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## The first Goal Project

The *Goal* project inaugurated by FIFA Vice-President Jack A. Warner in the football-crazy town of Penonome on 23 February 2003 comprises a small stadium with enough accommodation for 44 players and offices (including the regional football association). The project was financed by *Goal* and the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme. In his address, the CONCACAF President praised the small community for its tireless efforts in promoting youth football, saying Penonome was the right location for the *Goal* project in Panama. Recent research by the Sports Ministry revealed that football is the fastest growing sport in Panama. The new sports complex will enable the community and regional and national associations to intensify their activities. The local and national governments that donated the land for the centre actively support football. Training camps for the national team and especially courses for youth and development programmes are already in the pipeline. Young footballers can look ahead to a very bright future.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Pitches and buildings in Complejo Futbolístico Virgilio Tejeira, Penonome

### Project approved

4 July 2001

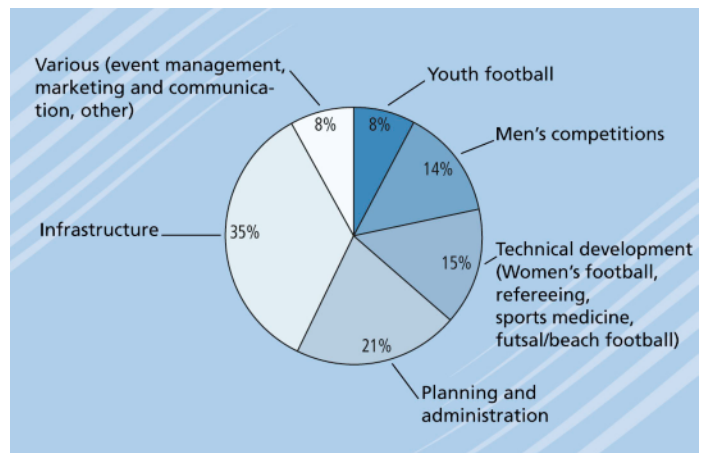
### Status

Opened on 23 February 2003

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>FAP</b>	USD	142,313
<b>Government</b>	Land	
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	542,313

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## The second Goal project

Thanks to the Goal Programme, one of the Panama football association's long-term dreams – having its own multi-purpose headquarters – will soon become reality. On 3 December 2006, the Goal Bureau approved a project to build association headquarters with offices, conference rooms and a permanent coaching academy. Construction work, which is scheduled to last nine months, began on 15 February 2007.

## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Multi-purpose association headquarters in Panama

### Project approved on

3 December 2006

### Status

Implementation

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>FAP</b>	USD	25,000
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	425,000

## Use of FAP funds

