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The first Goal Project

At its meeting on 1 May 2003, the Goal Bureau approved a project to lay an artificial turf pitch at the Cicero Stadium in Asmara. The project will be financed in full by the Goal Programme. The new pitch will be a welcome addition to the previously scant facilities for the football-mad youngsters of Eritrea. In addition, courses should be held as part of countless development initiatives and national teams will have ideal conditions to prepare for international matches. Funds from the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme have already been used to renovate the Denden Stadium in Asmara. As a result, the national association will soon have several pitches on which it can play matches at both domestic and international level.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Artificial pitch, maintenance equipment for the Cicero stadium in Asmara

Project approved

1 May 2003

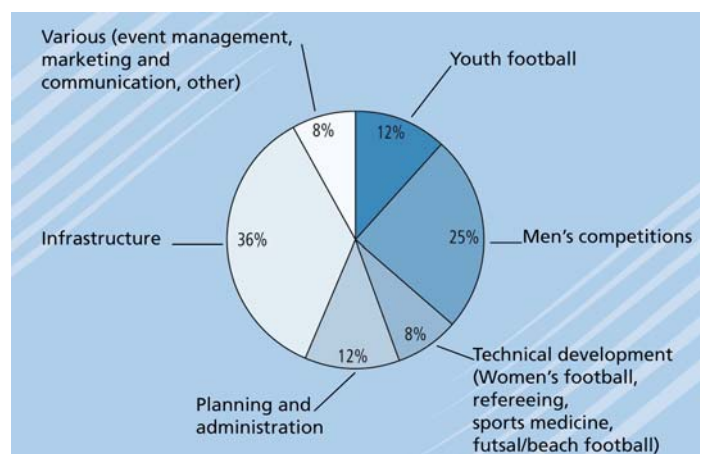
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Second Goal project

On 15 March 2006, the *Goal* Bureau approved the construction of a national training centre in Asmara, where an artificial pitch had already been laid in the renovated Cicero Stadium as part of project 1. This centre is intended to be used to discover youngsters with talent and to train them to international level. The government has donated the necessary land. *Goal* is funding the entire project.



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National training centre in Asmara

Project approved on

15 March 2006

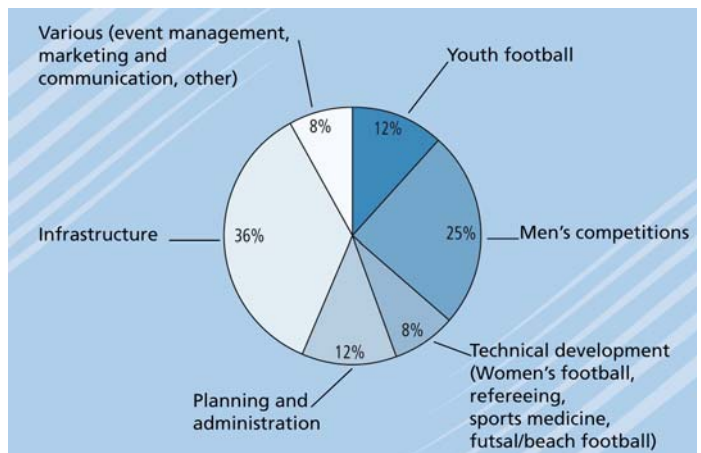
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Win in Africa with Africa

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



The Asmara National Stadium before the installation of a football turf pitch.



Preparation of the ground.



The Asmara Stadium shortly before being re-opened.