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The first Goal Project

While the Iran Football Federation has long been active in promoting youth football throughout the country, its efforts have often been impeded by a lack of essential infrastructure and know-how. The Goal-funded football school in Tehran, which includes an artificial surface for futsal and was built on land donated by the government, is the first sports centre of its kind in the country. It will serve as a model for other projects planned for other regions of Iran over the next few years. The centre opened on 17 December 2003.



Financing of Goal project

Project

National football academy in Tehran

Project approved

29 October 2001

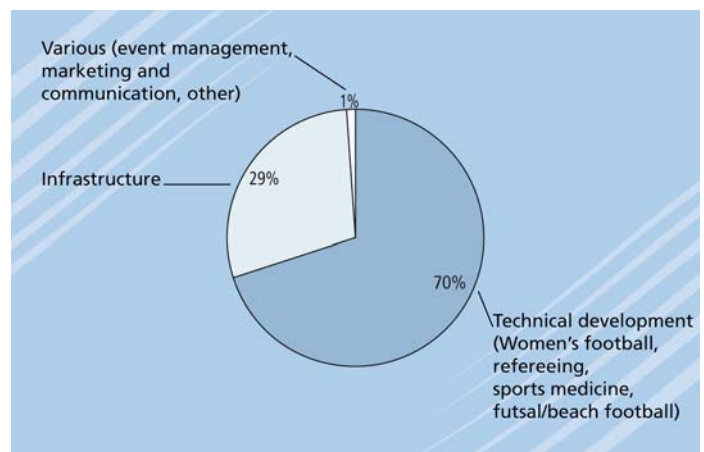
Status

Opened 17 December 2003

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Government	USD	9,606
Total cost	USD	409,606

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The second Goal project

The first *Goal* project - the national football academy in Tehran - is already fully operational and producing good results. It will serve as a model for other projects planned for other regions of Iran over the next few years. A second *Goal* project, involving the purchase of association headquarters in Tehran, was approved by the *Goal* Bureau on 17 February 2004. The building, which will be able to accommodate future growth in the association, will provide the forward-thinking administration with premium working conditions and will help the association with its work, which was previously taken care of by decentralised regional associations. The new headquarters were officially opened on 25 June 2004 by FIFA Executive Committee member and *Goal* Bureau chairman Mohamed Bin Hammam.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Association headquarters in Tehran

Project approved

17 February 2004

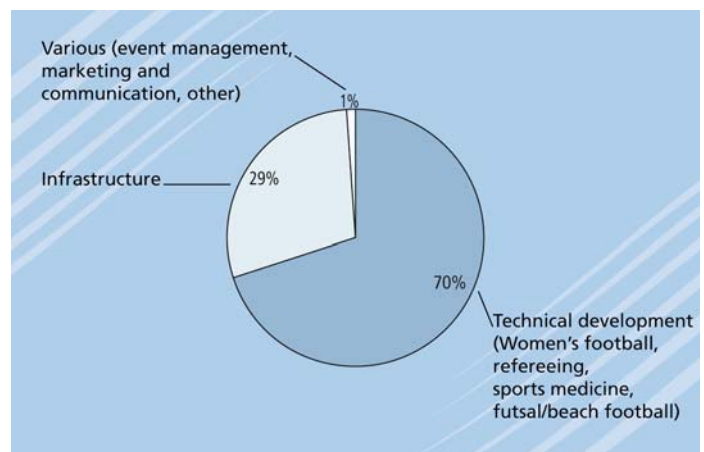
Status

Opened on 25 June 2004

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Association/Others:	USD	2,200,000
Total cost	USD	2,600,000

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Third Goal project

The artificial turf pitch, which was approved by the Goal Bureau on 22 October 2008, will be part of the Iranian football academy that was built in Tehran under the country's first Goal project. Thanks to the addition of an all-weather pitch, players of all ages will be able to use the training centre all year round, which will also lead to the introduction of long-term training programmes.

Use of FAP funds

Project

Artificial turf pitch at the Iranian football academy in Tehran

Project approved on

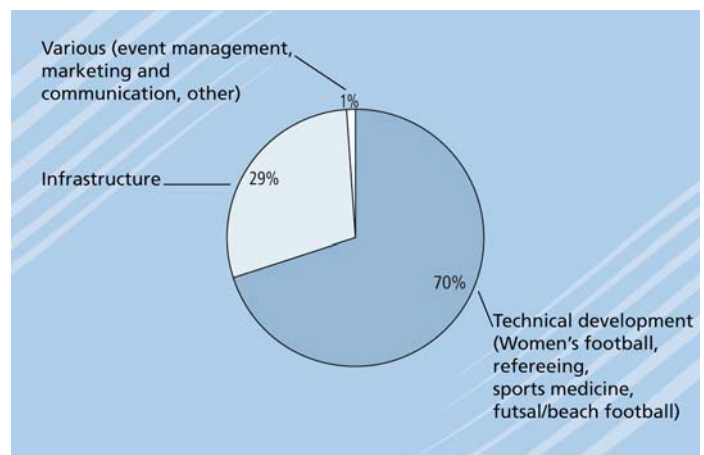
22 October 2008

Status

Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	100,000
Total cost	USD	500,000



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)																					
FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches	1	●		●					●												

●: 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.



Uncommon sportswear obviously not hindering the women's performance

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	2005
From which age on, players are registered?	15
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	58
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	n/a
National competition (or women's league)	n/a
Regional competitions	n/a
University competitions	yes
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	yes
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-18



Jordan (white) versus Iran