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## The first Goal Project

The headquarters of the national association, together with a youth academy and a new playing surface, is currently being built in Thimphu and is scheduled to be ready for use in the near future. It will allow all administrative and technical activities to be organised, coordinated and carried out from one central location. Young players should be the primary beneficiaries of the new facilities. The accommodation will be ideal for holding coaching courses for the most promising youngsters in various age categories. Development programmes for referees, coaches, officials and sports medics will also play a key role in the planned activities. A longterm development plan for football in Bhutan is being drafted, so the complex is coming at the perfect point in time.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

National association headquarters and youth development centre in Thimphu

### Project approved

4 March 2002

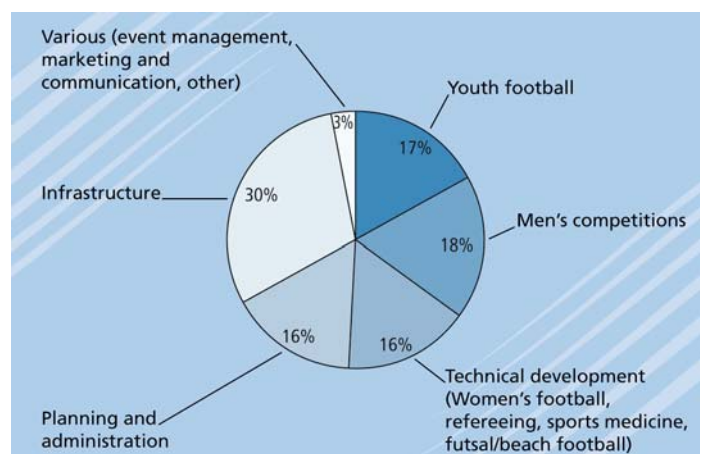
### Status

Opened on 15 May 2005

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>FAP</b>	USD	100,000
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	500,000

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## Second Goal project

Twelve months after the inauguration of the association headquarters and adjacent youth centre in Thimphu, the Goal Bureau approved the erection of additional buildings (shelter and dressing room) on 15 March 2006 as well as another youth centre with football pitch, shelter, dressing room and rooms for overnight stays in Geylegphug. The aim is to promote youth football in Bhutan. The new facilities will also enable tournaments to be staged.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Additional buildings to the first project in Chanjiji Thimphu and a youth centre in Geylegphug

### Project approved on

15 March 2006

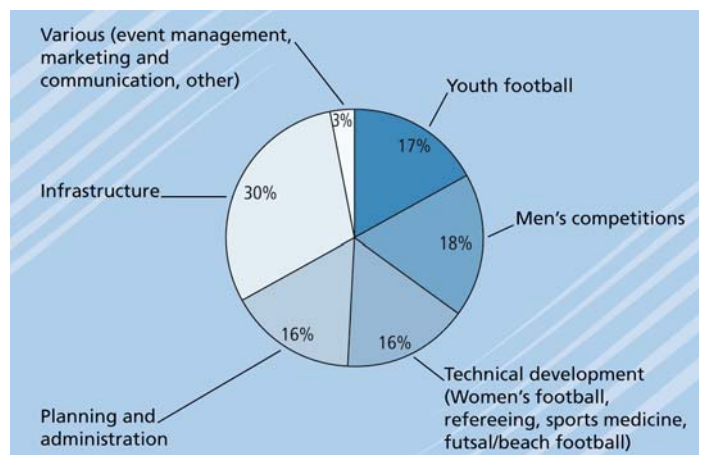
### Status

Implementation

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
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## 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																					
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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)	10
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	40
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	no
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	no
National "A" team	no
National youth teams: age categories	U-15, U-17