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INTRODUCTION

1. Reason for Choosing the Dissertation Topic

Currently, both globally and in Vietnam, social welfare is viewed from different perspectives, leading to various interpretations. In general, social welfare is understood in two common ways:

In a broad sense, social welfare is society's guarantee that individuals can live safely. From this perspective, the concept encompasses a wide range of fundamental and essential human rights, which are protected and ensured by law.

In a narrow sense, social welfare refers to society's protection of individuals facing difficulties due to adverse natural events (such as disasters) and life circumstances (such as illness, childbirth, accidents, unemployment, old age, orphans, and homelessness).

From the above concepts, the following definition of social security can be proposed: Social security is a system of policies and solutions aimed at assisting members of society in preventing, reducing, and overcoming difficulties and risks caused by natural disasters and life circumstances.

Given the significance and importance of social welfare, in order to accurately assess the current situation and draw lessons from its implementation - thereby contributing to the development of Binh Dinh Province into a more civilized and prosperous region - I have chosen the topic "The Party Committee of Binh Dinh Province Leading the Implementation of Social Welfare from 2010 to 2020" as my doctoral dissertation in the field of History of the Communist Party of Vietnam at the Academy of Journalism and Communication.

2. Research Objectives and Tasks

2.1. Research Objective

Clarifies the process by which the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee led and directed the implementation of social security policies from 2010 to 2020; thereby, drawing several valuable lessons that may serve as references for the future.

2.2. Research Tasks

Firstly, it analyzes the factors influencing the leadership of the Provincial Party Committee of Bình Định in implementing social security from 2010 to 2020.

Secondly, analyzes the policies, leadership directives, and achieved outcomes in the implementation of social security by the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee from 2010 to 2020.

Thirdly, provides an assessment of the strengths, limitations, and underlying causes;

and draws several lessons learned from the process by which the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee led the implementation of social security from 2010 to 2020.

3. Research Subjects and Scope

3.1. Research Subjects

The policies and processes by which the Party Committee of Binh Dinh Province directed the implementation of social welfare from 2010 to 2020.

3.2. Research Scope

Content Scope: The dissertation focuses on studying the policies and processes of the Party Committee of Binh Dinh Province in implementing social welfare across five key areas: preferential social policies; employment and poverty reduction; social insurance and unemployment insurance; social assistance; and ensuring minimum standards for basic social services.

Geographical Scope: Within the territory of Binh Định Province.

Time Scope: The research covers the period from 2010 to 2020.

4. Theoretical Basis, Practical Foundation, and Research Methods

4.1. Theoretical Basis

The dissertation is grounded in the viewpoints of Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's ideology on social issues and the implementation of social security policies.

4.2. Practical Foundation

The dissertation is based on the practical realities of the leadership and direction provided by the Provincial Party Committee of Bình Định in implementing social security from 2010 to 2020. In addition, it builds upon findings from several published studies related to the dissertation's topic; as well as official documents issued by the Party Committee, provincial authorities, and summary reports on implementation produced by the People's Committee of the province and its departments, agencies, and sectors during the 2010-2020 period.

4.3. Research Methods

To fulfill the research objectives and tasks, the author primarily employs historical and logical methods. Additionally, various specialized research methods from the field of history in general, and Party history in particular, are integrated.

5. New Contributions of the Dissertation

It provides a comprehensive and up-to-date system of documentation on the leadership process of the Provincial Party Committee of Bình Định in implementing social security from 2010 to 2020.

It contributes to reconstructing the leadership process of the Provincial Party Committee of Binh Định on security across five core areas: social relief; employment solutions and poverty reduction; social insurance and unemployment insurance; social assistance; and ensuring minimum standards for certain essential social services.

Based on an objective and scientific assessment of strengths, limitations, and underlying causes, the dissertation draws practical lessons from the real-world leadership experience of the Provincial Party Committee of Binh Định in executing social security policies during 2010–2020, which may be applicable in the present and future.

6. Theoretical and Practical Significance of the Dissertation

6.1. Theoretical Significance

It contributes to affirming the correctness of the Party's policy on implementing social security in a specific locality - Bình Định Province - through a review of the Party's real-world implementation of security from 2010 to 2020.

It provides a foundation of evidence and analysis to support the continued development and refinement of policies and implementation strategies by the Party and the State in the coming period.

6.2. Practical Significance

Based on an examination of the practical leadership experience of the Provincial Party Committee of Binh Định in implementing social security from 2010 to 2020, the dissertation supports the Party Committee in assessing the current status of security implementation in the locality. This enables timely promotion of strengths, remediation of shortcomings, and application of practical lessons to improve security implementation in the future.

Through insights drawn from the real-world leadership experience of the Provincial Party Committee of Binh Định, these lessons may be applicable to other localities with similar conditions.

The findings of the dissertation may also serve as reference material for studies and teaching on local history and the history of the Provincial Party Committee of Bình Định at educational institutions.

7. Structure of the Dissertation

The dissertation consists of: Introduction; Conclusion; four chapters comprising eight sections; List of References; Declaration of Originality; List of Abbreviations; Appendices; and List of the Author's Published Works.

