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PROVINCE'S LEADERSHIP IN IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL
WELFARE FROM 2010 TO 2020**

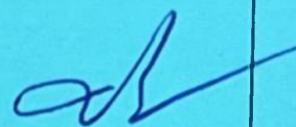
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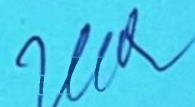


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INTRODUCTION

1. The urgency of the topic

During the period of accelerated industrialization, modernization, and international integration, as an active and responsible member of the United Nations, Vietnam has always studied and applied common international conventions to its national legal system. The Party has consistently affirmed that social security is a policy of special importance for the sustainable socio-economic development of the country and advocates that ensuring social security is a regular and important task of the Party, the State, the entire political system, and society as a whole. Policies to support war veterans and social security must be consistent with the level of socio-economic development and the ability to mobilize and balance resources in each period. These viewpoints of the Party are of significant importance and serve as guidance for the entire political system in implementing social security policies in provinces and centrally-administered cities nationwide.

During the years 2010-2020, under the leadership of the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province and the efforts of the entire political system, the implementation of the province's social security policy achieved many important achievements. However, the leadership of the provincial Party Committee in implementing the social security policy still has some limitations. Therefore, a comprehensive, multi-dimensional, and in-depth review and assessment of the current state of social security policy implementation in the province is an important and urgent requirement to improve the quality and effectiveness of the local social security work in the next development phase.

Given its significant theoretical and practical importance, the doctoral candidate chose the topic: *"The Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau Province's leadership in implementing social welfare from 2010 to 2020"* as their doctoral dissertation, specializing in the History of the Communist Party of Vietnam.

2. Research Objectives and Tasks

2.1. Research Objectives

This thesis clarifies the process by which the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province led the implementation of social security policies from 2010 to 2020. Based on this, the thesis evaluates, summarizes, and draws lessons learned that can be applied to improve the quality of social security policy implementation in Ho Chi Minh City in the new development phase.

2.2. Research Objectives

To achieve its stated objectives, the thesis undertakes the following basic tasks: A review of scientific works related to the thesis topic. Analysis of factors influencing the leadership process in implementing social security policies by the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province. Analysis of the policies

of the Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provincial Party Committee on implementing social security policies from 2010 to 2020. Clarify the leadership of the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province in implementing social security policies from 2010 to 2020. Draw conclusions and summarize some lessons learned. Based on the practical experience of the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province in leading the implementation of social security policies from 2010 to 2020.

3. Research subjects and scope

3.1. Research Subjects

Policies and leadership in implementing social security policies by the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province from 2010 to 2020.

3.2. Scope of the study

- *Regarding the research content:* The thesis focuses on studying the policies and processes under the leadership of the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province in implementing several social security policies .

- *In terms of scope:* The implementation of the Social Security program covers 8 districts, towns, and cities in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province.

- *Regarding the timeframe :* The thesis researched the period from 2010 to 2020.

4. Theoretical basis and research methods

4.1. Theoretical basis

This dissertation is based on the theoretical foundations of Marxism-Leninism; Ho Chi Minh Thought; the Party's guidelines and the State's policies and laws on social policy in general and social security policy in particular.

4.2. Research Methodology

To achieve the research objectives and tasks set forth, the thesis employs a combination of research methods from the field of historical science: historical method, logical method, analytical method, synthesis method, etc.

4.3. Sources of information

The main sources of materials for this dissertation research are: documents of the Party, State, and Provincial Party Committee, Provincial People's Council, and Provincial People's Committee of BR-VT on the implementation of social security policies; summary reports on terms of office, annual reports , monthly reports, and specialized reports from relevant departments and agencies.

5. New scientific contributions of the dissertation

This study provides a rich and accurate documentation system on the process of the Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provincial Party Committee leading the implementation of social security policies from 2010 to 2020. It comprehensively reconstructs the policies and processes of the Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provincial Party Committee's leadership in implementing social security

policies during the years 2010-2020 . It also summarizes some practical experiences from the Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provincial Party Committee's leadership in implementing social security policies from 2010 to 2020 .

6. Scientific and practical significance of the research topic

6.1. Theoretical Significance

This contributes to affirming Vietnam's strict adherence to, full implementation of, and effective implementation of international conventions on social security. It also affirms the correctness of the Party's policy on implementing social security in a specific locality, through the practical case study of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province from 2010 to 2020.

This contributes to providing an important practical basis for further supplementing and improving the policies of the local Party committee to better implement social security work in the future . It clarifies the correct and creative application by the provincial Party committee, in accordance with the practical conditions of the locality, in the process of leading and organizing the implementation of the Party and State's social security policies.

6.2. Practical Significance

The research findings of this thesis can be used as a reference and applied to other localities with similar historical circumstances and conditions. The thesis can serve as a reference document for research and teaching of local history.

7. Thesis Structure

The dissertation consists of: an introduction, four chapters, nine sections; a conclusion, a bibliography, and an appendix.

Chapter 1

OVERVIEW OF THE RESEARCH SITUATION RELATED TO DISSERTATION TOPIC

1.1. Overview of research studies related to the dissertation topic

1.1.1. Research on social security in some countries around the world and lessons learned for Vietnam.

“Poverty Eradication in Malaysia and Thailand: Lessons for Vietnam” by Vo Thi Thu Nguyet (2010); *“Social Development in China and Some East Asian Countries”* by Phung Thi Hue (2010); *“Labor, wages, social security - some experiences from the world”* of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics (2012); *“Nordic Social Security in the Global Economic Crisis and Lessons for Vietnam”* by Dinh Cong Tuan and Dinh Cong Hoang (2013); *“Challenges and Solutions for Sustainable Social Security Policies for All in Vietnam and Germany”* by the Communist Party of Vietnam and the German Social Democratic Party (2013); *“Social Development and Social Development*

Management in Southeast Asian Countries - Experiences for Vietnam” by Nguyen Duy Dung (2016).

