

ASSA AWARD – VIET NAM SOCIAL SECURITY

CATEGORY	:	Continuous Improvement Recognition Award
ORGANIZATION	:	Viet Nam Social Security
CONTACT PERSON	:	Department of International Cooperation Viet Nam Social Security
NAME OF PROJECT	:	VSS expands the voluntary social insurance coverage.
OBJECTIVE AND NATURE OF PROJECT	:	Expanding social insurance (SI) coverage to entire the labor force, implementing objectives set out in Resolution 28-NQ/TW by 2021 to reach about 35% of the labour force participating SI; towards the goals of universal SI in Viet Nam. Ensuring the social security to the employees, the income and stable life after retirement.
WHY IT SHOULD BE RECOGNISED	:	VSS has constantly and endlessly made effort to develop the voluntary SI participants over the past years, and achieve remarkable growth in the number of voluntary social insurance participants has made a remarkable growth. From 2018 to June 2020, this number has increased from 6,110 to 670,806 people. Especially, in 2019, the number of new participants increased by 300,000.
SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT	:	In Viet Nam, voluntary SI policy has been implemented since 01 st January 2008 according to the Law on Social Insurance (Law No.71/2006/QH11) with the objective of ensuring the social security for more people after retirement and creating the opportunities for all employees in rural and informal sectors. According to the regulations, the participants are Vietnamese citizens aged from full 15 to 60 years for men and 55 years for women, covered by compulsory SI; in addition, people aged full 60 years for men and 55 years for women, who have had contributed SI for at least 15 years, not received the lump-sum retirement and needed to contribute voluntary SI to reach 20 years of social insurance contribution to enjoy retirement and survivor benefits.

	In 2014, the National Assembly of Viet Nam issued the Law on SI No. 58/2014/QH13 valid from 2016, which overcame some limitations and encouraged the development of voluntary SI participants such as: no age limit, diversified and flexible contribution methods; extending the contribution time; more appropriate minimum income level as contribution (equal to the standard of being a poor household in rural area); since 01 January 2018, the State of Viet Nam has been supporting the voluntary social insurance participants' premium. The voluntary SI policy in Viet Nam is gradually supplemented and completed. An agency implementing the voluntary SI, to archive these above success, VSS has been issuing synchronous solutions such as: always actively, closely consistent to the goals, orientations of the Party and State of Viet Nam; actively cooperating with the related Ministries; making proposal to the Government and Prime Minister for promulgation many documents on expanding the voluntary SI coverage. VSS also has been timely promulgating the directing and guiding documents, professional process is in accordance with the law and policies; directing the provincial Social Security Office to actively consult, take advantage of the leadership and direction of the Committees, local authorities, closely cooperate with associated departments in the process of expanding the coverage of voluntary SI. VSS has also promoted the propaganda and mobilization of people to participate the voluntary SI; strengthened the inspection and examination; expanded the system of SI collecting agents nationwide, reforming administrative procedures, applying information technology, creating favorable conditions, businesses and citizens ...
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