Chapter 1

OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH WORKS RELATED TO THE DISSERTATION TOPIC

1.1. Research Works Related to the Dissertation Topic

Due to different research approaches, numerous studies on social welfare have been conducted. These can be broadly categorized into the following groups:

1.1.1. Studies on Social Welfare and Its Implementation in Various Countries

Numerous studies have demonstrated that the implementation of social security policies plays a crucial role in protecting workers and promoting social equity. Notable among these are the article by Nguyen Huu Hai (2005), titled "China's Experience in Poverty Reduction and Social Security System Development", published in Labour and Social Affairs Journal, issue 276/2005; the book Social Health Insurance for Developing Nations (2007) by William Hsiao and R. Paul Shaw (Washington D.C.); the volume Social Security Coverage and the Labor Market in Developing Countries (2007) by Paula Auerbach, Maria Eugenia Genoni, and Carmen Pages (IZA, Bonn, Germany); the publication Labor Standards and Poverty Reduction (2008) by the Department for International Development (London); and the book authored by Tran Thi Nhung, Ensuring Social Security in Japan's Current Market Economy (2008), published by Encyclopedia Publishing House. These works collectively underscore the significance of social protection mechanisms in fostering inclusive development and safeguarding labor rights.

Several books and research articles on social welfare worldwide indicate that in developed countries (Japan, the United States, Northern Europe, and other parts of Europe), social welfare policies were established and evolved relatively early. From these models, Vietnam can derive lessons for constructing and implementing its own social welfare system.

1.1.2. Studies on Social Welfare in Vietnam

1.1.2.1. General Research on Social Welfare in Vietnam

Several notable research works have contributed to the discourse on social security reform in Vietnam. Among them are the book "Contributing to the Renewal and Improvement of Social Security Policies in Vietnam" (1996) by Đo Minh Cuong and Mac Van Tien, published by the National Political Publishing House; the volume "Reforming Social Insurance Policies for Workers" (1998) by Tran Quang Hung and

Mac Van Tien, also published by the National Political Publishing House; and the guidebook "Planning for Household Economic Development to Eradicate Hunger and Reduce Poverty" (2000) by Le Trong, published by the Ethnic Culture Publishing House. These studies provide valuable insights into the evolution of Vietnam's social protection framework, particularly in the context of poverty alleviation and labor welfare.

1.1.2.2. Studies on Social Welfare Implementation in Various Provinces and in Binh Dinh Province

Several notable research works have contributed to the discourse on social security reform in Vietnam. Among them are the book "Contributing to the Renewal and Improvement of Social Security Policies in Vietnam" (1996) by Do Minh Cuong and Mac Van Tien, published by the National Political Publishing House; the volume "Reforming Social Insurance Policies for Workers" (1998) by Tran Quang Hung and Mac Văn Tiến, also published by the National Political Publishing House; and the guidebook "Planning for Household Economic Development to Eradicate Hunger and Reduce Poverty" (2000) by Le Trong, published by the Ethnic Culture Publishing House. These studies provide valuable insights into the evolution of Vietnam's social protection framework, particularly in the context of poverty alleviation and labor welfare.

Scientific research related to the implementation of social security policies in Binh Dinh Province has been documented in a series of historical volumes. These include The History of the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee, Volume 1 (1930-1945), Volume 2 (1945-1954), Volume 3 (1954-1975), and Volume 4 (1975-2005), published by the Binh Dinh Provincial People's Printing Company in 2015 and 2018. These works provide a comprehensive account of the Party's leadership and policy development across different historical periods, including efforts to ensure social welfare and improve living standards for the local population.

The aforementioned studies on social security affirm that social constitutes one of the key themes consistently addressed throughout the Party Congress documents and the Provincial Party Congress resolutions of Binh Dinh. This is especially evident in the Resolution of the 5th Plenum of the 11th Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, as well as in thematic resolutions issued by the Bình Định Provincial Party Committee. These scholarly works have clarified the outcomes of ASXH implementation both nationally and within Bình Định Province, highlighting

the Party's strategic orientation toward social equity, poverty reduction, and the protection of vulnerable groups in the context of economic transformation.

1.2. A synthesis of scholarly works pertinent to the dissertation topic and the key issues under investigation

1.2.1. Relevant scholarly works pertaining to the dissertation topic have been systematically reviewed

1.2.1.1. Research Materials

In terms of genre, the works are diverse: monographs, doctoral dissertations, scientific research projects, and academic articles...; *In terms of content*, the studies are rich and varied, covering a wide range of aspects related to social security....

1.2.1.2. Research Approaches and Methods

Approaches: Historical studies, Party history, Political science, Economics, State and law, Sociology, etc...; Research methods: Analysis, comparison, synthesis, and sociological surveys...

1.2.1.3. Research Content

The studies have clarified both theoretical and practical aspects of social security, globally and domestically; further elucidated the Party's guidelines and policies on social security across regions and localities; and defined the specific content of various areas within the social security system.