“*Social security system based on the “social democracy” model in Sweden - current situation and problems*” by Dinh Cong Tuan (2008); “*Model of building a welfare state in Sweden and lessons for Vietnam*” by Mai Huy Bich (2011); “*China’s experience in sustainable poverty reduction and its implications for Vietnam*” by Le Khanh Cuong (2017); “*The right to social security in international human rights law and the issues facing Vietnam*” by Nguyen Thuy Duong (2018).

In summary, the above research shows that some articles on social security worldwide provide a systematic overview of the theoretical and practical foundations of social security models in several countries, especially developed countries.

1.1.2. Research on social security in Vietnam

1.1.2.1. General research works on social policy

“*The Party’s Leadership in Implementing Social Policies in the Renovation Period*” by Nguyen Thi Thanh (2011); “*Some Basic Issues on Social Policy in Vietnam Today*” by Mai Ngoc Cuong (2013); “*Social Policy*” by Le Ngoc Hung (2017); “*Some Theoretical and Practical Issues in Building and Implementing Social Policy in Vietnam*” by the Central Theoretical Council (2024).

“*Identifying priority issues in social policy up to 2030, vision to 2045*” by Bui Si Loi (2024).

1.1.2.2. General research works on social security

“*Social security for farmers in the market economy in Vietnam*” by Mai Ngoc Anh (2010); “*Poverty reduction policy - current situation and solutions*” by Le Quoc Ly (2012); “*Social security in Vietnam towards 2020*” by Vu Van Phuc (2012); “*On social security in Vietnam in the period 2012-2020*” by Mai Ngoc Cuong (2013); “*Social security policy and the role of the State in implementing social security policy in Vietnam*” by Nguyen Van Chieu (2014); “*Implementing social security under the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam in the early years of the 21st century*” by Nguyen Mai Phuong (2017); “*Ensuring the rights of vulnerable groups - legal gaps and recommendations for Vietnam*” by Phan Thi Lan Huong (2020); “*Improving the effectiveness of supervision by elected bodies over the implementation of social security policies and laws in Vietnam*” by Bui Sy Loi (2020).

1.1.2.3. Research studies on the practical implementation of social security in some regions and localities.

“*Economic Growth with Social Security Policies in Ho Chi Minh City Today*” by Nguyen Minh Tri (2019); “*Social Security for Ethnic Minorities in Dak Lak Province*” by Nguyen Duy Thuy (2019); “*Poverty Reduction in Ethnic*

Minority Areas in the Central Highlands - Some Theoretical and Practical Issues” by Vu Thi Thuy Dung, Le Minh Chien, Pham Hong Hai, Dao Thi Hieu, Nguyen Dinh Nghiep (2020); “*The Role of the State in Social Security for Farmers in Vietnam*” by Phan Thi Kim Oanh (2014); “*Ensuring Social Security in Hanoi City*” by Dong Thi Hong (2015); “*Implementing social security policies in Da Nang City today - current situation and solutions*” by Le Anh (2017); “*Ben Tre Provincial Party Committee leads sustainable poverty reduction, contributing to the implementation of social security in the period 2010 - 2020*” by Nguyen Thi Thuy Giao (2020).

Synthesizing the results of the research studies presented above, the doctoral candidate recognizes this as an important and indispensable source of reference, providing an overview of the research situation related to the thesis topic. Through this, the doctoral candidate can build upon and suggest new research issues to further supplement and develop the thesis.

Scientific research works related to social welfare in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province: “*Geography of Ba Ria - Vung Tau*” by Thach Phuong and Nguyen Trong Minh (2005); “*History of the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau Province, Volume 3 (1975-2010)*” (2010); “*The impact of industrialization and urbanization on the social field in Tan Thanh district, Ba Ria - Vung Tau province - proposed solutions*” by Nguyen Tuan Triet (2008).

1.2. Research results from scientific works that have been reviewed in relation to the dissertation topic and the issues the dissertation focuses on.

1.2.1. Research results from relevant scientific works related to the dissertation topic.

Regarding materials: books, scientific articles published in reputable journals, scientific papers, monographs, doctoral dissertations, etc.

Regarding research methodology: Since the dissertation belongs to the field of the history of the Communist Party of Vietnam, the doctoral candidate uses specialized research methods such as historical, logical, diachronic and synchronic, analytical, comparative, synthetic, statistical, interdisciplinary, etc., to support the dissertation research.

Regarding content: Research works by foreign and domestic scientists (scientific articles, research projects, books, etc.) have clarified many important issues concerning social security, specifically: the concept, content, position, role, formation and development process; experiences and advanced, modern social security models of some countries around the world; and clarified many important issues regarding the theoretical and practical basis of social security policies in Vietnam and some localities.

1.2.2. Issues that the dissertation focuses on researching and resolving.

Firstly, factors influencing the leadership of the Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provincial Party Committee in implementing social security policies include:

developments in the global and domestic situations, and the natural, economic, and social conditions of the province .

Secondly, the process by which the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province thoroughly understood, applied, and led the implementation of social security policies through two periods: 2010-2015 and 2015-2020 .

Thirdly, by studying the process by which the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province led the implementation of social security policies in the province, the thesis clarifies the advantages , limitations , and causes.

Fourth, drawing from the practical experiences of the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province in implementing social security policies during the years 2010-2020, the thesis suggests directions that can be applied in the current context to improve the quality and effectiveness of social security policy implementation in the future.

Chapter 1 Summary

An overview of published research both domestically and internationally reveals that these works have presented a complete, comprehensive, and systematic view of social security . For Vietnam, the Party's understanding of social security is constantly being supplemented and refined; adhering both to progressive and modern international standards, and to the specific characteristics and conditions unique to our country.

