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The first Goal Project

On 8 December 2002, FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter, accompanied by national association president Grigory Fedorov and Minister of Sport Evgeni Vorsin, opened a new football arena in Minsk, complete with an artificial pitch financed by Goal funds. The hall has a capacity of 3,000 and will be of particular importance during the winter months, when football normally comes to a standstill in Belarus. Work on the arena began in October 2002 and was completed in December of the same year. The arena will be used for training sessions of the national teams, as well as for matches in the league championship. It will also be used for events in youth and women's football, sometimes with the support of other organisations. By using this new facility on a regular basis, the national association will be able to compensate for the lack of other suitable facilities around the country.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Indoor artificial pitch in Minsk

Project approved

4 March 2002

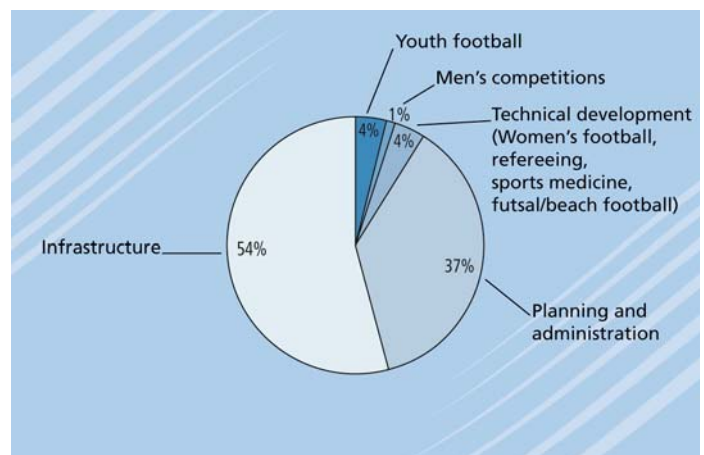
Status

Opened on 8 December 2002

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Government	Land	
Total cost	USD	400,000

Use of FAP funds



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Second Goal project

On 21 March 2007, the *Goal* Bureau formally agreed to support a large-scale project that will pave the way for major progress in Belorussian football. The planned project will provide facilities for a wide range of football activities on a single site. Three pitches (artificial and natural turf), an indoor pitch, accommodation, meeting rooms and offices will ensure that national teams at all levels have ideal training conditions, while a seminar room will provide a suitable venue for various training courses.

Financing of Goal project

Project

Training centre in Minsk

Project approved on

21 March 2007

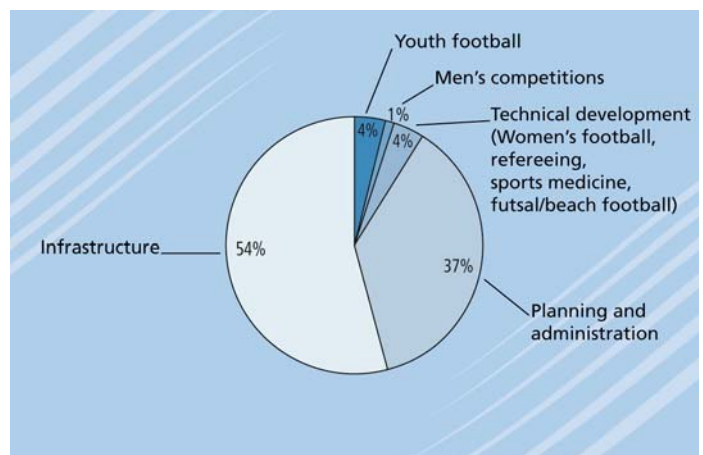
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Implementation

Financing

Goal	USD	400,000
Association	USD	7,000,000
Other sources	USD	3,000,000
Total cost	USD	10,400,000

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.



Irina Chukisova (left) from Bela FC

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	1986
From which age on, players are registered?	13
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	14
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	12
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	no
School competitions	no
Futsal competitions	no
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-17, U-19



International match versus Sweden