1.2.2. Key Issues the Dissertation Will Focus On

It analyzes and clarifies the factors influencing the leadership of the Provincial Party Committee of Binh Dinh in implementing social security, such as natural, economic, and social conditions between 2010 and 2020; the Party's viewpoints and policies on social during that period; and the status of security implementation prior to 2010.

An analysis of the leadership of the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee in implementing social security policies from 2010 to 2020; thereby clarifying the supplementation and development of its directives on social security during 2015–2020 in comparison with the 2010-2015 period.

It interprets the process by which the Provincial Party Committee of Binh Dinh led and directed the implementation of security across two phases - 2010 to 2015 and 2015 to 2020 - covering areas such as social relief, employment and poverty reduction, social insurance, unemployment insurance, social assistance, and ensuring minimum standards in essential social services.

An analysis and clarification of the strengths, limitations, and underlying causes; concurrently, a synthesis of practical lessons drawn from the leadership of the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee in implementing social security policies from 2010 to 2020.

CHAPTER 1 SUMMARY

The body of research on social security is relatively extensive, with diverse content and multiple approaches. based on analyses of social security implementation in the world, in vietnam, and across various regions and localities, these studies have proposed orientations and solutions to improve the quality and effectiveness of social security policies. several works have addressed the party's guidelines and the practical implementation of social security in localities nationwide, including binh đinh province.

The overview of the above-mentioned studies on social security also indicates that the topic "The Binh Dinh provincial party committee's leadership in implementing social security from 2010 to 2020" remains an area that has not yet been explored from the perspective of the scientific discipline of the history of the communist party of vietnam.

Based on the objectives and research tasks of the dissertation, and through the overview of the aforementioned studies, it is possible to inherit relevant theoretical and practical issues to fulfill the mission of the doctoral dissertation in the history of the communist party of vietnam titled "The Binh Dinh provincial party committee's leadership in implementing social security from 2010 to 2020", with a new approach that does not duplicate existing research.

Chapter 2

POLICIES AND DIRECTIVES OF THE BINH DINH PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY IMPLEMENTATION (2010 - 2015)

- 2.1. Influencing Factors and Policies of the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee on Social Security Implementation
- 2.1.1. Influencing Factors on the Leadership of the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee Regarding Social Security
- 2.1.1.1. Geographical Location and Natural, Economic, and Social Conditions of Binh Dinh Province

About natural conditions; About economy; About culture, society, ethnicity, and religion; About tradition and history

2.1.1.2. Social Security Implementation in Binh Định Province Before 2010

Before 2010, the Bình Định Provincial Party Committee implemented the resolutions of the 10th National Party Congress and the 17th Provincial Party Congress (2005 - 2010 term). The implementation process had its advantages and challenges.

A major achievement in social security before 2010 was the province's proactive efforts to mobilize resources for disaster recovery, stabilizing production, and ensuring people's livelihoods. However, there were still certain difficulties and limitations.

2.1.1.3. Party's Policies on Social Security

The 11th National Congress of the Communist Party of Vietnam clearly stated: Continue to revise and improve the social insurance and unemployment insurance system, social assistance, as well as various support and relief policies with diverse and flexible forms, to comprehensively support all members of society, especially vulnerable groups; Effectively implement poverty alleviation programs in remote, isolated, and particularly disadvantaged areas; Mobilizing all social resources along with state support to enhance the material and spiritual well-being of those who have contributed to the country.

Subsequently, Resolution No. 15-NQ/TW of the 11th Party Central Committee defined the fundamental viewpoints as follows: Improving the material and spiritual lives of those with meritorious service, while ensuring social security as a key and ongoing task for the Party, the State, and the entire political system; Preferential policies for those with meritorious service and social security must align with economic and social development at each stage, ensuring resource mobilization and national balance. Special priority should be given to people in difficult circumstances, poor households, and ethnic minorities; The

social security system must be built to be diverse and comprehensive, ensuring fairness and sustainability through shared responsibility among the State, community, and individuals; The State plays a leading role in preferential policies for those with meritorious service and effective social security implementation, while promoting socialization and encouraging participation from organizations, businesses, and citizens; Strengthening international cooperation to expand resources and adopt effective practices for social security policy development and implementation.

The Resolution also clearly defined the key tasks to be undertaken: Policies to support people with meritorious services; Ensuring social security; Employment, income, and poverty reduction; Social insurance; Social assistance for people in particularly difficult circumstances; Guaranteeing minimum levels of essential social services for citizens, especially the poor, disadvantaged individuals, and ethnic minorities (Ensuring minimum education; Ensuring minimum healthcare; Ensuring minimum housing; Ensuring clean water; Ensuring access to information).

Alongside the aforementioned tasks, the Resolution set forth the following fundamental solutions: Strengthen the leadership, direction, and management of Party committees and authorities, mobilizing the participation of the entire political system to effectively implement programs and policies for people with meritorious services and ensure social security; Enhance propaganda and legal dissemination to raise community awareness about the benefits and preferential policies for people with meritorious services; Reform state management in the field of preferential treatment for people with meritorious services and social security; Promote international cooperation, leveraging resources and experience in the formulation and implementation of social security policies; The government commits to ensuring sufficient resources to implement policies for people with meritorious services, while also focusing on reasonable budget allocation and promoting socialization to mobilize additional resources for social security policy implementation.