Currently, many localities nationwide are actively implementing the Party's guidelines and the State's policies and laws on social security. However, to date, no comprehensive study has been conducted on the process of the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province leading the implementation of social security policies during the 2010-2020 period. Therefore, researching and clarifying the current situation and drawing practical experiences from the locality in implementing social security policies is essential. Based on this, the thesis contributes to affirming the correct leadership role and creative application of the Provincial Party Committee in implementing social security policies, contributing to the stable and sustainable development of the locality and the country.

Chapter 2

THE BA RIA - VUNG TAU PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE LEADS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES (2010 - 2015)

2.1. Factors affecting the leadership of the Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provincial Party Committee in implementing social security policies.

2.1.1. General theoretical issues concerning social security

2.1.2. Natural, economic, and social conditions affecting the implementation of social security policies in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province.

2.1.3. The Party's View on Social Security Policy

2.1.4. The situation regarding the implementation of social security policies in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province before 2010

2.2. The Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province's policy on implementing social security policies.

The 5th Congress of the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province (October 2010) set the overall development goals for the province in the period 2011-2015 and orientations until 2020: "Developing the economy in conjunction with the requirements of sustainable development; improving the income and quality of life of the people, ensuring social security and social welfare."

On December 8, 2011, the Sixth Conference of the Provincial Party Committee, Fifth Term, issued Resolution No. 01-NQ/TU *on sustainable poverty reduction for the period 2011-2015*. On May 23, 2013, the Standing Committee of the Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provincial Party Committee issued Directive No. 29- CT/TU *on strengthening leadership in vocational training for rural laborers*. On September 3, 2013, the Provincial Party Committee issued Plan No. 77-KH/TU " *on implementing Resolution No. 21-NQ/TW dated November 22, 2012 of the Politburo on strengthening the Party's leadership over social insurance and health insurance work for the period 2012-2020 in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province*".

2.3. The Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province leads the implementation of social security policies.

2.3.1. Directing the work of training and job placement for workers.

On January 22, 2010, the People's Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province issued Decision No. 01/2010/QD-UBND " *on approving the Project on the chuyển dịch (transfer) of agricultural and rural labor in the period 2010 - 2015, with orientation to 2020*". On February 3, 2010, the People's Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province issued Decision No. 406/QD-UBND " *on approving the plan for the development of rural industries in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province in the period 2009 - 2015 and orientation to 2020*". On June 24, 2010, the People's Committee of the province issued Decision No. 1542/QD-UBND " *on establishing the Steering Committee for the Project on vocational training for rural laborers until 2020*". On March 21, 2011, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 618/QD-UBND " *on approving the Vocational Training Plan for Rural Workers in 2011*". On January 29, 2013, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 08/2013/QD-UBND " *on promulgating regulations on the collection, expenditure and use of the Vocational Training Support Fund for workers whose agricultural land has*

been reclaimed". On August 29, 2014, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 1841/QD-UBND "on approving the project for the development of the traditional vermicelli making craft in Long Kien, Phuoc Nguyen Ward, Ba Ria City, Ba Ria-Vung Tau Province, giai đoạn 2014-2020" and Decision No. 1842/QD-UBND "on approving the project for the development of the traditional rice paper making craft in An Ngai, Long Dien District, Ba Ria-Vung Tau Province, giai đoạn 2014-2020". On March 27, 2015, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision 613/QD-UBND " on approving the Plan for vocational training of rural laborers in 2015" . On June 2, 2015, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 1154/QD-UBND "on amending and supplementing a number of articles of Decision 698/QD-UBND dated March 26, 2013 of the Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provincial People's Committee on approving the project for training technical workers to serve the supporting industry in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province" . On October 6, 2015, the Provincial People's Committee issued Directive No. 19/CT-UBND "on implementing the improvement of vocational training quality and vocational training linked to the needs of enterprises" . On November 10, 2015, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 2712/QD-UBND "on promulgating the list of occupations and the level of support costs for vocational training for people with disabilities in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province".

Under the leadership of the Provincial Party Committee, the work of training, job placement, and employment for workers has achieved many positive results: In terms of awareness, the Provincial Party Committee has always clearly defined the importance of training and job placement for workers in the implementation of social security policies. The Provincial Party Committee has focused on directing the organization of conferences to disseminate and study the Party's guidelines and the State's and province's policies and laws on this work to all key provincial-level officials and to disseminate them to all Party members, officials, and workers throughout the province. The Provincial Party Committee has directed the province's propaganda agencies to actively carry out propaganda work through various diverse and rich forms. The province's vocational training network has been regularly strengthened and developed, etc.

2.3.2. Directing the implementation of social insurance and health insurance policies.

On December 3, 2009, the People's Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province issued Decision No. 4013/QD-UBND "on the establishment of the Steering Committee for the implementation of the Health Insurance Law in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province". On March 8, 2010, the People's Committee of the province issued Decision No. 08/2010/QD-UBND "on the implementation of voluntary social insurance and health insurance for part-time workers in

communes, wards, and towns in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province" . On December 2, 2011, the People's Committee of the province issued Directive No. 21/2011/CT-UBND "*on strengthening the implementation of the Social Insurance Law in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province"*. On March 18, 2014, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 538/QĐ-UBND "*on approving the plan for implementing the roadmap towards universal health insurance in the period 2012-2015 and 2020 in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province"*. On September 15, 2014, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 1954/QĐ-UBND "*on assigning targets for the development of participants in social insurance, health insurance, and unemployment insurance in the period 2013-2015 and 2020"* . On December 18, 2014, the Provincial People's Council issued Decision No. 42/2014/NQ-HĐND "*on approving the support regime for voluntary social insurance and health insurance for police officers and village/hamlet/neighborhood team leaders assigned in villages, hamlets, and neighborhoods in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province"*. On February 28, 2015, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 05/2015/QĐ-UBND "*on the implementation of the voluntary social insurance and health insurance support regime for police officers and village/hamlet/neighborhood team leaders assigned to villages, hamlets, and neighborhoods in the province.*

During the five-year period (2010-2015), under the leadership of the Provincial Party Committee, the implementation of social insurance policies achieved many important results: Regarding propaganda work, following the direction of the Provincial Party Committee, the provincial and district social insurance agencies actively implemented various forms and rich content to inform the people about social insurance, health insurance, and unemployment insurance policies. Regarding the assurance of social insurance benefits, the Provincial People's Committee instructed relevant units such as the Provincial Social Insurance Agency, the Department of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs, the Provincial Federation of Labor, the People's Committees of districts, towns, and cities, and enterprises in the province to strictly comply with social insurance policies and laws, aiming to ensure the legitimate rights and benefits of workers. The implementation of social insurance and health insurance policies and regulations was strictly adhered to by the provincial social insurance agency.

