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The first Goal Project

At its meeting on 2 November 2002, the Goal Bureau added the Democratic Republic of Congo to the list of beneficiaries of the Goal Programme. A technical centre to promote youth and women's football is to be built. Following delays in the handover of land to the association, it was not until 15 October 2003 that the project was presented to the Goal Bureau and received the go-ahead. Following a twelve-month hold-up, construction commenced in January 2004. On 12 April 2005, the sports complex was inaugurated by FIFA President Blatter in an official celebration.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Technical centre for youth and womens football

Project approved

15 October 2003

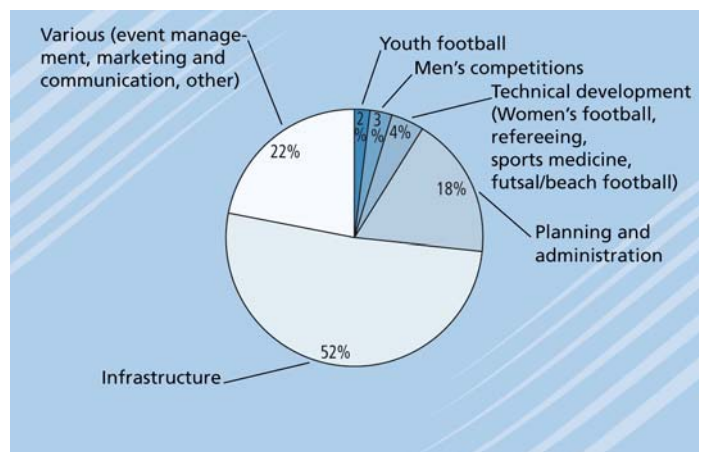
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Opened on 12 April 2005

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	200,000
Government	Land	
Total cost	USD	600,000

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The second Goal project

Additional work had to be conducted on the technical centre constructed under Project I and some important equipment and devices for the upkeep of buildings and pitches were required. Approved in summer 2005, the application also embraced the refurbishment of the federation headquarters to improve the working conditions of the administrative staff. The associated costs were met in full by the Goal programme, ensuring the Congolese federation incurred no additional expense.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Additional work to the technical centre and refurbishment of the federation headquarters

Project approved in

summer 2005

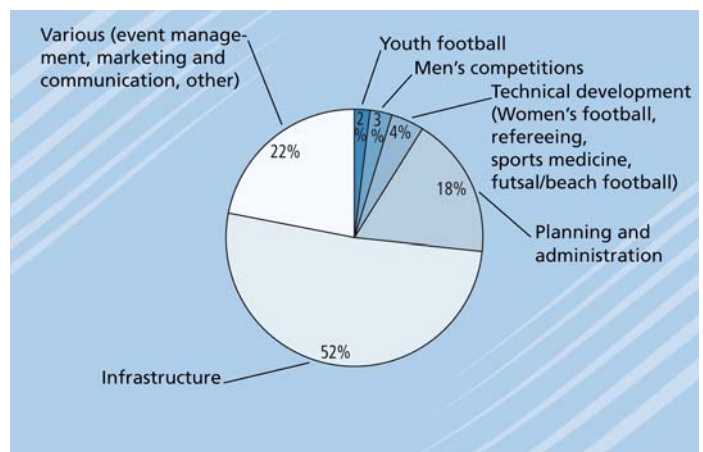
Status

Opened on 1 February 2007

Financed by

Goal	USD	400 000
Total costs	USD	400 000

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Third Goal project

Following the success of the artificial pitch that was installed at the national stadium (Stade des Martyrs) as part of the *Win in Africa with Africa* initiative, a request was made for an all-weather pitch at the Kenya Stadium in Lubumbashi (Katanga) to enable international matches to be played outside of the capital. The Goal Bureau approved this third project of the Congolese football association on 22 October 2008.

Financing of Goal project

Project

Artificial turf pitch in Lubumbashi, Katanga

Project approved on

22 October 2008

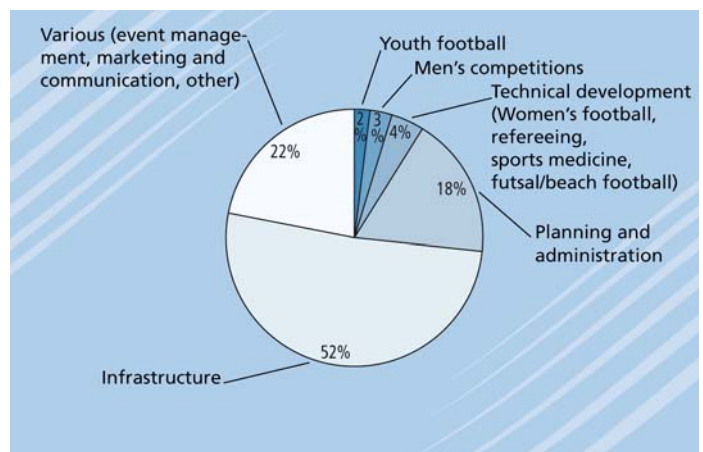
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Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Other sources	USD	400,000
Total cost	USD	800,000

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)																					
FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches	1													●							

●: 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.

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	1990
From which age on, players are registered?	16
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	31
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	0
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	no
University competitions	no
School competitions	no
Futsal competitions	no
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-20

Win in Africa with Africa

Under this motto, FIFA is seeking to use football pointedly as a development tool. At the same time, the governing body is aiming to focus attention on Africa in the build-up to the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ and project a positive image of a continent that is working hard for its own development.. The Win in Africa with Africa campaign was endorsed by the FIFA Congress in Marrakesh and assigned a USD 70 million budget by the Congress in Munich.

At its heart lies the initiative to provide every African nation with an international-standard artificial turf pitch. The remainder of the eight-point programme is intended to develop domestic competitions, train African sports executives, promote sports medicine and address topical issues relating to the FIFA World Cup™ in South Africa.

Further information on Win in Africa with Africa:
http://www.fifa.com/mm/goalprojectWinAF_E.pdf



Stade des Martyrs, Kinshasa



One of the first users of the new football turf pitch