2.1.2. Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee's Policies on Social Security Implementation

The 18th Congress of the Provincial Party Committee of Binh Dinh set forth orientations and objectives for implementing social security: aligning economic development with effectively addressing social issues; and improving the material and spiritual well-being of the people.

The Congress set forth key targets such as: achieving a vocational training rate of

approximately 55% among the workforce; creating 25,000 to 30,000 new jobs annually; and striving to reduce the poverty rate by 1.5% to 2% each year based on the new criteria.

The Congress set forth key tasks regarding social security: *Regarding social incentives*: Continue to promote the movements "Gratitude and Remembrance" and establish the "Gratitude Fund"; *Regarding poverty reduction*: Effectively implement national programs on employment solutions and poverty alleviation. By the end of 2015, reduce the province's poverty rate to approximately 6%; *Regarding social insurance and health insurance*: By 2015, ensure that the total number of health insurance participants in the entire province exceeds 1,000,000; *Regarding social assistance*: Timely implementation of social assistance policies for individuals in need.

The Congress outlined solutions for implementing social security:

Implement poverty reduction sustainably. The Provincial Party Committee has identified key solutions: Enhance the leadership role of the grassroots political system in poverty reduction efforts; Strengthen propaganda activities to raise awareness of poverty reduction initiatives; Mobilize multiple resources and implement socialization measures for effective poverty alleviation.

Implement social insurance and health insurance. The Provincial Party Committee has identified the following solutions: Strengthen the leadership and direction of Party committees and authorities on social insurance and health insurance; Consolidate and innovate operational methods to enhance the quality and effectiveness of social insurance and health insurance implementation; Intensify propaganda efforts regarding social insurance and health insurance.

Implement social assistance and social incentives. The Provincial Party Committee has proposed the following solutions: Ensure timely, accurate, and comprehensive implementation of policies for social protection beneficiaries; Effectively carry out support programs for vocational training and employment for workers, especially those in difficult circumstances; Promote socialization in social assistance and social incentives while actively advancing the "Gratitude and Remembrance" movement.

2.2. The Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee directs the implementation of social security

Implementing the Resolution of the 18th Provincial Party Congress, district party committees, town party committees, city party committees, affiliated party committees of the Provincial Party Committee, and all levels and sectors in the province have proactively

developed plans and timely implemented comprehensive social security policies across the region.

Based on the Provincial Party Committee's guidelines, the Provincial Party Committee, the People's Council, and the People's Committee have issued multiple directives guiding all levels and sectors in executing social security policies.

2.2.1. Directing the implementation of social incentives

A notable example is Decision No. 2150/QĐ-UBND, issued on October 3, 2012, by the Chairman of the Provincial People's Committee, which governs the implementation of health insurance policies for individuals who directly participated in the resistance against the U.S., in accordance with Decision No. 290/2005/QĐ-TTg dated November 8, 2005, issued by the Prime Minister.

Regarding the results of social incentives implementation between 2010 and 2015, under the leadership of the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee, Party authorities promptly directed the implementation of policies and benefits for people who contributed to the revolution. Efforts were made to resolve outstanding cases concerning individuals with meritorious service, including providing one-time allowances to an average of 50,457 recipients per year and monthly allowances and subsidies to approximately 40,606 individuals annually...

2.2.2. Directing employment solutions and poverty reduction

A notable example is Resolution No. 52/2011/NQ-HĐND, issued on December 9, 2011, by the Provincial People's Council, outlining the sustainable poverty reduction program for Binh Dinh Province during the 2011-2015 period and the poverty reduction orientation until 2020...

Regarding the results of employment solutions and poverty reduction, significant achievements were made. Each year, job placement services were provided for approximately 8,000-15,000 individuals;... Directed the development and implementation of the poverty reduction program for the 2010-2015 period, in accordance with the new poverty standards and the specific conditions of the province, including support in education, healthcare, preferential credit loans, electricity subsidies, and legal aid for the poor.

2.2.3. Directing social insurance and unemployment insurance

A notable example is Directive No. 23-CT/TU, issued on December 12, 2012, by the Provincial Party Committee, regarding the implementation of Resolution No. 21-NQ/TW of the Politburo, which aimed to strengthen the Party's leadership over social insurance and

health insurance policies during the 2012-2020 period...

Regarding the results of social insurance and health insurance implementation, significant achievements were made. During the 2010-2015 period, the average labor force participation rate in social insurance was 8.66% (9.6% in 2012). Meanwhile, the number of participants in unemployment insurance during the same period reached 80,234 individuals...

2.2.4. Directing social assistance and relief aid

A notable example is Decision No. 615/QĐ-UBND, issued on December 31, 2010, by the Provincial People's Committee, which established regulations on social assistance levels for beneficiaries in Binh Dinh Province...

