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The first Goal Project

On 29 October 2001, the Goal Bureau approved a technical centre and pitch in Blantyre. FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter attended the ceremony that heralded the laying of the foundation stone. The funds were supplied by Goal, the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme, and the Government, the latter also donating the land needed to realise the project. Due to poor weather conditions, progress in construction work was hampered and the inauguration ceremony could only take place in spring 2005. The national association will use these new facilities to promote football nationwide, with particular focus on youth and women's football. The U-17 team is the reigning COSAFA U-17 Cup holders, and in 2002, the women's national team took part in the inaugural COSAFA Cup in Zimbabwe.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Technical centre and pitch in Blantyre

Project approved

29 October 2001

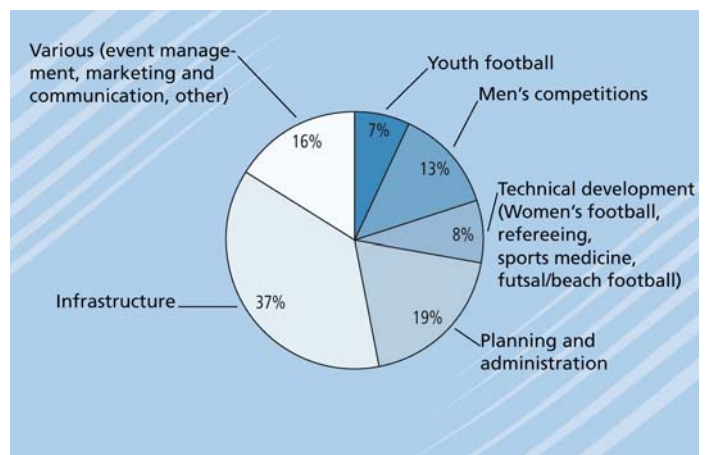
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Opened on 20 February 2005

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	241,591
Government	USD	14,325 and Land
Total cost	USD	655,916

Use of FAP funds



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Second Goal project

On 15 March 2006, the *Goal* Bureau gave its official backing to a proposed extension to the association's first *Goal* project, a national technical centre that opened on 20 February 2005. Several pitches and changing rooms will be added as well as a cafeteria for those taking part in courses and training camps at the centre. The overall cost of the project will fall within the amount allocated by the *Goal* Programme and the facilities will be constructed on land donated by the country's government.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Extension to technical centre in Blantyre

Project approved on

15 March 2006

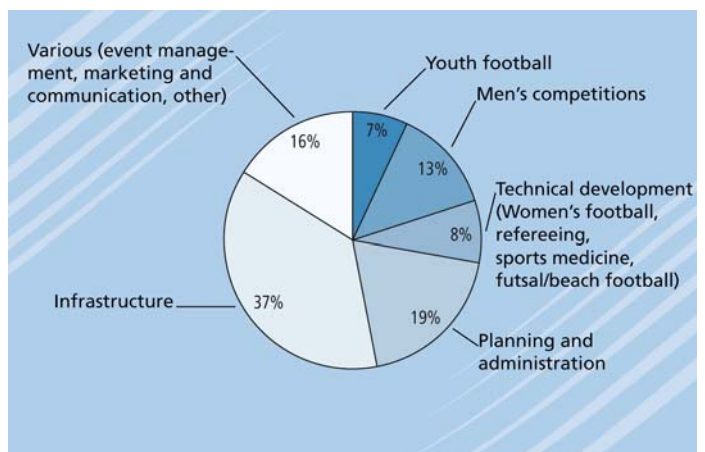
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Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Total cost	USD	400,000

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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
	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.

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	1998
From which age on, players are registered?	6
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	60
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	30
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	no
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	no
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-10, U-12, U-17

Win in Africa with Africa

Under this motto, FIFA is seeking to use football pointedly as a development tool. At the same time, the governing body is aiming to focus attention on Africa in the build-up to the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ and project a positive image of a continent that is working hard for its own development.. The Win in Africa with Africa campaign was endorsed by the FIFA Congress in Marrakesh and assigned a USD 70 million budget by the Congress in Munich.

At its heart lies the initiative to provide every African nation with an international-standard artificial turf pitch. The remainder of the eight-point programme is intended to develop domestic competitions, train African sports executives, promote sports medicine and address topical issues relating to the FIFA World Cup™ in South Africa.

Further information on Win in Africa with Africa:
http://www.fifa.com/mm/goalprojectWinAF_E.pdf



Natural grass pitch at the Kamuzu Stadium in Blantyre
Capacity: 40,000 spectators



There was considerable excavation work to put the perfect foundations in place.

