

## **CSOs and NGOs working for the Rights of the Human Rights**<sup>1</sup>

**Name of Organisation:** La'ó Hamutuk

**Website of Organisation:** <http://www.laohamutuk.org/>

**Blog of Organisation:** <https://laohamutuk.blogspot.com.au/>

**Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N:** Yes



La'ó Hamutuk is a NGO that monitors, analyses, and reports on the key international institutions and systems related to the physical, economic, and social reconstruction and development of Timor-Leste. La'ó Hamutuk was established in 2000 by Timorese and international solidarity activists. The organisation is one of the leading sources of independent analysis on Timor-Leste's economy, human rights, governance, social justice and environmental issues.

Since 2000, La'ó Hamutuk has run several projects and programs focusing on the security and wellbeing of Timor-Leste. La'ó Hamutuk has undertaken a number of activities in relations to human rights issues in Timor-Leste. La'ó Hamutuk continues to raise awareness to the Timorese and Indonesian policy-makers on the ongoing impunity for crimes against humanity committed during the Indonesian occupation in Timor-Leste. In addition, for more than a decade, La'ó Hamutuk has advocated to Australia to respect Timor-Leste's rights to maritime boundaries. It has also organised activities and briefings for journalists, diplomatic corps, state agencies, local communities promoting recognition of the rights of Timorese people to full sovereignty.

In addition, La'ó Hamutuk aims to improve communication between international institutions, civil society, and non-government organisations in Timor-Leste. The organisation serves as a resource center, analyses existing literature on different development models, experiences, and practices. La'ó Hamutuk also facilitates contact between Timorese groups, specialists and practioners involved in addressing human rights and development issues.

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<sup>1</sup> The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2800 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP ([ww.dtp.unsw.edu.au](http://www.dtp.unsw.edu.au)) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote human rights more broadly.