Regarding the results of social assistance and relief aid implementation: *Social assistance:* Policies ensuring social allowances for eligible beneficiaries were implemented in full compliance with regulations. Measures for medical treatment, orthopedic correction, and functional rehabilitation for children were appropriately carried out; *Relief aid:* Social security policies were promptly executed, especially emergency relief during the annual Lunar New Year, disaster recovery efforts for damages caused by natural disasters, crop failures, accidents, and epidemics. These initiatives have significantly contributed to stabilizing and improving the livelihoods of people in the province.

2.2.5. Directing the assurance of minimum levels of basic social services

A notable example is Decision No. 55/2015/QĐ-UBND, issued on December 25, 2015, by the Provincial People's Committee, which regulates tuition fees in accordance with Decree No. 86/2015/NQ-CP, dated October 2, 2015, issued by the Government. This decree establishes the mechanism for collecting and managing tuition fees for educational institutions within the national education system, along with policies for tuition reductions, exemptions, and financial aid for students from the 2015-2016 academic year to the 2020-2021 academic year in Binh Dinh Province...

Regarding the results of ensuring minimum levels of basic social services: Firstly, guaranteeing minimum education standards; Secondly, ensuring minimum healthcare services; Fourthly, providing access to clean water; Fifthly, ensuring access to communication and information services.

CHAPTER 2 SUMMARY

From 2010 to 2015, fully aware of the position and importance of implementing social security, the Binh Dinh provincial party committee thoroughly grasped and creatively

applied the party's guidelines and policies on social security to local practice. as a result, it promptly formulated appropriate directions to address urgent social issues in Binh Dinh...

Through the comprehensive implementation of social protection measures - including employment solutions, poverty reduction, social insurance, unemployment insurance, social assistance, and ensuring minimum standards for basic social services - the Binh Dinh provincial party committee, directly led by the provincial party executive committee, achieved significant results. however, certain limitations remain: communication efforts have not reached all target groups, and the understanding of social security among some officials and citizens is still partial and superficial...

This situation has directly affected the lives of some beneficiaries of social security and the province's sustainable socio-economic development, at the same time, it poses a requirement for the provincial party committee of Binh Dinh to adjust its leadership in implementing social security to better align with local realities; to continue innovating leadership methods; to strengthen the training and capacity-building of officials; and to enhance inter-sectoral coordination while mobilizing the collective strength of the entire political system and society to more effectively implement social security in the following five-year period (2015-2020).

Chapter 3

THE BINH DINH PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE LED EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SOCIAL SECURITY (2015 - 2020)

- 3.1. New Influencing Factors and the Policies of the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee to Strengthen Social Security Implementation (2015 2020)
- 3.1.1. New Influencing Factors Affecting the Leadership of the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee in Enhancing Social Security Implementation
- 3.1.1.1. The global and domestic context, along with emerging challenges in implementing social security in Binh Dinh

The dissertation has provided an overview of the global and domestic context, highlighting both favorable conditions and challenges, as well as the emerging issues in the implementation of social security in Binh Dinh.

3.1.1.2. Addressing Limitations in Social Security Implementation in Binh Dinh (2010 - 2015)

During the years 2010-2015, in implementing the Resolution of the 18th Provincial Party Congress for the 2010-2015 term, the leadership and direction of

social security policies by the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee encountered several shortcomings that directly affected the effectiveness of social security implementation.

The limitations in security execution during this period required the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee to develop a timely and accurate understanding, adopt more appropriate policies, and enforce stronger directives in order to improve the effectiveness of social security implementation in the 2015-2020 period.

3.1.1.3. Economic and Social Development Goals of Binh Dinh Province (2015 - 2020)

Goals: Continue integrating economic development with the resolution of social issues...striving to establish Binh Dinh as a well-developed province in the Central region.

Key tasks: Maintain an annual GDP growth rate of 8%...

Regarding tasks and solutions: Continue to effectively implement the Ordinance on preferential policies for people who contributed to the revolution; Implement policies to promote production, create jobs, support vocational training, and expand opportunities for workers to work abroad; Encourage farmers and freelance workers to participate in voluntary social insurance while enforcing measures that require employers to fulfill their obligation to pay insurance for employees.

3.1.2. Party and Provincial Policies on Social Security Implementation

3.1.2.1. The Party's Policies on Social Security Implementation

Perspectives and Directions: The 12th National Party Congress emphasized continued innovation and creativity in leadership, economic management, and social development. The focus remained on ensuring social security, expanding welfare benefits, improving citizens' quality of life, and reducing wealth disparity.

Overall goal by 2020: Promote cultural development, uphold democracy, advance social equity, ensure social security, enhance welfare, and improve living standards.

Tasks and Solutions: Promote sustainable development in cultural and social sectors, ensuring a strong connection between economic growth, the enhancement of cultural values, and the advancement of social progress and equity, ultimately improving the quality of life for citizens; Continue refining the policy system to

improve the living conditions of people with meritorious services, ensuring legal review and adjustments to enhance state management efficiency in social security; Strengthen sustainable poverty reduction measures, with a particular focus on disadvantaged areas, while developing specialized policies to accelerate poverty alleviation for ethnic minority communities; Encourage citizens to enhance their ability to self-secure social security, effectively implement public employment policies, unemployment insurance, and temporary support programs for public sector workers who lose their jobs; Expand social insurance coverage, improve the efficiency of the system, and reform financial mechanisms to ensure the stable and sustainable development of the social insurance fund; Continue adjusting and refining policies to encourage community participation while enhancing the effectiveness of social assistance programs; Adopt a multidimensional approach to defining poverty standards, ensuring minimum income levels and enabling access to essential services such as education, healthcare, housing, clean water, and information.

