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The first Goal Project

This academy, opened by Jack Warner, FIFA vice-president, on 16 February 2002, was the first project to be completed in the region. It is now the base for all of the development initiatives of the Bahamas Football Association. The impeccably maintained facilities mainly play host to gatherings of the best U-9 to U-15 players (boys and girls), training sessions of the different national teams, and matches in the top domestic championships. Further extension work is planned with the construction of changing rooms and offices, and the erection of floodlights. Temporary seating has also been installed. The academy has helped to raise the profile of football in the Bahamas. The number of players, both male and female, is constantly on the increase, while new championships, particularly in youth football, have been launched.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Grass pitch with security fencing in Nassau

Project approved

Pilot project

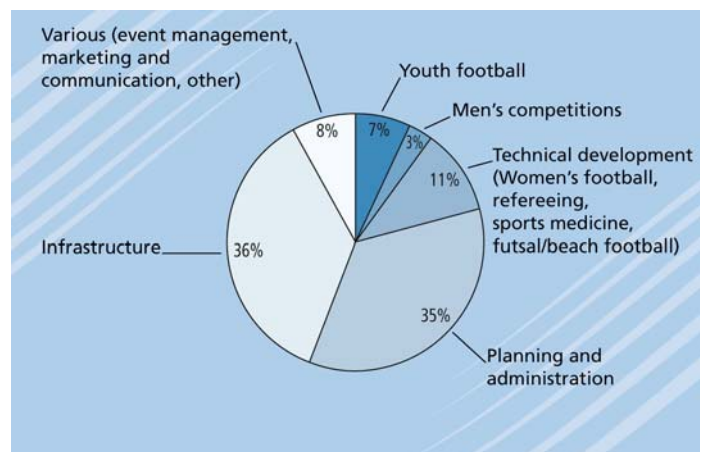
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Opened on 16 February 2002

Financed by

Goal	USD	500,000
FAP	USD	76,206
Government	Land	
Total cost	USD	576,206

Use of FAP funds



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The second Goal Project

Based on a project proposal approved by the Goal Bureau on 22 September 2004, an artificial playing surface will be installed at the national football academy in Nassau to supplement the natural turf pitch that was laid as part of the association's first Goal project. With a pitch that can be used all-year round, the Bahamas Football Association will be able to exploit its development programmes more effectively and improve the preparation of its national teams.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Artificial turf pitch in Nassau

Project approved

22 September 2004

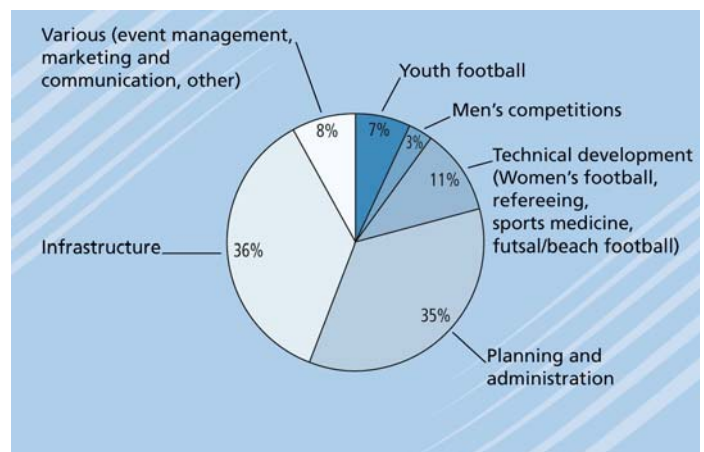
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Opened on 20 October 2007

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	75,200
Association	USD	230,340
Total cost	USD	705,540

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)																					
FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches	1	●									●										

●: 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?	8
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	18
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	52
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	no
University competitions	yes
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	no
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-17, U-20



National Academy 2008