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The first Goal Project

On 16 April 2003, the foundation stone for the *Goal* project, partially funded by money from the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme, was laid in Matavera on the island of Rarotonga. Less than a year later, on 2 April 2004, the football centre opened its doors. Since then, the centre is the focal point of all football activity, especially as the association's administrative offices have been integrated in the new building. Development programmes in a variety of areas, new competitions at every age level and basic programmes for youngsters (boys and girls) are already in the pipeline. In addition, women's football will be promoted. The inauguration of the academy solved one serious drawback, namely, that the Cook Islands football family is now centralised in one place. This was until now practically impossible, given the many scattered islands and the dearth of facilities.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Football academy and national association headquarters in Rarotonga, two pitches

Project approved

29 October 2001

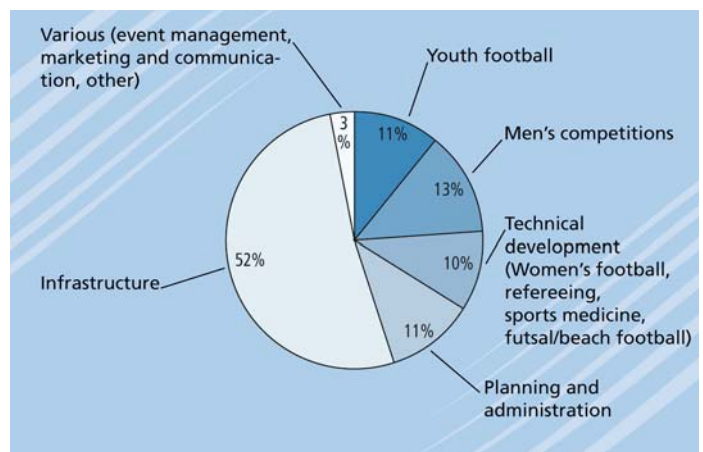
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Opened on 2 April 2004

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	229,000
Others	USD	14,000
Total cost	USD	643,000

Use of FAP funds



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Second Goal project

The project approved by the Goal Bureau on 7 November 2005 forms part of the Cook Islands Football Association "House of Football" scheme at Matavera on Rarotonga. The additional work foreseen under this project included dressing rooms for players and officials, a small grandstand with covered seating, media rooms and other public facilities, thus completing the infrastructure work started under project I. The aim of these improvements was to provide fully autonomous football administration at local and international level for Rarotonga.



Financing of Goal project

Project

National training centre and association headquarters

Project approved on

7 November 2005

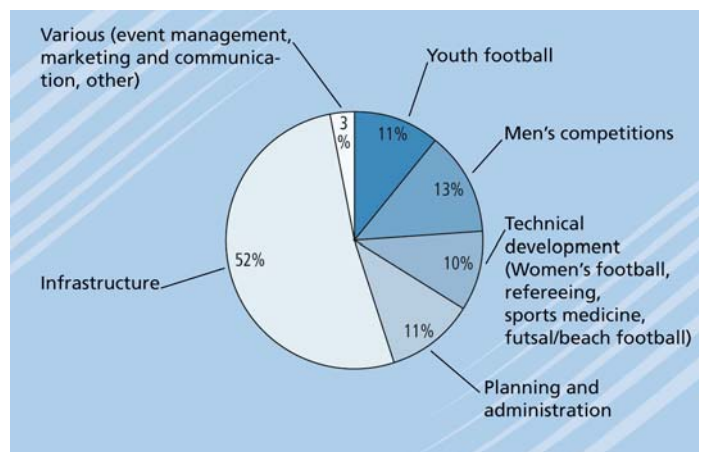
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Opened on 10 July 2009

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Goal	USD	400,000
Total costs	USD	400,000

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Third Goal project

From the very outset, the master plan for the overall project was split into three stages: following the association headquarters and a technical centre, the actual football playing facilities will now be installed. The Goal Bureau approved the corresponding application by the Cook Islands Football Association on 22 October 2008. In the mini stadium housed in the technical centre in Rarotonga, which is already in use, the spectator area will be extended by 500 seats and media facilities will be installed, thus meeting the requirements for regional and local competitions.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Stand and media facilities in the mini stadium at the technical centre in Rarotonga

Project approved on

22 October 2008

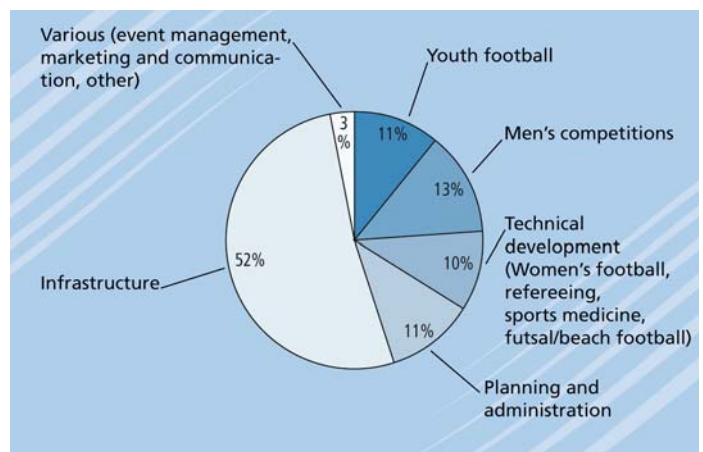
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Opened on 10 July 2009

Financed by

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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)																					
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.



Football everywhere ... for everyone

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)	22
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	10
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	no
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	yes
National "A" team	no
National youth teams: age categories	n/a

