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## The first Goal Project

FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter and FIFA Vice-President Jack A. Warner opened the sports complex built using funds from Goal and the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme on 26 November 2002. Situated ten minutes away from the city centre in one of the best areas of Guatemala City, it has a building with accommodation for 44 players and six officials in addition to three pitches. The centre will be the focal point for intensive long-term development work planned by the Guatemalan association. It was built on land donated by the municipality headed by its President, Fritz Garcia Gallont. He thanked FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter for the fact that Guatemala had been able to benefit from the programme and granted him the freedom to Guatemala City. Yet another milestone in Guatemalan football history is about to be set. The association's headquarters, funded by the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme will soon be opening its doors.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Technical centre with pitches in Guatemala City

### Project approved

29 October 2001

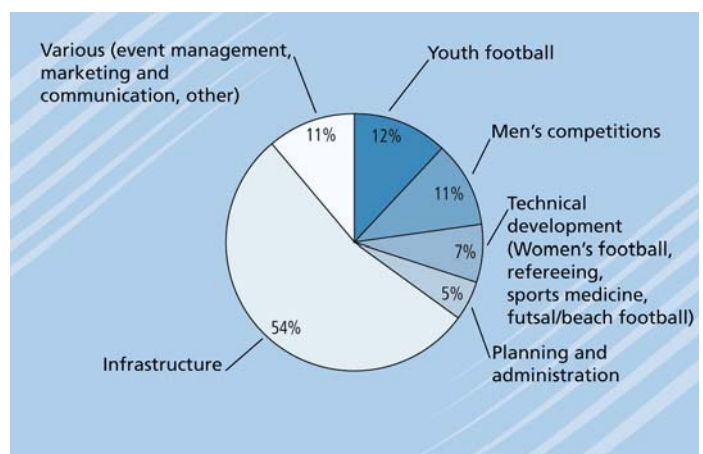
### Status

Opened on 26 November 2002

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>FAP</b>	USD	250,000
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	650,000

## Use of FAP funds



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## Second Goal project

The Guatemala football association's second *Goal* project consists of two parts. Firstly, the association's previous *Goal* project - a national technical centre in Guatemala City - will be upgraded to incorporate dressing rooms, storerooms and a medical centre, and the pitch at the centre will be extended. Secondly, work will be done on the pitches at the regional training centre in Quetzaltenango in the nation's highlands. Women's football teams will be the main beneficiaries of the improvement in infrastructure. The Goal Bureau approved the project on 4 February 2008; the work will last approximately one year.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Improvements to the technical centre in Guatemala City and to the regional training centre in Quetzaltenango

### Project approved

4 February 2008

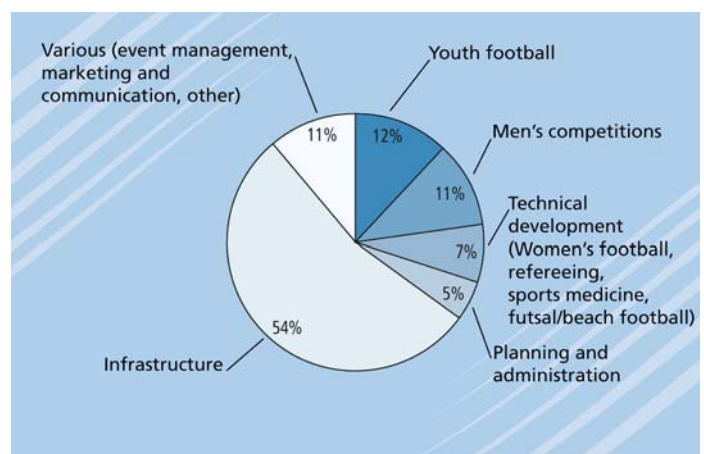
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Implementation

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
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## Third Goal project

On 2 June 2009, the third *Goal* project in Guatemala was launched. The Guatemalan Football Association planned a series of improvements to the centre constructed under the first two phases of the *Goal* Programme in Guatemala City to convert it into an efficient and modern centre. The new classrooms, maintenance rooms, various equipment and floodlighting for the pitch have all contributed to improving the overall capacity of the centre in terms of training, hosting players and training schedules.

### Project

Extension of infrastructure at the national technical centre in Guatemala City

### Project approved on

2 June 2009

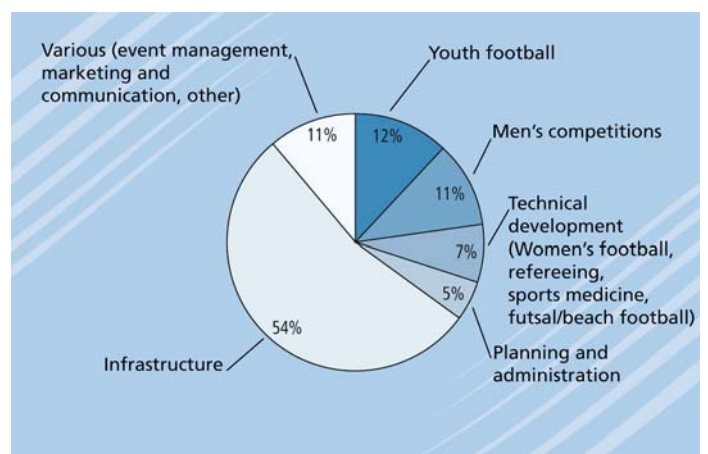
### Status

Implementation

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>Total cost</b>	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
	<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																			●		
MA Seminars																					
<b>MA courses</b>																					
Administration																					
Refereeing (men and women)				●				●	●	●		●				●			●	●	
Coaching (men and women)																					
Beach soccer																					
Futsal																					
Olympic solidarity coaching courses																					
<b>Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)</b>	<b>2</b>					●				●											
<b>FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches</b>																					

●: 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.



Instructions on the pitch - this time from a male colleague

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	2000
From which age on, players are registered?	13
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	80
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	299
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	n/a
University competitions	n/a
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	no
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-17, U-20



Suits especially well the U-20 team: light blue with white trimmings