector and Social Problems	April	Elivania and Marta	LH launches of our research report in Dili and three Municipalities (Oecusse, Viqueque and Manufahi)
Impact of the Middle East War on the economy of TL	April	Marta	Seminar organized by Alumni Parlamentu Foin-sa'e Timor-Leste (APFTL)
Ensuring Stability and Humanitarian Protection Amid the 1975 Crisis in East Timor	Abril	Marta	Online academic conference organized by PORG Model United Nations (PORGMUN) in the Czech Republic
Mining and Climate Change	June	Yonatan	Two trainings organized by Core Group Transparency (CGT) in Bobonaro Municipality
Fiscal Policy and Public Participation	June	Elia and Yonatan	Public meetings in three Municipalities (Oecusse, Viqueque and Manufahi)