2.3.3. Directing the implementation of social assistance policies

2.3.3.1. Regarding subsidies for social welfare beneficiaries

On February 22, 2010, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 04/2010/QĐ-UBND "*on regulating the allowance for care (food expenses) for individuals being cared for at social welfare facilities"*. On March 17, 2010, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 11/2010/QĐ-UBND "*on increasing the allowance for individuals being cared for at social welfare*

facilities and Labor Education and Vocational Training Centers under the management of the Department of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs". On July 2, 2010, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 24/2010/QD-UBND "on adjusting and supplementing some regulations on policies to assist social welfare beneficiaries in the province" . On March 21, 2011, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 617/QD-UBND "on approving the Project to assist people with disabilities in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province for the period 2011-2015". On June 16, 2011, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 1314/QD-UBND " on approving the Action Plan for child protection for the period 2011-2015 in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province". On November 19, 2014, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 56/2014/QD-UBND "on regulating the level of house repair for households with severely disabled, poor or disadvantaged people in the province". On March 10, 2015, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 16/2015/QD-UBND, "on the concentration and care of homeless people and beggars in the province."

Under the close leadership of the Party Committee and the government at all levels, in the years 2010-2015, the implementation of social welfare policies in the province achieved many important results, specifically: Following the direction of the Provincial Party Committee and the tasks assigned by the Provincial People's Committee, the Department of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs annually implemented and guided the provision of Lunar New Year allowances and inspected and monitored the situation of Lunar New Year allowances for social welfare beneficiaries in districts, towns, cities, and public and private social welfare facilities; and implemented programs and projects for social welfare beneficiaries. The Provincial Party Committee paid close attention to directing functional agencies to fully and promptly implement social welfare policies for social welfare beneficiaries.

2.3.3.2. Regarding poverty reduction policies

On May 4, 2010, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 1009/QD-UBND "on approving the fisheries promotion project for poor households in 2010" . On October 19, 2010, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 45/2010/QD-UBND "on promulgating the poverty line of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province applicable for the period 2011 - 2015". On July 18, 2011, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 1553/QD-UBND "on approving electricity subsidies and hardship allowances for poor households in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province in 2011" . On September 22, 2014, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 49/2014/QD-UBND "on supporting health insurance for households escaping poverty from 2 years to 5 years". On July 15, 2014, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 1447/QD-UBND "on approving the project to replicate the

agricultural extension model for poverty reduction in 2014". On April 27, 2015, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 22/2015/QD-UBND "on promulgating support levels for production development support projects under Program 135, Phase III, in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province".

Over the five years from 2010 to 2015, a series of poverty reduction policy solutions were implemented, achieving significant results: Credit support policies for poor households were implemented, with the vast majority of poor and newly-escaped-from-poverty households in need of loans being considered for approval; vocational training policies for the poor were integrated with vocational training programs for rural laborers; legal aid policies for the poor were implemented; electricity subsidies and hardship allowances were provided; hardship allowances of 250,000 VND per household were provided to households meeting national poverty standards, in accordance with the Prime Minister's policy, etc. In addition, the National Target Program for Poverty Reduction and Program 135 (phases II and III) were implemented synchronously by the province, achieving many positive results.

2.3.3.3. Regarding assistance in education, healthcare, and housing for vulnerable groups.

To implement the Government's "Project on Universalizing Preschool Education for Five-Year-Old Children in the Period 2010-2015" (Decision No. 239/QD-TTg dated September 2, 2010), on July 29, 2011, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 1664/QD-UBND "on approving the Plan for implementing the project on universalizing preschool education for five-year-old children in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province in the period 2011-2015". On January 17, 2012, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 02/2012/QD-UBND "on promulgating the School Milk Program for children in preschools and malnourished 3-5 year old children in the community in the period 2012-2016". On July 16, 2012, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 18/2012/QD-UBND "on promulgating regulations on the operation of the Social Housing Development Fund of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province". On November 19, 2014, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 56/2014/QD-UBND "on regulating the level of house repair for households with severely disabled, poor or disadvantaged people in the province". On April 7, 2015, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 716/QD-UBND "on approving the Housing Development Program of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province until 2020 and orientation until 2030".

Thanks to the attention of the Party Committee, the government at all levels, and various sectors and localities, significant results were achieved in providing assistance in education, healthcare, and housing to vulnerable groups in the province during the years 2010-2015: The provincial education sector, in coordination with relevant departments and agencies, implemented the policy

of tuition fee exemption and reduction for students from poor households in accordance with State policies. The province implemented a policy of healthcare support for the poor. To support the repair and construction of houses for poor households, the province launched many humanitarian and charitable movements and campaigns, attracting the participation of a large number of people from all walks of life.

