

## La'o Hamutuk

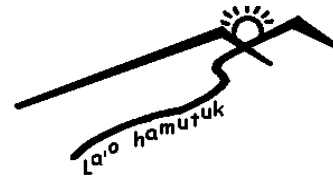
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## Work with La'o Hamutuk to help Timor-Leste move forward!

La'o Hamutuk, the Timor-Leste Institute for Development Monitoring and Analysis, is an independent local NGO which has researched and advocated in Timor-Leste since 2000. We are a leading source of reliable, independent analysis on many issues, including economics, state finances, human rights, governance, agriculture and environment. Many researchers on this country, perhaps including yourself, have found our information invaluable.

La'o Hamutuk believes that Timor-Leste's people must be the ultimate beneficiaries of and decision-makers in the development process, which should be equitable, sustainable, democratic and transparent. We use the internet, radio, publications, submissions, trainings and consultations to furnish evidence and recommendations to governments and agencies here, encouraging policies which promote social and economic justice.

La'o Hamutuk is presenting five papers at TLSA this year, a sample of our work, covering:

- Oil, debt and sustainability: Borrowing plans and their future implications
- As Bayu-Undan dries up: history and possibilities for other oil and gas revenues
- How the Resource Curse plays out in relation to the Petroleum Fund and budget policy
- Challenges of implementing environmental licensing for infrastructure projects
- Challenges of developing small industries to process local agricultural products

Although Timor-Leste's government has received about \$20 billion from oil and gas exports since independence, poverty, malnutrition and preventable disease are still widespread, and the economy has scarcely diversified. Many feel that petroleum money has not helped the poor and rural majority, who live by subsistence farming and fishing, but has disproportionately benefitted special interest groups and megaprojects, while neglecting education, health care, and rural services. Timor-Leste could spend through its money in the next decade, and will face even more massive challenges than it does today.

**We would like to know you better – please come to a**

**Reception at the La'o Hamutuk office in Bebora (Behind Dili Cathedral)**

**Monday, 3 July from 4:00 pm on**

**La'o Hamutuk is looking for more international and Timorese researchers, especially women, to join our staff.** If you or someone you know is committed to sustainable and equitable development, please consider joining our vibrant organization. Our six Timorese and two international researchers collaborate on issue-based teams; our non-hierarchical collective shares responsibilities and compensation equally; and everyone does some administration in addition to research and advocacy.

You can apply at any time, the sooner the better, by submitting a cover letter, CV, writing sample and references. We also welcome interns and volunteers. More information is at

<http://www.laohamutuk.org/misc/LHJobAnnouncement.html>

Thank you for your interest in Timor-Leste, and please consider using your research, skills and commitment to benefit its people.

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