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## The first Goal Project

On 4 March 2002, the *Goal* Bureau endorsed a project in Syria. A ceremony on 23 September 2002 saw the first turf cut to herald the start of construction of the national association headquarters with office space, a fitness centre with sauna, an auditorium and meeting rooms. The project has been financed by *Goal* and the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme. The government donated the land on which the centre has been built. The new headquarters make it possible to coordinate and implement the recently introduced long-term development plans. The *Goal* project is of paramount importance to football in Syria, as it will provide the requisite structures for national football at all levels.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

National association headquarters and auditorium in Damascus

### Project approved

4 March 2002

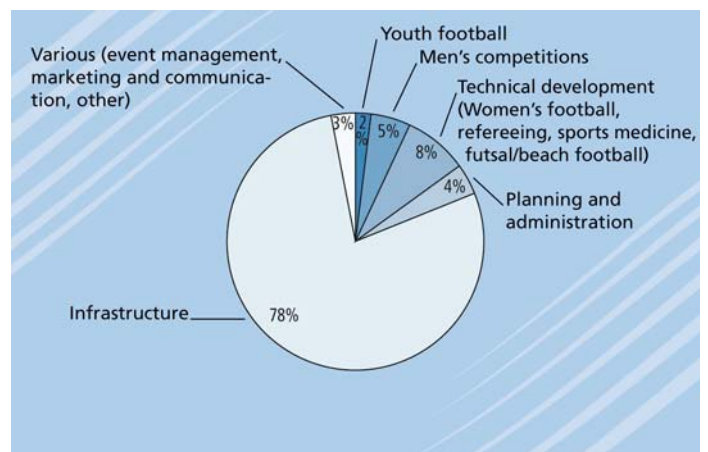
### Status

Opened on 21 March 2006

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>FAP</b>	USD	120,000
<b>Government</b>	Land	
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	520,000

## Use of FAP funds



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## Second Goal project

On 22 October 2008, the Goal Bureau approved an application from the Syrian Football Association to install an artificial turf pitch at the Al Fayha sports complex in Damascus. The aim is to improve training facilities by offering perfect playing conditions all year round.

## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Artificial turf pitch at the Al Fayha complex in Damascus

### Project approved on

22 October 2008

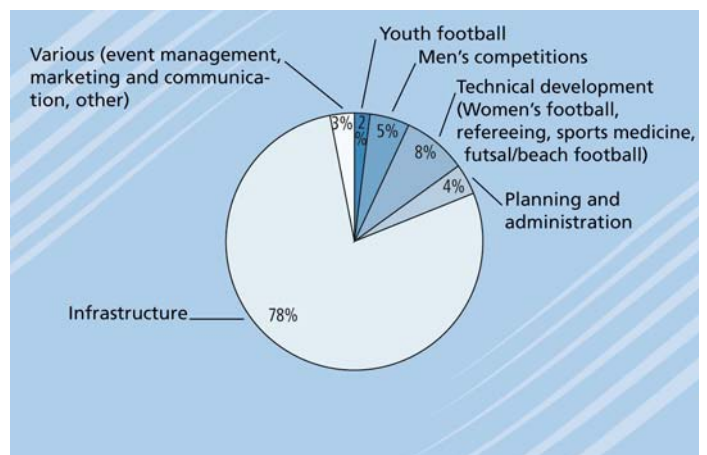
### Status

Implementation

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>FAP</b>	USD	350,000
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	750,000

## 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
		<b>FUTURO III regional courses</b>																			
Refereeing (men and women)																					
Coaching (men)															□						
Coaching (women)																					
Administration and management																					
Football medicine																					
<b>Seminars</b>																					
Women's football																				●	
Futsal																					
Com-Unity																					
MA Seminars																				●	
<b>MA courses</b>																					
Administration																					
Refereeing (men and women)																					
Coaching (men and women)																		●	●		
Beach soccer																					
Women's football																				●	
Olympic solidarity coaching courses			●		●					●											
<b>Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)</b>	1		●																		
<b>FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches</b>																					

●: 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?	2005
From which age on, players are registered?	8
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	10
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	14
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	n/a
University competitions	n/a
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	no
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	