3.1.2.2. The Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee's Policies for Strengthening Social Security Implementation

The Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee clearly defined the key social security objectives for the 2015-2020 period as follows: Per capita GRDP to reach USD 3,200-3,500; More than 50% of communes to meet the new rural development standards; 56% of the workforce to receive vocational training and education; Annual creation of 28,000-32,000 new jobs.

To achieve the aforementioned objectives, the Provincial Party Committee set forth the following key tasks: *Regarding social insurance, health insurance, and unemployment insurance:* Promote the implementation of health insurance to move toward universal health coverage. Strive to have around 50% of the workforce participating in mandatory social insurance and 35% participating in unemployment insurance by 2020; *Regarding social incentives:* By 2018, complete housing support for households of people with meritorious services who face housing difficulties; *Regarding employment and poverty reduction:* Continue effectively implementing the provincial employment program for the 2016–2020 period; *Regarding social assistance and relief aid:* Develop care models for the elderly, orphans, and people with disabilities...

To achieve the aforementioned goals and fulfill the identified tasks, the

Provincial Party Committee proposed the following solutions: Accelerate employment solutions and poverty reduction efforts; Strengthen social insurance and health insurance management; Enhance the implementation of social assistance and relief aid programs; Further promote social incentives.

The strategies, objectives, and solutions outlined by the Provincial Party Committee demonstrate a growing awareness of the significance and role of social security within the Party Committee's policies.

3.2. The leadership of the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee in advancing social security implementation

Implementing the directives of the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee, the Provincial People's Council and the People's Committee have translated the contents of Resolution No. 15-NQ/TW into multiple leadership and policy documents. These efforts are closely tied to the province's socio-economic development policies, strategies, and plans.

3.2.1. Leadership in promoting social incentives

A prominent example is Decision No. 642/QĐ-UBND, issued on March 4, 2016, by the Provincial People's Committee, which introduced a supplementary housing support initiative for individuals with meritorious services, aligned with Decision No. 22/2013/QĐ-TTg, dated April 26, 2013...

Regarding the results of social incentive implementation, significant achievements have been recorded. Efforts were made to resolve outstanding cases of individuals with meritorious service, including providing one-time allowances to an average of 43,878 recipients per year and monthly allowances and subsidies to approximately 37,808 recipients annually...

3.2.2. Leadership in advancing employment solutions and poverty reduction

A notable initiative is Decision No. 1196/QĐ-UBND, issued on April 13, 2016, by the Provincial People's Committee, which approved the labor export implementation plan for An Lao, Van Canh, and Vinh Thanh districts, in accordance with Decision No. 71/2009/QĐ-TTg, dated April 29, 2009, issued by the Prime Minister, covering the 2016–2020 period...

Regarding the results of employment solutions and poverty reduction, major progress has been made. The poverty rate in the province decreased to 3.43%, with an average annual reduction of 1.9%, based on new poverty criteria, successfully

meeting established targets...

3.2.3. Leadership in advancing social insurance and unemployment insurance implementation

A notable example is Directive No. 27-CT/TU, issued on September 26, 2017, by the Provincial Party Standing Committee, which focused on strengthening the Party's leadership over health insurance-related medical examination and treatment efforts...

Regarding the results of social insurance and unemployment insurance implementation, significant progress was achieved. By the end of 2020, the labor force participation rate in social insurance reached 16.48%, compared to 9.6% in 2012...

3.2.4. Leadership in advancing social assistance implementation

A notable example is Resolution No. 71/2017/NQ-HĐND, issued on July 14, 2017, by the Provincial People's Council, which introduced financial support policies for health insurance contributions for certain beneficiaries in the province...

Regarding the results of social assistance and relief aid implementation: *Social assistance:* The province is currently managing and providing regular community-based social allowance payments for 97,024 beneficiaries. *Relief aid:* 620 beneficiaries are being managed and cared for in social protection facilities...

3.2.5. Leadership in advancing the assurance of minimum levels of essential social services

A notable example is Plan No. 34-KH/TU, issued on May 16, 2018, by the Provincial Party Standing Committee, which focuses on the implementation of the Resolution of the Sixth Plenum of the 12th Central Committee of the Communist Party on strengthening healthcare protection, care, and improvement for the people in the new context...

Regarding the results of efforts to ensure a minimum standard of living and basic social services: Ensuring minimum education standards; Guaranteeing minimum healthcare services; Ensuring minimum housing conditions; Providing access to clean water. Ensuring communication and information access...