2.3.4. Directing and ensuring the implementation of social welfare policies.

On May 28, 2012, the Provincial People's Committee issued Directive No. 10/CT-UBND *"on the implementation of regimes and policies for those who participated in the war to defend the Fatherland, performed international duties in Cambodia, and assisted Laos after April 30, 1975, and have been demobilized, discharged from the army, or terminated their employment in the province"*. On October 7, 2013, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 41/2013/QD-UBND *"on approving the Project to support people with meritorious services to the revolution with housing in the province"*. On October 17, 2014, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 2185/QD-UBND *"on approving the list of beneficiaries and allocating funds for the implementation of phase 1 of the Project to support people with meritorious services to the revolution with housing in the province"*. On July 8, 2014, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 1656/QD-UBND *"on the promulgation of the Plan for the overall review of the implementation of preferential policies for people with meritorious services to the revolution in the two years 2014-2015"*. On August 12, 2014, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 1682/QD-UBND *"on the establishment of the Committee for reviewing the implementation of preferential policies for people with meritorious services to the revolution in the two years 2014-2015"*.

During the period of 2010-2015, under the leadership of the Provincial Party Committee, significant results were achieved in implementing preferential policies for those who contributed to the revolution: Deeply aware of the special importance of caring for those who contributed to the revolution and their families, the Provincial Party Committee regularly directed all levels and sectors to fully understand the Party's viewpoints and guidelines, and the State's policies and laws on the work related to those who contributed to the revolution; focusing on propaganda and political education to raise awareness among officials, civil servants, Party members, and the people, especially the younger generation, about the great sacrifices and contributions of generations of those who contributed to the revolution. Following the direction of the Provincial Party Committee, the province's functional agencies ensured the correct and complete implementation and timely allocation of resources to carry out policies for those who contributed to the revolution.

Chapter 2 Summary

During the period of reform, along with the process of building and developing a socialist-oriented market economy, the Party's understanding of social security policy has become increasingly refined and modern, in line with the general development trends of humanity.

Over the five years (2010-2015), under the leadership of the Provincial Party Committee's Executive Board, 5th term, Ba Ria - Vung Tau province achieved many important results, meeting and exceeding 56 out of 71 key targets set forth in the congress resolution.

In accordance with the Party's guidelines and the State's policies and laws on social security, the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province, 5th term, clearly defined the important position and role of social security policies and prioritized allocating resources to implement them comprehensively and appropriately, in line with the local resource capabilities.

The achievements in social security during this period serve as an important foundation for the Provincial Party Committee, 6th term, 2015-2020, to inherit and continue to develop and improve the quality of social security policy implementation to a new level in the next phase.

Chapter 3

BA RIA - VUNG TAU PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE LEADS THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL WELFARE (2015 - 2020)

3.1. New factors impacting and the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province's policies on implementing social security policies.

3.1.1. New factors impacting the leadership of the Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provincial Party Committee in implementing social security policies.

3.1.2. The Party's View on Social Security Policy

The 12th National Congress of the Party (2016) continued to set forth the guidelines for building and developing social security comprehensively, with a new mindset and understanding: "shifting from humanitarian assistance to ensuring the social security rights of citizens". On July 19, 2017, the Party Central Committee issued Directive No. 14-CT/TW *on continuing to strengthen the Party's leadership over the work related to people with meritorious services to the revolution*. On May 23, 2018, the 7th Plenum of the 12th Central Committee issued Resolution No. 28-NQ/TW "on reforming social insurance policies". On November 5, 2020, the Central Committee of the Party issued Conclusion No. 92-KL/TW on continuing to implement Resolution No. 15-NQ/TW.

3.1.3. The Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provincial Party Committee's policy on leading and promoting the implementation of social security policies.

The Provincial Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau Province, 6th term (2015-2020), continued to strengthen leadership in implementing social security policies in the new development phase. On December 31, 2015, the Provincial Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau issued Action Program No. 01-CTr/TU "on the implementation of Resolution No. 15-NQ/TW of the Central Committee of the 11th Party Congress on some issues concerning social policies in the period 2012-2020 in the province". On August 1, 2016, the fourth meeting of the Provincial Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau Province, 6th term, issued Resolution No. 01-NQ/TU "on sustainable poverty reduction in the period 2016-2020". On August 6, 2018, the Provincial Party Committee issued Action Program No. 29-CTr/TU "on implementing Resolution No. 20-NQ/TW dated July 25, 2017 of the 12th Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam on strengthening the work of protecting, caring for and improving people's health in the new situation". On May 13, 2019, the Provincial Party Committee issued Program No. 41-CTr/TU "on implementing Resolution No. 28-NQ/TW dated May 23, 2018 of the 12th Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam on reforming social insurance policies".

3.2. The Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province leads the implementation of social security policies.

3.2.1. Directing training and job placement services for workers.

On August 25, 2015, the Provincial People's Committee issued Official Letter No. 6130/UBND-VP "on the implementation of Official Letter No. 3767-CV/TU dated August 3, 2015 of the Standing Committee of the Provincial Party Committee". On December 25, 2015, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 3178/QD-UBND "on amending and supplementing Decision No. 3576/QD-UBND dated December 31, 2010 of the Provincial People's Committee on approving the Vocational Training Scheme for Rural Workers until 2020". On March 25, 2016, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 645/QD-UBND approving the "Occupational Safety and Health Program of Ba Ria - Vung Tau Province for the period 2016 - 2020". On December 9, 2019, the Provincial People's Committee issued Plan No. 171/KH-UBND "on vocational training for rural laborers and vocational training for people with disabilities in 2020".

During the years 2015-2020, under the direction of the Provincial Party Committee, the work of training, job placement, and employment for workers, especially rural workers, achieved many positive results. The province's employment policy was developed to clearly reflect the supply and demand for labor, the level of participation in the labor market, and to help workers have favorable conditions to learn a trade and enter the labor market. This helped

people earn income and have stable lives, ensuring the important function of social security policy: meeting basic human needs such as food, clothing, housing, education, and employment, thereby preventing, mitigating, and overcoming risks in life.

