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The first Goal Project

The multifunctional sports complex currently under construction will serve as a glowing advertisement for the quality of Costa Rican football. The complex is regarded as the most comprehensive in all Central America. In addition to natural turf playing surfaces, accommodation and offices, futsal and beach soccer pitches are also being planned. The association can rely on administrative and financial support from the government. As well as donating the land, the authorities also pledged USD 1.1 million to the project. «Thanks to the commitment shown by Joseph S. Blatter and Jack Warner, Costa Rica will have a sports complex that will not only be used by the senior national squad but also by youth and women's teams as well as beach soccer and futsal sides. We are proud that our players will soon be able to train in this modern complex and make the most of the amenities to improve their skills,» enthused the Costa Rican FA in an official media release.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Sports complex for the Costa Rican football association

Project approved

29 October 2001

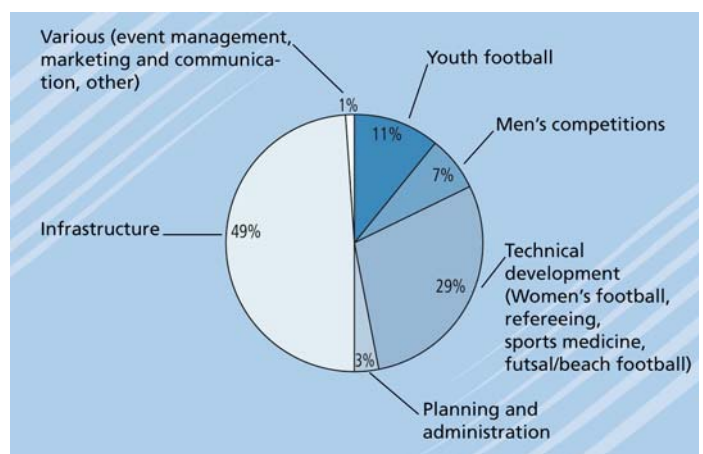
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Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	475,000
Government	USD	975,000 and land
Total cost	USD	1,850,000

Use of FAP funds



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Second Goal project

In order to turn the vision of the House of Football into reality, the Costa Rican football association intends to build its own administrative offices and headquarters at an existing sports complex in San Antonio de Belén, Alajuela. Following its presentation to the Goal Bureau, the project was approved on 21 March 2007. It will be financed jointly by Goal and the association itself.

Financing of Goal project

Project

Association headquarters at a technical centre in San Antonio de Belén, Alajuela

Project approved on

21 March 2007

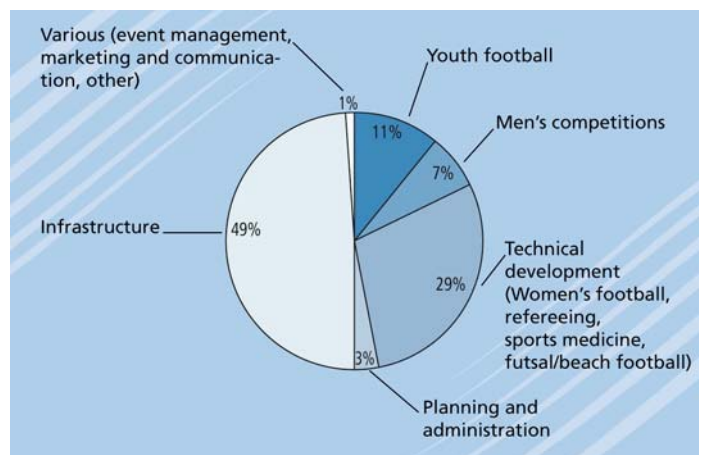
Status

Implementation

Financing

Goal	USD	400,000
Association	USD	66,000
Total cost	USD	466,000

Use of FAP funds



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Third Goal project

In a further extension to the sports complex in San Antonio de Belén, new rooms were built in the shared-access comfort area, including a dining room and kitchen, medical rooms and a rest area for the national teams. The purpose of this extension was to provide suitable conditions for preparing and bringing together Costa Rica's national teams, but also to optimise the whole sports complex. The Goal Bureau approved this project on 2 June 2009.

Financing of Goal project

Project

Addition of rooms at the "House of Football" in San Antonio de Belén, Alajuela

Project approved on

2 June 2009

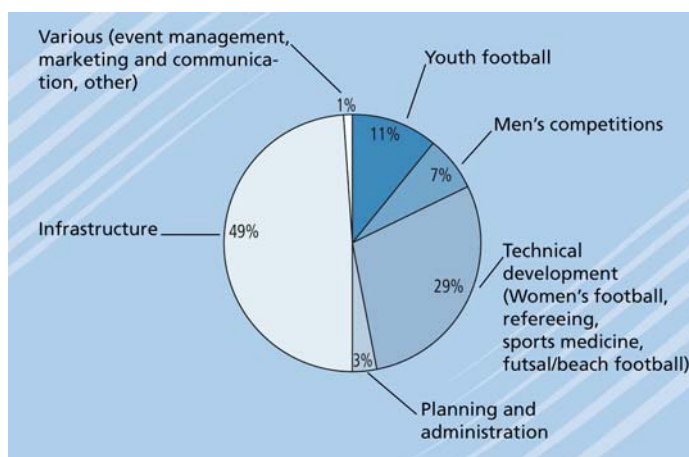
Status

Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400 000
Other	USD	50 000
Total cost	USD	450 000

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)	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.



Elegant like a dancer while attempting to get possession of the ball

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)	140
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	76
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	n/a
University competitions	yes
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	yes
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-17, U-20



The women's national team