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# 1st Anniversary of Remembrance Sir Ketumile Quett Joni Masire 23 July 1925 - 22 June 2017



P5.00 Stamp:  
**THE EDUCATOR**

The stamp depicts the youthful former President in his prime as a teacher before becoming part of the emerging political elite in the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

In 1948, he was appointed acting-headmaster of Kanye Junior Secondary School, later called Seepapitso Senior Secondary School, a school established by the Bangwaketse Tribal School Committee.



P7.00 Stamp:  
**THE NATION'S LEADER**

In 1980, after the passing on of Botswana's first President, Sir Seretse Khama, the then-Vice-President, Ketumile Masire, became Botswana's second President. He continued to build upon the Four National Principles, which the young country was founded on: *Democracy, Development, Unity and National Self-reliance*. He was committed to entrenching democratic ideals in Botswana and Africa as a whole. During his presidency, Masire received an honorary knighthood of the Grand Cross of Saint Michael and Saint George in 1991.

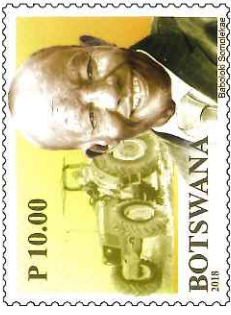


P10.00 Stamp:  
**THE FARMER and  
 POLITICAL DIGNITARY**

The stamp depicts the golden years of the late Sir Ketumile Masire. Post-presidency, Sir Ketumile Masire assumed many roles to capture and continue his legacy. He went back to his first love- farming. He embraced the role of the nation's father figure, through his Foundation, the *Sir Ketumile Masire Foundation*. He also continued to engage in peace-building initiatives and conflict resolutions throughout Africa.



P 7.00



P 10.00



June 2018

# 1st ANNIVERSARY OF REMEMBRANCE

**Sir Ketumile Quett Joni Masire, the late former President of Botswana, was born on 23 July 1925 and passed away on 22 June 2017.**

He hailed from Kanye, a village in the southern part of Botswana. He began his education journey at Rachele Primary School in Kanye in the then Bechuanaland Protectorate in the late 1930s. Due to his hardworking and academic prowess, Masire topped his class at the end of his primary education. He was one of the few Botswana students that obtained a government bursary to pursue further studies in South Africa.

In the 1940s, he went to the coveted London Missionary Society (LMS) run in Tiger Kloof, Vryburg, in the present North West Province of South Africa. The government bursary that Masire won was so generous such that it did not only cover his Junior Certificate and Matric, but also provided for the possibility of him studying for a degree course at Fort Hare University in the Cape Province. He graduated with a Junior Secondary School certificate, Matric and a teaching certificate from Tiger Kloof in the late 1940s.

After successfully completing his studies, Masire returned to his home village to teach at Kanye Junior Secondary School (KJSS). This school was established following a decision by the Bangwaketse Tribal School Committee.

Recognising his back-breaking work ethic, Masire was appointed the acting school head of the KJSS in January 1950 and was also appointed briefly as its school head, a position which he held until 1954. Masire's contribution to the development of education in Botswana is immense.

Under the Botswana University Campus Appeal, popularly known as "*motho le motho kgomo*" (literally translated as "one man one beast"), Masire and his government appealed to the nation to contribute anything that could be sold to raise money to build the University of Botswana campus in Gaborone in the mid-1970s.

President Masire was a respected and self-reliant man who took upon the duties of caring for his siblings at the age of 21 after the passing on of his parents (mother in 1944 and father in 1946). His misfortune had a negative impact on his education, it also instilled in him a sense of responsibility at a young age. Being a jovial and experimental person, he used his acquired knowledge at Tiger Kloof to venture into farming in his early years by employing tactics that were seen as abnormal by his tribesmen. In farming, he sought to enhance productivity and meaningfully develop a livelihood that would be accessible to many Botswana throughout the country.

A master farmer, President Masire described himself as a 'farmer loaned to politics'. He was also nicknamed "*Rra Terata*" (the "*father of fences*") because he pioneered the drift fences, which separate *masimo* (fields) and *meraka* (cattle posts). This concept became widely used throughout the country, and even today in the form of cluster fencing.

Many lessons from farming would later shape his contributions to politics, especially the agro-pastoral and land tenure reforms. Thus, President Masire was instrumental in the introduction of the Tribal Land Act in 1968, the Land Boards in 1970, the Tribal Grazing Land Policy in 1975, the Arable Land Development Programme in 1979, the Arable Rainfed Programme in 1983, the National Policy on Agricultural Development in 1990, and many others.



Official First Day Cover

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Denominations:** 5.00, 7.00 and 10.00  
**Stamp size:** 3 cm x 4 cm  
**First Day Cover:** 220 mm x 140 mm  
**Printer:** Southern Colour Print, New Zealand  
**Printing:** Four Colour Process  
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