3.2.2. Directing the implementation of social insurance and health insurance policies.

On July 13, 2017, the Provincial People's Council issued Resolution No. 20/NQ-HĐND *"on assigning targets for participation in social insurance, health insurance, and unemployment insurance for the period 2017-2020 in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province"*. On July 20, 2018, the Provincial People's Council issued Resolution No. 10/NQ-HĐND *"on providing financial support for purchasing health insurance cards for people no longer residing in areas with particularly difficult socio-economic conditions in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province in 2017"*. On April 13, 2018, the Provincial People's Committee issued Official Letter No. 3359/UBND-VP *"on implementing the provisions of the Social Insurance Law effective from January 1, 2018"*. On January 14, 2019, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 76/QĐ-UBND *"on the establishment of the Steering Committee for the development of participants in Social Insurance, Health Insurance, and Unemployment Insurance in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province"*. On June 18, 2019, the Provincial People's Committee issued Official Letter No. 5882/UBND-VP *"on strengthening the management of Social Insurance and Unemployment Insurance"*. On August 4, 2020, the Provincial People's Council passed Resolution No. 04/2020/NQ-HĐND *"on regulating the level of support for health insurance contributions for students studying at educational and training institutions in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province"*.

During the years 2016-2020, under the leadership of the Provincial Party Committee, the implementation of the province's social insurance policy achieved many important results:

The dissemination and promotion of the Party's guidelines and the State's policies and laws on social insurance, health insurance, and unemployment insurance to all Party members, civil servants, employees, businesses, and the general public has been carried out actively and comprehensively. This dissemination is conducted regularly through various forms. The Provincial People's Committee has issued numerous documents directing departments, agencies, political and social organizations, mass organizations, district-level People's Committees, and relevant units to strengthen coordination in implementing the State's policies and laws on social insurance and to monitor the implementation of social insurance and health insurance policies in the province. Through the enhanced implementation of many comprehensive solutions, the province's social insurance policies continued to develop strongly during the years 2015-2020. By 2020, the province had a total of 212,686

people participating in social insurance and 1,005,773 people participating in health insurance, achieving a coverage rate of 87.6% of the population. This has made social insurance a cornerstone of the social security system in practice, contributing significantly to social stability and the province's sustainable development goals.

3.2.3. Directing the implementation of social assistance policies

3.2.3.1. Regarding subsidies for social welfare beneficiaries

On August 4, 2016, the Provincial People's Council passed Resolution No. 50/2016/NQ-HĐND *"on approving the School Milk Program for students in kindergartens, children under 6 years old in social protection centers, and malnourished children aged 3-5 years old in the community for the period 2017-2021 in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province"*. On December 9, 2017, the Provincial People's Council passed Resolution No. 50/2017/NQ-HĐND *"on promulgating the policy to support meal expenses for inpatients with mental illness at the Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provincial Mental Hospital for the period 2018-2021"*. On May 6, 2019, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 1118/QĐ-UBND *"on promulgating the Plan for implementing the Project to support children with disabilities in accessing child protection, care, and education services in the community for the period 2019 - 2025 in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province"*. On July 18, 2019, the Provincial People's Council passed Resolution No. 27/2019/NQ-HĐND *"on regulating the level of meal allowance support for disabled students at Huu Nghi School for the Visually Impaired and the School for Children with Disabilities"*. On December 13, 2019, the Provincial People's Council issued Resolution No. 119/2019/NQ-HĐND *"on increasing the monthly social allowance coefficient for social protection beneficiaries in the community belonging to poor households and the allowance for meals during holidays, Tet (Lunar New Year), and illness for beneficiaries cared for in social assistance facilities of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province"*. On December 10, 2020, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 3717/QĐ-UBND *"on approving the Plan for implementing the program to assist people with disabilities in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province for the period 2021 - 2030"*. On December 9, 2016, the Provincial People's Council passed Resolution No. 72/2016/NQ-HĐND *"on regulating social assistance policies for social protection beneficiaries belonging to near-poor households according to national standards and poor households according to provincial standards of Ba Ria - Vung Tau"*.

Results of the work of caring for vulnerable groups: In general, under the leadership and attention of the Provincial People's Committee, departments, agencies, and the People's Committees of districts and cities throughout the province, vulnerable groups have received support to improve their living conditions, better access to policies and resources from the state and the

community, and some basic social needs of vulnerable groups have been initially met.

3.2.3.2. Regarding poverty reduction policies

On August 4, 2016, the Provincial People's Council issued Resolution No. 46/2016/NQ-HĐND "on promulgating the multidimensional poverty standard of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province for the period 2016 - 2020". On August 4, 2016, the Provincial People's Council issued Resolution No. 47/2016/NQ-HĐND "on approving the Sustainable Poverty Reduction Project of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province for the period 2016 - 2020".

During the years 2016-2020, poverty reduction efforts in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province achieved many important results: The Provincial People's Committee regularly reviewed the National Target Program on Poverty Reduction. In addition to fully implementing sustainable poverty reduction policies issued by the Central Government, Ba Ria - Vung Tau province also issued expanded sustainable poverty reduction policies.

Implementing sustainable poverty reduction policies, by 2020, the total number of poor and near-poor households in the province was 4,081, accounting for 1.44% of the total number of households. Of these, 669 households met the national poverty standard (0.24%); 1,148 households met the national near-poverty standard (0.4%). 1,666 households met the provincial poverty standard (0.59%); and 598 households met the provincial near-poverty standard (0.21%). Thus, the results of the province's poverty reduction policies have helped poor, near-poor, and newly-escaped-from-poverty households achieve increasingly stable and comprehensively improved lives, making a very important contribution to the effective implementation of the province's social security policies.

