

Stamp values:	5c, 15c, 20c and 25c
Designer:	Hein Botha
Stamp format:	23,9 x 40,5 mm
Sheet division:	5 x 5 stamps (4 unidentified panes per plate)
Perforator:	Walter Kroll
Paper:	Harrison – not phosphorus coated and no watermark
Gum:	PVA
Printing process:	Lithography
Printer:	Government Printer, Pretoria
Quantity printed:	5c – 1 225 000, 15c and 20c – 895 000 of each and 25c – 890 000
Date-stamp	17
Designer:	Hein Botha
Cancellation:	Itsoseng

The UNO has designated 1981 as the International Year of the Disabled. The emblem for this year symbolizes two persons holding hands as a sign of solidarity and support. This emblem also appears on the Bophuthatswana commemorative cover and stamps.

Bophuthatswana aims at enabling disabled persons to develop into worthy members of society.

The Itireleng Institute in the Ga-Rankuwa/Odi area houses 233 blind persons of both sexes who receive training in cane and willow weaving. They also manufacture brush-ware and foam-rubber mattresses.

In the Bartemea School for the Deaf and Dumb, children with impeded hearing are introduced to the wonder-world of sound and they receive a thorough training in handicraft up to Standard Five.

The physically handicapped become self-supporting at the Itsoseng Handicraft Centre, where they are trained in sisal-weaving, woodwork and metal-work.

At Heystekrand, close to the Pilanesberg National Park, an extremely modern handicraft centre that will be controlled by the physically handicapped is now being built. Quality products for the tourist trade will be made here.

The Tlamelang School in the Gelukspan/Ditsobotla area provides training in weaving and tapestry, whereas the Gelukspan and T.C. Esterhuizen Institutes offer refuge to the cerebral-palsied and the chronically sick, who are taught handicraft, pottery and woodwork.

In the country-wide campaign against tuberculosis the well-equipped hospitals like the Moroka at Thaba Nchu, St. Konrad's at Taung and George Stegmann at Saulspoort and the Gelukspan, Jubilee and Thusong hospitals play an important part.

A society can be judged by the way it cares for its under-privileged and handicapped members. In this field Bophuthatswana again proves to be a worthy and civilized nation.