



**REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA**

**COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY SPEECH**

**ORGANIZATION 9100**

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM REVENUE**

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**BY**

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**MINISTER OF FINANCE**

**ON**

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1. **Mr. Chairman**, I am privileged to present the 2026/2027 budget for Organization 9100, "Appropriations from Revenue".
2. **Mr. Chairman**, Government funds include three main funds which are appropriated for, in order to ensure accountability and compliance with budgets and legal restrictions. The Consolidated Fund, is the major fund established by Section 117 of the Constitution of Botswana, into which all Government Revenues or other monies raised or received for

the purposes of Government shall be paid, and from which funds are appropriated to meet the expenditures for the purpose of Government as authorized by the Constitution of Botswana, Appropriation Act and other acts of Parliament.

3. **Mr. Chairman**, the Development Fund (DF) and the Tertiary Education Development Fund (TEDF) are the main funds that were established to cater for development programmes and projects. The annual appropriations made from the Consolidated fund into these two funds seek to authorize spending on the development programmes and projects and accountability of the same. The Development Fund (DF), established under Section 36 of the Public Finance Management Act, and maintained as a separate account, is used for financing Government projects for economic and social development. Within the Development Fund, the Domestic Development Fund (DDF) is financed through

domestic sources and excludes external sources of funding such as Loans and Grants.

4. **Mr. Chairman**, the Tertiary Education Development Fund (TEDF) is a Special Fund set up through Statutory Instrument No. 57 of 2004. The purpose of this Fund is “to meet the costs of establishment of the Medical School and its associated facilities; expansion of the University of Botswana as well as the establishment of the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST)”. In line with this Instrument, the Minister of Finance is mandated to replenish the Fund with proceeds realized from the issuance of bonds under the Stocks, Bonds and Treasury Bills Act, Section 4 and 17, and such monies as may be donated or contributed into the Fund.

5. **Mr. Chairman**, the Appropriations from Revenue refers to the authorization of withdrawals from the Consolidated Fund Revenues to fund the Domestic Development Fund (DDF) and

the Tertiary Education Development Fund (TEDF). Accordingly, the 2026/2027 budget under this organization is proposed to finance a total of Twenty-Three Billion, Four Hundred and Ninety Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Five Pula (**P23 490 555 685**). The amount comprises appropriation of funds to the Domestic Development Fund (DDF) to finance part of the total Development Expenditure amounting to Twenty-Three Billion, Two Hundred and Nine Million, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Five Pula (**P23 209 795 685**), as well as projects under the TEDF amounting to Two Hundred and Eighty Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pula (**P280 760 000**).

6. **Mr. Chairman**, out of the total Development Fund (DF) expenditure of Twenty-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Eight Hundred and Fifteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Three Pula (**P23 375 815 203**), an

amount of Twenty-Three Billion, Two Hundred and Nine Million, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Five Pula **(P23 209 795 685)** is proposed for appropriation from the Consolidated Fund Revenue to the Domestic Development Fund (DDF), to finance part of the 2026/2027 development programmes and projects.

7. **Mr. Chairman**, the balance will be financed through Loans and Development Grants amounting to Ninety-Six Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty-Seven Pula **(P96 694 557)** and Sixty-Nine Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Pula **(P69 324 961)** respectively, which are direct receipts into the Development Fund.

8. **Mr. Chairman**, I further propose that an amount of Two Hundred and Eighty Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pula **(P280 760 000)** be appropriated to the

TEDF. Out of this amount, the proposed allocation of One Hundred and Eighty Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pula (P180 760 000) is proposed for allocation to Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital. The funds are earmarked for the procurement of essential medical equipment to support daily operations as well as for upgrading of information technology systems and software in order to improve efficiency in service delivery. As a teaching hospital, this allocation directly advances the strengthening of clinical training platforms, enhancing research capacity, and improving the quality of health professionals.

9. Furthermore, an amount of Fifty Million Pula (**P50 000 000**) is proposed for the construction of student hostels through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) implementation model at the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST). The funds will also

cover expansion of lecture rooms, thereby increasing teaching space, improving the learning environment, and supporting higher enrolment in science and technology programmes. The funds will also cover expansion of lecture rooms thereby increasing teaching space, improving the learning environment, and supporting higher enrolment in science and technology programmes.

10. In addition, a further allocation of Fifty Million Pula (**P50 000 000**) is proposed for the University of Botswana (UB), for the continuation of on-campus student accommodation for 630 students. This investment supports the objectives of TEDF by expanding institutional infrastructure, improving student welfare and creating an enabling learning environment conducive to academic success. This project will enable UB to accommodate all first year and international students on campus. The total requirement is 1 800 additional beds aimed at systematically addressing

accommodation shortages and supporting planned enrolment growth.

11. **Mr. Chairman**, this allocation directly supports the objective of financing infrastructure and capital projects that enhance teaching, learning, research, and skills development in critical sectors of the economy, particularly science, technology, engineering, innovation, and renewable energy. The proposed funds will support projects aimed at expanding training programmes that align with industry needs, particularly in technology and renewable energy. This investment will also strengthen the capacity of institutions to produce skills crucial for economic transformation.

12. **Mr. Chairman**, since this is the final item in the Schedule to the Appropriation Bill, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Honorable Members for their positive feedback on the budget and to reassure them that their valuable input

will be taken into consideration as Government programmes and projects are implemented, consistent with the National Development Plan 12 and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), to take us to the new Botswana.

**13. Mr. Chairman,** in conclusion, I move **“that the sum of Twenty-Three Billion, Four Hundred and Ninety Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Five Pula (P23 490 555 685) for Organization 9100 be approved and stand part of the Schedule to the Appropriation (2026/2027) Bill, 2026 – Bill No.1 of 2026”.**

14. I thank you, **Mr. Chairman.**