

- Association founded 1984
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1998



Flag



Association emblem



World map

American Samoa



South Pacific Ocean

Football in American Samoa

Football and rugby are the two most popular sports in American Samoa. The Football Federation of American Samoa is the only sports organisation that organises tournaments for teenagers and schoolchildren. Two full-time coaches are responsible for the overall promotion of football and they also hold courses for other groups and clubs that show interest. The number of men's and women's teams has grown steadily over the past few years. American Samoa experienced their first success when an international match was played on home ground for the first time. The national youth team managed a draw against opponents of the same age from the Cook Islands during the qualifiers for the U-17 confederation championship in Pago Pago in 2002.

The Goal Project

At a meeting on 1 May 2003, the Goal Bureau approved the construction of a combined training centre and national association headquarters as well as playing fields in Pago Pago, the costs of which were borne by Goal, the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme and the Oceania Football Confederation. It is thanks to these buildings that the association now has its own amenities and will no longer be forced to postpone national league matches through lack of available football pitches. Apart from new competitions and basic training courses for youths, the promotion of women's football is also in the pipeline. Goal will enable the association officials to carry out their day-to-day work, the centre provides ideal conditions for preparing the national teams and conducting training programmes on a variety of topics.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Training centre with grass pitches and integrated association headquarters in Pago Pago

Project approved

1 May 2003

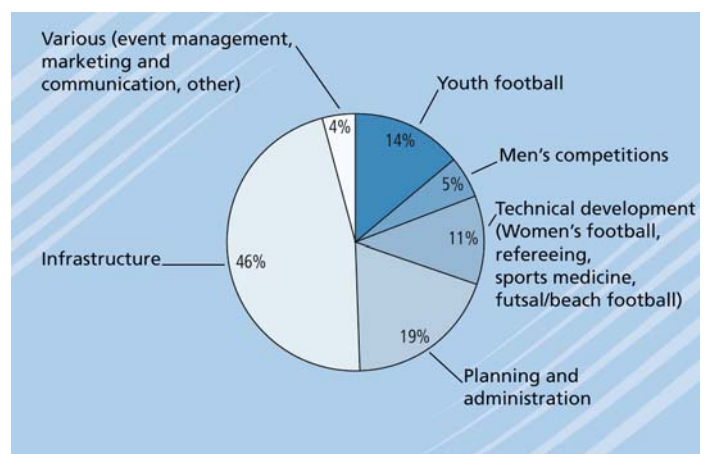
Status

Opened on 18 August 2007

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	250,000
Association	USD	98,700
Confederation	USD	118,000
Total cost	USD	866,700

Use of FAP funds



Football education and courses

	No of courses until 1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
FUTURO III regional courses																					
Refereeing (men and women)																					
Coaching (men)										●											
Coaching (women)															□						
Administration and management																					
Football medicine																					
Seminars																					
Women's football																					
Futsal																					
Com-Unity																					
MA Seminars																					
MA courses																					
Administration																	●				
Refereeing (men and women)																	●		●		
Coaching (men and women)																	●				
Beach soccer																					
Futsal																	●	●			
Olympic solidarity coaching courses																					
Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)	0																				
FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches																					

●: Course host country □: Course participant in another country

Women's football

When, in 1995, today's FIFA President said "The future of football is feminine", it was more than mere lip service. It reflected a strong belief in the huge potential that women's football has to develop. Ever since, FIFA has given targeted support for the efforts of associations who offer women the same opportunities to develop as male players. Launched in 1998, FIFA's Financial Assistance Programme (FAP) introduced a requirement in 2004 for the associations and confederations to invest at least 4% of their FAP funding into women's football. This threshold was increased to 10% in 2005. On top of this commitment, FIFA also promotes the women's game in more general ways by directly financing women's matches and organising competitions and symposiums. Thanks to its development programmes, FIFA is also playing an active role in the training of administrators, coaches, referees and sports doctors.



Convention with training possibilities in Pago Pago

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	1986
From which age on, players are registered?	11
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	25
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	n/a
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	no
University competitions	yes
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	yes
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	n/a



Confidence regarding future generations in American Samoa