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The first Goal Project

At its meeting on 4 March 2002, the Goal Bureau approved a technical centre in Porto Novo, as well as a football school in Abomey. These facilities are to be built with the financial support of Goal and the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme, while the government has donated the land for the centre. Construction work was delayed for a number of reasons, but the work is now underway and the technical centre and football school should be completed in the summer of 2004. Both centres are sure to help develop football across the country and therefore secure the future of football in Benin. Furthermore, the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme has helped to build a two-storey office block in Cotonou for the association, and also paid for a new bus for the national team. Moreover, regional leagues have been introduced and the teams in the top two divisions have been given starting capital to enable them to play their matches.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Technical centre in Porto Novo, regional centre in Abomey

Project approved

4 March 2002

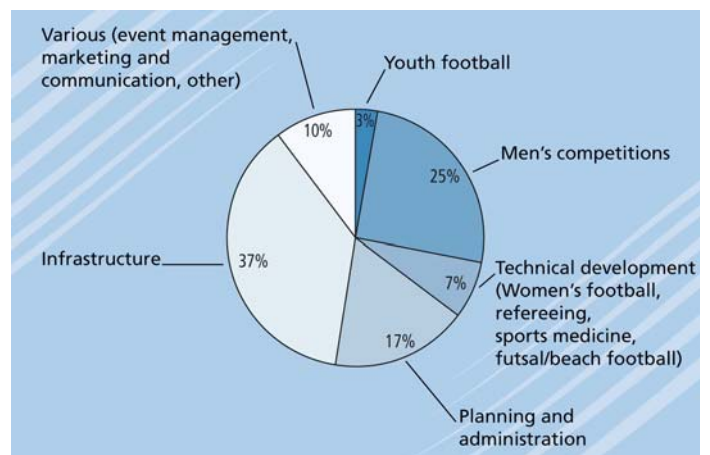
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Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	146,497
Government	Land	
Total cost	USD	546,497

Use of FAP funds



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Second Goal project

After completion of the technical centre that will greatly improve sports facilities in Benin, in early October 2006 the Goal Bureau approved a second project to build association headquarters that will help Benin's "House of Football" to become reality. The association's objective is to improve its administrative services by creating better working conditions in a suitable environment and by employing more personnel at all levels. This project will also involve modern installations and facilities at the technical centre, which will in turn make it easier to realise education and development programmes. The government has confirmed that it will provide the necessary land.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Association headquarters in Porto-Novo

Project approved

October 2006

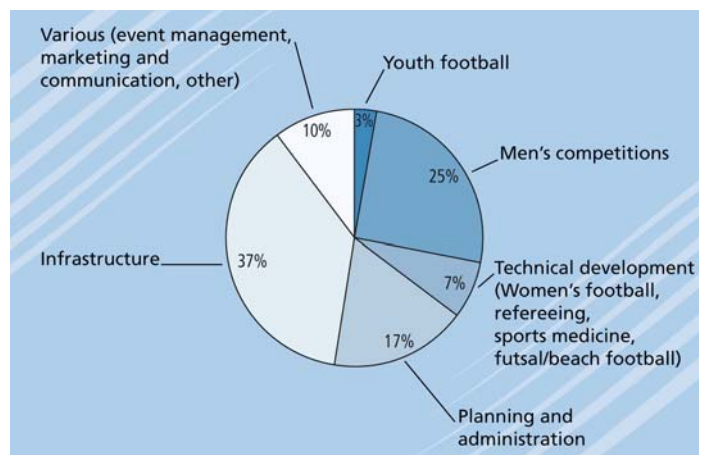
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Third Goal project

On 2 June 2009, the Goal Bureau approved the Beninese Football Association's third project. The objective of the project is to increase usage and improve maintenance of the national technical centre in Akpro Misséréte, which was built as part of the first Goal project. The Beninese national technical centre now has improved complex security, an irrigation system for two existing pitches and renovated electrical installations.

Project

Completion of the national technical centre in Akpro Misséréte

Project approved on

2 June 2009

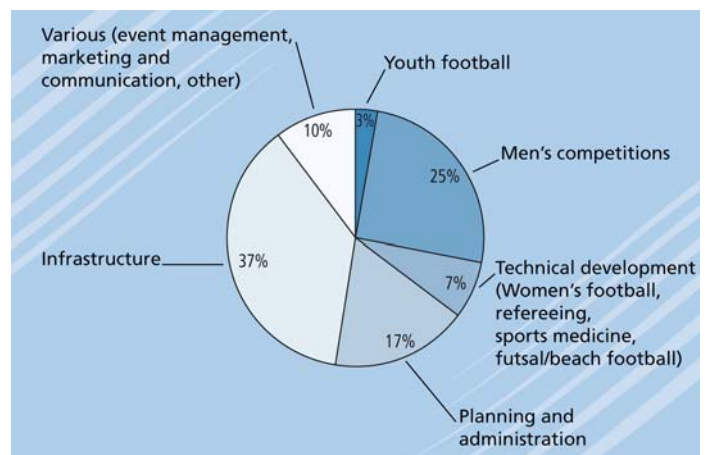
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Total cost	USD	400,000

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) WinAf																					
Coaching (men and women)																					
Beach soccer																					
Futsal																					
Olympic solidarity coaching courses																					
Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)	2																				
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.

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	1996
From which age on, players are registered?	
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	18
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	
University competitions	
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	



Win in Africa with Africa

Under this motto, FIFA is seeking to use football pointedly as a development tool. At the same time, the governing body is aiming to focus attention on Africa in the build-up to the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ and project a positive image of a continent that is working hard for its own development.. The Win in Africa with Africa campaign was endorsed by the FIFA Congress in Marrakesh and assigned a USD 70 million budget by the Congress in Munich.

At its heart lies the initiative to provide every African nation with an international-standard artificial turf pitch. The remainder of the eight-point programme is intended to develop domestic competitions, train African sports executives, promote sports medicine and address topical issues relating to the FIFA World Cup™ in South Africa.

Further information on Win in Africa with Africa:
http://www.fifa.com/mm/goalprojectWinAF_E.pdf



The Stade René Pleven d'Akpakpa is a multi-use stadium in Cotonou. It is the home stadium of Requins de l'Atlantique FC.



Installation work on an approved football turf pitch began in mid-2006.



The renovated Stade René Pleven. Capacity: 10,000.