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## The first Goal Project

At its meeting on 2 November 2002, the *Goal* Bureau added Israel to the list of countries to receive a *Goal* project. However, it took longer than expected to draft a proposal, and as a result, the *Goal* Bureau only approved plans to lay an artificial pitch in Nazareth on 14 February 2004. These new facilities allows the association, the local (predominantly Arab) team and other groups to train all year round.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Artificial pitch in Nazareth

### Project approved

14 February 2004

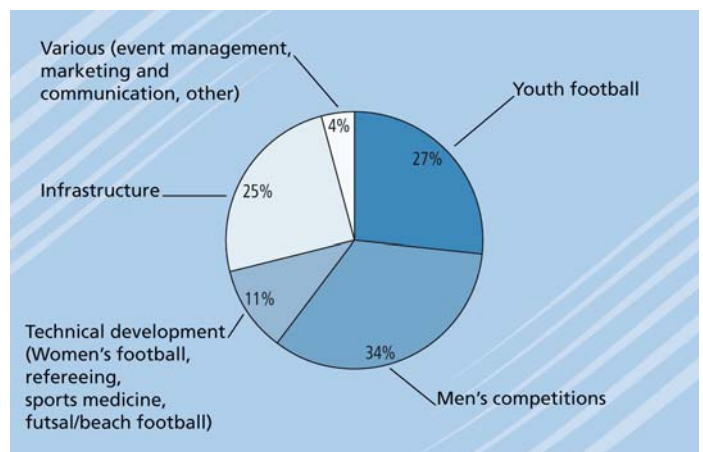
### Status

Opened on 17 November 2006

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	400,000

## Use of FAP funds



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## Second Goal project

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## Use of FAP funds

### Project

Artificial turf pitches for clubs

### Project approved

4 February 2008

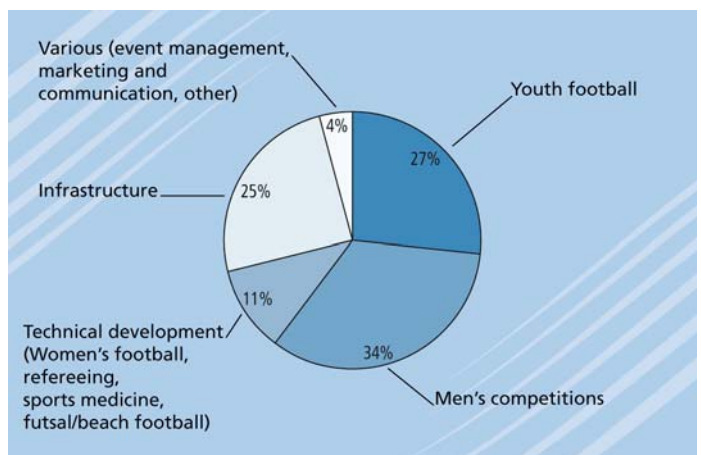
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### Third Goal project

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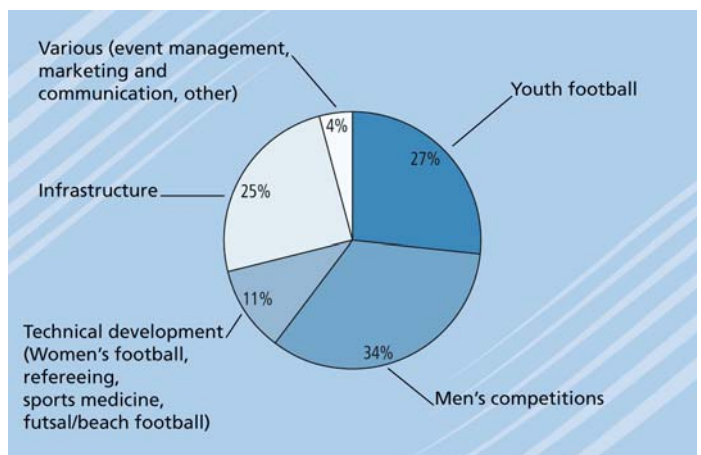
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Football education and courses	No of courses until 1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	<b>FUTURO III regional courses</b>																				
Refereeing (men and women)																					
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																					
Women's football																			●		
Olympic solidarity coaching courses																					
<b>Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)</b>	2								□												
<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.

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	2000
From which age on, players are registered?	10
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	26
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	17
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-19

