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The first Goal Project

After a number of delays, work on the technical centre in Baku was finally completed in spring 2003, with the costs covered by Goal, the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme and UEFA. The government donated the land on which the centre has been built. The centre has two artificial turf pitches, a hotel, a building with dressing rooms, seminar rooms and meeting rooms. It adjoins the Shafa Stadium, which was built just a few years ago and today plays host to the majority of Azerbaijan's international matches. The facilities in the centre are already proving to be extremely popular. Courses, meetings and conferences organised as part of the various youth development programmes take place there each week. With its stadium (and incorporated association headquarters), the nearby leased restaurant, and the training/accommodation facilities, the technical centre in Baku is now the hub of football development work in Azerbaijan.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Technical centre and two artificial pitches in Baku

Project approved

4 July 2001

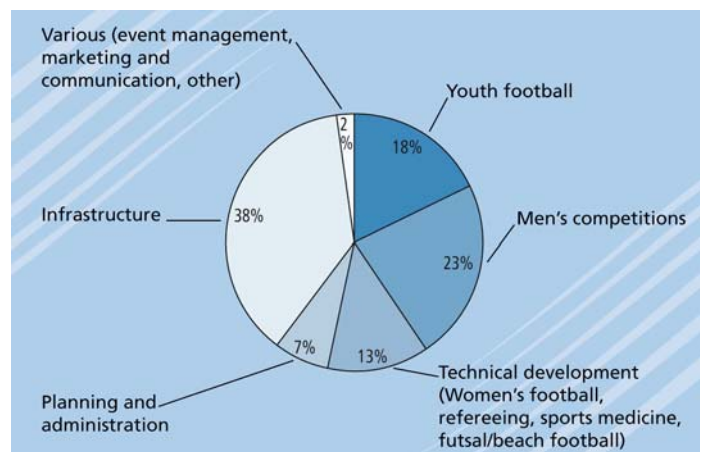
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Opened on 12 October 2004

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	313,994
UEFA	USD	225,000
Government	Land	
Total cost	USD	938,994

Use of FAP funds



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Second Goal project

Now that the first *Goal* project for an urgently needed sports centre in Baku has been completed, on 17 February 2005 the *Goal* Bureau approved the construction of association headquarters in Baku. Modern equipment will enable the administration to operate more efficiently and, now that it no longer has to pay rent, the association will be able to invest more in development projects. The costs of the project will be borne by funds from *Goal*, the association itself and other sources.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Association headquarters in Baku

Project approved

17 February 2005

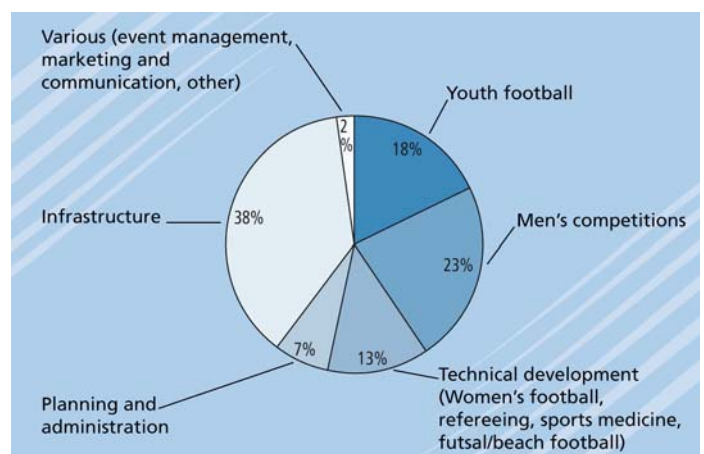
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Opened on 17 October 2007

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Association	USD	1,300,000
Confederation	USD	1,300,000
Total cost	USD	3,000,000

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)	0																				
FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches											□										

●: 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.



The U-19 women's national team in action

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	2003
From which age on, players are registered?	15
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	5
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	5
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	no
School competitions	no
Futsal competitions	no
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-17, U-19



Azerbaijan women's senior national team