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## The first Goal Project

The first flagstone on the site incorporating the football school and pitches approved by Goal in Nuku'alofa on Tongatapu was laid during the 17th Ordinary OFC Congress on 21 May 2002. The presence of FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter and the King of Tonga, His Majesty Taufa'Ahau Tupou IV, at the ceremony was an event that the islanders will never forget. As the island's keenest sportsman and most avid football fan, the King himself donated 26 acres of land to ensure the complex would be built. The Oceania Football Confederation also contributed a handsome amount to realise the construction of the football school, which was opened in summer 2004. The objectives to be implemented with the help of the new amenities are to conduct programmes especially designed to promote youth and women's football and to train experts in a wide range of football-specific subjects.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

National training centre with NA headquarters and four pitches in Nukualofa

### Project approved

4 March 2002

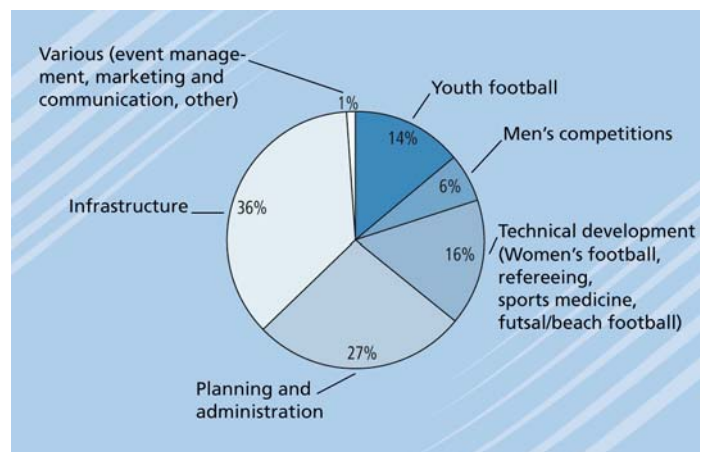
### Status

Opened on 29 May 2004

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>FAP</b>	USD	13,237
<b>Government</b>	Land	
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	413,237

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## The second Goal project

Tonga's second *Goal* project will develop and improve the national football academy and the association's headquarters in Atele, Tonganapu, which was built in the country's first *Goal* project. This development work will ensure that all of the Tonga Football Association's needs are fully satisfied. Local matches will be held at the football academy, while the administration's requirements, including the needs of players, officials and spectators, will also be covered. The football school will be transformed into a House of Football.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Further development and completion of national football academy in Atele, Tonganapu

### Project approved

17 February 2005

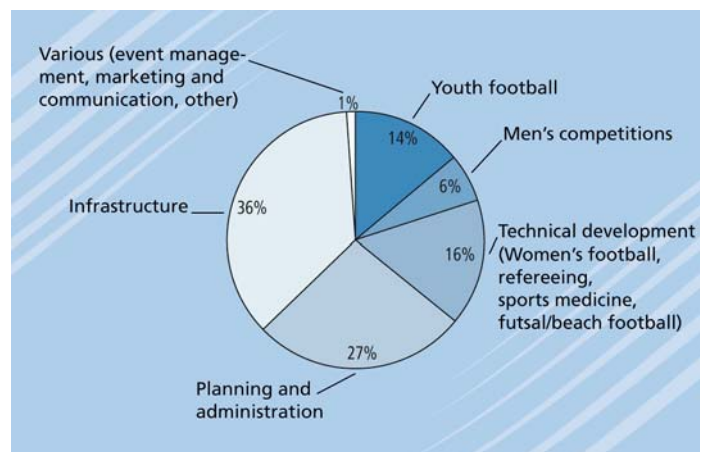
### Status

Opened on 14 March 2007

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	400,000

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## Third Goal project

The third project of the Tonga Football Association involved improvements to the association's headquarters and football academy. The focus was on improving the playing surfaces and the buildings. The aim is to be able to hold all local championship matches on the football academy pitches in Atele. The Goal Bureau approved this project on 2 June 2009.

## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Extension of the football academy in Atele, Tonganapu

### Project approved on

2 June 2009

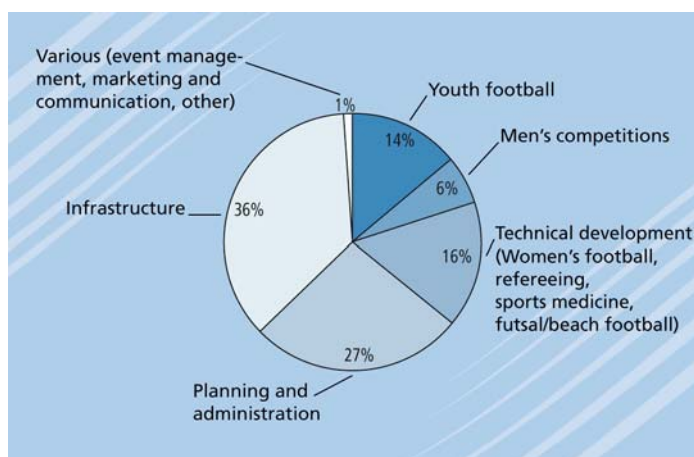
### Status

Implementation

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400 000
<b>Others</b>	USD	38 230
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	438 230

## 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																					
Futsal																					
Olympic solidarity coaching courses																					
<b>Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)</b>																					
<b>FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches</b>	0																				

●: 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?	2000
From which age on, players are registered?	12
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	17
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	20
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	U-19, U-20