CHAPTER 3 SUMMARY

From 2015 to 2020, based on the party's guidelines and policies, the Binh Dinh provincial party committee led efforts to strengthen the implementation of social security, achieving many positive results across all areas: employment generation and poverty reduction; social protection; social insurance; social work; and ensuring minimum standards for several basic social services.

In addition to the achievements, there are still some limitations, such as communication and advocacy efforts that at times lack specificity and fail to reach certain target groups. as a result, a portion of society still has an incomplete understanding of social security; coordination and shared responsibility among sectors and levels of government are occasionally weak; inspection and supervision are not conducted regularly, leading to delays in identifying and addressing emerging issues; personnel work remains inadequate; and the qualifications and capacity of some officials involved in social security are still limited...

Therefore, the implementation of social security during the 2015–2020 period was elevated to a new level, but further efforts are still needed to strengthen and enhance its effectiveness.

Chapter 4

OBSERVATIONS AND EXPERIENCES

4.1. Observations on the Leadership of the Bình Định Provincial Party Committee in Implementing Social Welfare (2010 - 2020)

4.1.1. Strengths and Their Causes

4.1.1.1. Strengths

Firstly, based on the party's viewpoints and directives, as well as the state's policies and laws on social security, the Binh Dinh provincial party committee promptly formulated guidelines for implementing social security in alignment with the local realities of the province

Specifically: The Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee has promptly formulated a comprehensive social security policy, aligned with the local realities; The Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee has identified accurate, comprehensive, and synchronized tasks and solutions, while focusing on key, strategic priorities; In the course of leading the implementation of social security, it is essential to

promptly supplement policies and introduce solutions that align with the province's practical circumstances.

Secondly, the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee has demonstrated proactiveness, initiative, and creativity in effectively directing the implementation of social security policies

Specifically: Proactive and determined leadership in addressing employment for the general workforce and vulnerable groups; in implementing social incentives; in directing social assistance programs; in enforcing social insurance and unemployment insurance policies; and in ensuring minimum standards for essential social services

Thirdly, the sound leadership of the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee in implementing social security policies has yielded positive outcomes, contributing to the improvement of both the material and spiritual well-being of the local population

Specifically: Supporting job creation, income stabilization, and poverty reduction for disadvantaged workers; expanding the coverage and effective implementation of social insurance; broadening access and enhancing the quality of medical services within the health insurance system to ensure practical benefits for the people; improving the quality of life for beneficiaries of social assistance; and effectively implementing policies on social incentives.

4.1.1.2. Causes of Success

*Objective Causes: The Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee received close leadership and guidance from the Politburo, the Secretariat, and the Central Committee of the Communist Party throughout the process of implementing social security policies from 2010 to 2020. During this period, the comprehensive national renewal under the Party's leadership brought about significant socio-economic transformations, thereby laying a solid foundation for the effective implementation of social security policies. Inheriting and promoting the profound traditional values of the nation, the Party Committee, authorities, and people of Binh Dinh Province adopted flexible and creative approaches to mobilize social resources in order to effectively realize social security policies. In the course of implementation, the Provincial Party Committee not only focused on issuing and executing support policies and directives, but also placed special emphasis on fostering and promoting the spirit of 'self-reliance and resilience'-a deeply rooted traditional value of the

Vietnamese people.

* Subjective Causes: Throughout the leadership process in implementing social security policies, the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee consistently demonstrated alignment between perception and action, regarding social security as a vital political task closely linked to the goals of sustainable development and improving the people's living standards. In its leadership, the Committee applied strategic thinking, ensuring a comprehensive, synchronized, and focused approach grounded in local realities. During implementation, specialized agencies and sociopolitical organizations in Binh Dinh Province coordinated effectively, upholding a strong sense of responsibility and operational capacity to carry out assigned tasks successfully.

4.1.2. Limitations and Their Causes

4.1.2.1. Limitations

Firstly, some Party committees at certain levels have, at times, failed to fully and accurately perceive the position and significance of social security issues

Secondly, at certain times and in some localities, Party committees and local authorities have not paid adequate attention to the dissemination and thorough understanding of the Party's viewpoints and directives, as well as the State's policies and laws on social security

Thirdly, certain limitations remain in specific areas during the leadership and implementation of social security policies

4.1.2.2. Causes of Limitations

* Objective Causes: Social security is an issue that intersects with multiple sectors. The adverse effects of the market mechanism's negative aspects have profoundly impacted the socio-economic life of the country as a whole and of localities in particular, including Binh Dinh Province. The financial resource requirements for ensuring social security in the province are substantial. Among the beneficiaries, a portion has not made sufficient efforts to rise above their circumstances or to partially meet their own social security needs.

*Subjective Causes: During the leadership and implementation of social security policies, certain Party committees, agencies, and units-particularly at the grassroots level-have lacked initiative and creativity in carrying out assigned tasks. At times, the implementation process has also suffered from a lack of coordination

among relevant departments, sectors, and mass organizations. Furthermore, the limited capacity of some officials working in the field of social security has resulted in low policy effectiveness and, in some cases, confusion in handling practical situations.