3.2.3.3. Regarding assistance in education, healthcare, and housing for vulnerable groups.

On July 13, 2017, the Provincial People's Council issued Resolution No. 19/2017/NQ-HĐND "on regulating tuition fees from the 2017-2018 school year to the 2020-2021 school year at educational institutions under the national education system and supplementing the categories of tuition fee exemption and reduction, and support for learning costs in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province". On July 18, 2019, the Provincial People's Council issued Resolution No. 28/2019/NQ-HĐND "on regulating the content and level of expenditure for universal education and literacy eradication in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province". On September 13, 2018, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 2575/QĐ-UBND "on promulgating the Plan for implementing Action Program No. 29-CTr/TU dated August 6, 2018 of the Provincial Party Committee to implement Resolution No. 20-NQ/TW dated October 25, 2017 of the 12th Central Committee on strengthening personnel work, caring for and

improving people's health in the new situation". On August 4, 2020, the Provincial People's Council passed Resolution No. 05/2020/NQ-HĐND "on promulgating the policy to support specialized health check-ups for students in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province". On January 21, 2016, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 04/2016/QĐ-UBND "on approving the housing development program of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province until 2020 and orientation until 2030". On June 3, 2016, the Provincial People's Committee issued Decision No. 18/2016/QĐ-UBND "on approving the level of support for elderly people to repair their houses according to the national action program for the elderly in Vietnam giai đoạn 2016 - 2020 in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province". On November 13, 2017, the Provincial People's Committee issued Directive No. 28/CT-UBND "on Strengthening the development of social housing in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province". On December 9, 2017, the Provincial People's Council issued Resolution No. 45/2017/NQ-HĐND "on regulating the level of housing support for poor households in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province for the period 2018 - 2020".

During the years 2016-2020, under the direction of the Provincial Party Committee, the work of assisting disadvantaged groups in education, health, and housing in the province was emphasized and achieved many important results: The province implemented a policy to assist people with tuition fee exemptions and reductions, and support for learning costs (starting from the 2017-2018 school year) at educational institutions within the national education system, directly contributing to creating favorable conditions for people, especially disadvantaged groups, to access national education fairly and equally. According to the "Report on the Human Development Index of Vietnam 2016-2020", the education index of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province by 2020 ranked 19th nationwide, second in the Southeast region (after Ho Chi Minh City, ranked 4th nationwide). Medical assistance for vulnerable groups has been implemented comprehensively. By 2020, the province had a health insurance coverage rate of 87.6% of its population.

3.2.4. Directing the implementation of social welfare policies

On February 19, 2016, the Provincial People's Committee issued Official Letter No. 1049/UBND-VP "on strengthening the direction and implementation of preferential policies for people with meritorious services to the revolution". On April 15, 2016, the Provincial People's Committee issued the Plan Decision No. 36/KH-UBND "on the implementation of Action Program No. 01-CTr/TU dated December 31, 2015 of the Provincial Party Committee to implement Resolution No. 15-NQ/TW dated June 1, 2012 of the Central Executive Committee (11th term) on some issues concerning social policies in the period 2012 - 2020 in Ba Ria - Vung Tau province". On November 23, 2017, the Provincial People's Committee issued Official Letter

No. 11375/UBND-VP “*on the implementation of housing support for people with meritorious services to the revolution*”.

During the years 2016-2020, under the leadership of the Provincial Party Committee, the implementation of social welfare policies for people who contributed to the revolution was always given attention by all levels of government throughout the province and achieved many important results. The material and spiritual lives of people who contributed to the revolution and their relatives were always ensured and increasingly improved.

Summary of Chapter 3

During the years 2016-2020, adhering to the Party's guidelines and the State's policies and laws on implementing social security policies in the new development phase, the Executive Committee of the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province, term VI (2015-2020), continued to direct the Provincial People's Council, the Provincial People's Committee, relevant departments, agencies, and units, as well as the People's Committees of districts, towns, and cities, to actively and comprehensively implement social security policies throughout the province.

As a result, the quality of life for people throughout the province has continuously improved, both materially and spiritually; vocational training and job placement for workers have achieved many positive results. The number of workers in the province participating in social insurance reached 34%, and the percentage of the population participating in health insurance reached 90%. The province has issued its own poverty line, which is 1.75 times higher than the national poverty line, with the aim of expanding the scope of beneficiaries of poverty reduction policies and directly contributing to improving the quality of life for the poor in the province. Preferential policies for people with disabilities have been given special attention and implemented with a series of specific and practical policies and solutions.

Chapter 4

COMMENTS AND EXPERIENCES

4.1. Advantages and limitations in the leadership of the Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provincial Party Committee in implementing social security policies from 2010 to 2020.

4.1.1. Advantages and Reasons

4.1.1.1. Advantages

Firstly, based on the Party's guidelines and policies, and the State's laws and regulations, the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province has promptly issued policies that are consistent with the practical situation of socio-economic development.

Secondly, the Provincial Party Committee has always been proactive, creative, and timely in implementing many comprehensive and synchronized solutions in leading the implementation of social security policies.

Thirdly, the Provincial Party Committee always prioritizes allocating resources and mobilizing resources from the community to effectively implement social security policies.

Fourth, the range of beneficiaries of the province's social security policies is expanding and becoming more diverse.

4.1.1.2. Reasons for the advantages

Firstly, the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province has always received regular and timely attention, guidance, and leadership from the highest levels of leadership of the Party, the National Assembly, the Government, and central agencies, ministries, and departments.

Secondly, the Provincial Party Committee pays great attention to directing the organization of learning, propaganda, and dissemination of the Party's guidelines and the State's policies on social security to Party committees at all levels, Party members of Party branches, and the people so that they are informed.

Thirdly, Ba Ria - Vung Tau's economy has consistently grown and is among the top four provinces contributing the most to the central government's budget. Therefore, the province can balance its resources from the local budget to allocate and implement social security policies for eligible individuals.

Fourth, inheriting the tradition of "drinking water, remembering the source," successive generations of provincial leaders have paid great attention to and given high priority to implementing social security policies, especially preferential policies for people with meritorious services in the locality.