- 4.2. Lessons Learned from the Bình Định Provincial Party Committee's Leadership in Social Security Implementation (2010-2020)
- 4.2.1. Enhancing Awareness Among Party Committees Regarding the Role and Importance of Social Security Implementation for Binh Dinh Sustainable Development

Drawing on these experiences, in order to enhance the effectiveness of social security implementation in the coming period, the provincial political system should focus on the following key tasks: Strengthening the leadership and direction of Party committees; incorporating social security content into training and capacity-building programs for cadres; intensifying inspection, supervision, preliminary and final reviews; and renewing approaches to communication and political-ideological education.

- 4.2.2. Closely integrate the implementation of social security policies with economic development programs, plans, and policies, as well as with the execution of national defense and security strategies led by the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee
- 4.2.2.1. Closely integrate the implementation of social security policies with economic development programs, plans, and policies

Building upon these experiences, in the coming period, the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee should focus on the following key tasks: Party committees at all levels must direct the formulation of economic development programs that concretely and practically incorporate social security components; increase investment in sectors that serve both economic purposes and social security objectives, such as education, healthcare, vocational training, and livelihood development; and enhance the management and coordination capacity of grassroots-level officials responsible for social security and economic development.

4.2.2.2. Closely integrate the implementation of social security policies with national defense and security strategies

In the course of leading the implementation of political tasks, the Binh Dinh

Provincial Party Committee has deeply recognized the dialectical relationship between promoting social security and strengthening national defense and security. Under the leadership of Party committees and local authorities, the provincial armed forces have closely coordinated with relevant sectors in mass mobilization, disaster prevention, and search and rescue efforts, thereby fostering solidarity and strengthening the bond between the military and the people. The close integration of social security with national defense and security in Binh Dinh represents a comprehensive, humane, and sustainable development strategy, contributing to political stability, safeguarding the achievements of the renewal process, and enhancing the province's standing in the region.

4.2.3. Regularly update and promptly develop the guidelines and policies of the Provincial Party Committee on social security to meet the evolving local context and emerging tasks

Building upon these experiences, in the coming period, Party committees at all levels and the provincial political system should synchronously implement the following tasks: establish mechanisms for regular review and evaluation of ongoing social security policies at the local level; strengthen research and forecasting of socio-economic trends to proactively formulate appropriate social security guidelines and policies; and promote the role of social criticism by the Vietnam Fatherland Front and socio-political organizations in the process of developing and revising social security policies.

4.2.4. Promote the role of the political system in binh định province and implement the socialization of social security efforts throughout the province

Building upon these experiences, in the coming period, the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee should synchronously implement the following tasks: promote the leading role of local governments at all levels in carrying out social security policies; enhance the role and responsibility of the Vietnam Fatherland Front, socio-political organizations, professional associations, non-governmental organizations, and the general public in the implementation of social security; strengthen the role of the Provincial Farmers' Association; advance the role of the Provincial Women's Union; reinforce the role of the Provincial Veterans' Association; and promote the contributions of the Provincial Association for Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin".

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER IV

The practical leadership in implementing social security policies by the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee during the 2010-2020 period has achieved notable accomplishments. However, certain limitations and shortcomings remain, stemming from both subjective and objective causes.

The practical leadership in implementing social security policies by the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee has yielded valuable lessons: enhancing the awareness of Party committees at all levels regarding the position, role, and importance of social security in the province's sustainable development; closely integrating the implementation of social security with economic development programs, plans, and policies, as well as with national defense and security strategies of the Provincial Party Committee; regularly updating and promptly developing the Party Committee's guidelines and policies on social security to meet the evolving local context and emerging tasks; and promoting the role of the provincial political system in advancing the socialization of social security efforts across the province.

In addition, each lesson learned is accompanied by a set of specific, actionable insights, aimed at further promoting these valuable experiences in the future and enabling the Provincial Party Committee to lead the implementation of social security policies more effectively

CONCLUSION

- 1. Throughout the revolutionary leadership process, especially during the renovation period, the Party and the State have consistently prioritized social policies in general and social welfare in particular. The Party's guiding principle is to ensure progress and social equity at every stage of development. Social welfare is regarded as a defining advantage of the socialist regime in Vietnam. Upholding the Party's viewpoint and directives, during the renovation period particularly from 2010 to 2020 the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee has consistently focused on leading and implementing social welfare policies.
- 2. The Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee's leadership in implementing social welfare policies from 2010 to 2020 was influenced by various objective and subjective factors. Despite these challenges, the Party Committee effectively directed the implementation of key social welfare issues, including social benefits, employment solutions and poverty reduction, social insurance, health insurance, social assistance, and ensuring basic living standards alongside essential social services.
- 3. Under the provincial Party Committee's leadership, the implementation of social welfare policies from 2010 to 2020 achieved positive results. The province successfully internalized and applied the Communist Party of Vietnam's guidelines on social welfare to address urgent social issues in Bình Định. However, some limitations remained, such as insufficiently detailed outreach and mobilization efforts that did not effectively reach all target groups.
- 4. The practical experience of the Binh Dinh Provincial Party Committee in leading social welfare implementation from 2010 to 2020 has yielded valuable lessons and achievements for future initiatives./.

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