4.1.2. Limitations and their causes

4.1.2.1. Limitations

The first, At times, the provincial Party committee was slow to concretize these into programs and action plans for implementation at the local level.

Secondly, some local Party committees have not fully grasped the meaning and importance of implementing social security policies in conjunction with the local economic development process.

Thirdly, the implementation of social security policies still reveals some limitations, such as the situation where almost all tasks are outsourced to the Ministry of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs; and the role and combined strength of the entire political system have not been fully utilized.

4.1.2.2. Causes of limitations and shortcomings

Firstly, the period from 2010 to 2020 was a time when the Party continued to strongly innovate its thinking and understanding of social security policies, with many new points related to social security. This was a large-scale task,

involving many new viewpoints and policies, related to many sectors and fields, and therefore required considerable time to develop and refine the guiding documents.

Secondly, Vietnam's social security policies and guidelines are becoming increasingly developed, diverse, and comprehensive; therefore, social security policies and the number of beneficiaries are expanding significantly compared to the past. This creates considerable pressure and challenges for the functional agencies responsible for implementing the policies and for the entire political system of the province in ensuring social security.

Thirdly, during the implementation of social security policies, there have been times of confusion and a lack of close and coordinated cooperation among relevant departments, agencies, and localities, leading to low effectiveness in implementing social security policies and affecting the beneficiaries of these policies.

Fourthly, during the years 2010-2020, the global economic and political situation underwent significant and complex changes, affecting the achievement of socio-economic development goals and the implementation of social security policies in Vietnam in general, and Ba Ria - Vung Tau province in particular. This created difficulties and greatly impacted the results of implementing social security policies at the local level.

Fifthly, Ba Ria - Vung Tau province has a dynamically growing economy, which inevitably gives rise to social problems that need to be addressed. This creates significant pressure on budget spending and the way social security policies are organized and implemented for the people, in order to stabilize and develop the socio-economic situation.

4.2. Some experiences from the practical leadership in implementing social security policies from 2010 to 2020 by the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province.

Firstly, it is important to raise awareness among Party committees at all levels and the political system about the particularly important position and role of social security policies in the sustainable socio-economic development of the locality.

Secondly, social security policies must be given equal importance to economic policies; the implementation of social security policies must be synchronized and appropriate to the level of economic development and resources of the province in each specific historical period.

Thirdly, strengthen the leadership role of the Provincial Party Committee and promote the leading role of the political system in the process of implementing social security policies.

Fourth, promote the national tradition of solidarity, mutual support, and compassion, and mobilize resources in society to implement social security policies.

Summary of Chapter 4

During the years 2010-2020, the Vietnamese Party and State continued to strongly innovate their thinking and understanding of social security policies towards a more modern, inclusive, and comprehensive direction. Adhering to the Party's reform viewpoint and the State's policies and laws, the Executive Committee of the Ba Ria - Vung Tau Provincial Party Committee, 5th term (2010-2015) and 6th term (2015-2020), determined to continue leading and promoting economic development while focusing on implementing social security policies, ensuring citizens' social security rights, and aiming for sustainable development.

Under the leadership of the Party Committee of the 5th and 6th terms, Ba Ria - Vung Tau province has achieved many important accomplishments in implementing social security policies: The province has issued many policies consistent with the practical situation of local socio-economic development; it has always been proactive, creative, and timely in implementing many comprehensive and synchronized solutions in directing the implementation of social security policies; it has always prioritized the allocation of resources and mobilized resources from the community to effectively implement social security policies; and the beneficiaries of the province's social security policies are becoming increasingly broader and more diverse. However, alongside these achievements, the implementation of social security policies still has some limitations that need to be overcome.

The process of the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province leading the implementation of social security policies (2010 - 2020) has left many valuable experiences that Ho Chi Minh City, after its merger, can refer to, inherit, and continue to lead in further improving the quality and effectiveness of social security policy implementation in the future.

CONCLUDE

1. Over the past 10 years (2010-2020), the Vietnamese Party and State have continuously reformed their theoretical thinking and understanding of the position and importance of implementing social security policies; thereby, gradually supplementing, developing, and increasingly perfecting the system of social security policies and laws in a way that is broad, multi-layered, comprehensive, and ensures social security rights for citizens.

2. In accordance with the Party's viewpoints and policies, during the period of reform, especially from 2010 to 2020, the Party Committee of Ba

Ria - Vung Tau province has always paid attention to leading the implementation of social security policies.

3. To ensure that social security policies are put into practice in social life, the Provincial Party Committee directs the Provincial People's Committee and the People's Committees of the districts to effectively perform their roles in state management of social security work; and to promote the role of relevant departments and agencies in advising and assisting the Provincial Party Committee in leading the implementation of social security policies in the locality.

4. Over the past 10 years (2010 - 2020), under the leadership of the Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province, the implementation of social security policies in the province has achieved many important accomplishments in policy planning, practical guidance, and significant results in all aspects of the social security field.

5. The ten-year (2010-2020) experience in leading the implementation of social security policies has provided the Provincial Party Committee with valuable lessons. The achievements in leading and directing the implementation of social security policies by the Provincial Party Committee of Ba Ria - Vung Tau have directly contributed to the province's Human Development Index (HDI) ranking 3rd nationwide during the 2016-2020 period. This result reflects the achievements and the unwavering determination and efforts of the entire political system and society of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province throughout the process of implementing social security policies in the locality.

From July 1st, 2025, Ba Ria - Vung Tau province, Binh Duong province, and Ho Chi Minh City will be merged and renamed Ho Chi Minh City. With this new momentum, inheriting the great achievements that the Party Committee, government, military, and people of Ba Ria - Vung Tau province have attained over the past 34 years (1991-2025), this will serve as a solid foundation and important preparation for the new city to develop harmoniously between economy and society, bringing prosperity and happiness to every citizen.

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