

- Association founded 1937
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1938



Flag



Association emblem



World map



Football in Panama

In some regions, such as Penonome, football is all-pervasive. But this does not hide the fact that sports such as baseball, boxing and basketball predominate in Panama, at least for the time being. One of the national association's most coveted objectives – participation in the final round of a FIFA competition – was realised when it qualified for the FIFA World Youth Championship UAE 2003. Its other national teams have also scored some impressive results. The U-17 team just missed qualifying for the final round of the CONCACAF championship, the senior national team has recently had a good run of success and the women's national team can lay claim to being the most improved team in Central America in a very short space of time.

The first Goal Project

The *Goal* project inaugurated by FIFA Vice-President Jack A. Warner in the football-crazy town of Penonome on 23 February 2003 comprises a small stadium with enough accommodation for 44 players and offices (including the regional football association). The project was financed by *Goal* and the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme. In his address, the CONCACAF President praised the small community for its tireless efforts in promoting youth football, saying Penonome was the right location for the *Goal* project in Panama. Recent research by the Sports Ministry revealed that football is the fastest growing sport in Panama. The new sports complex will enable the community and regional and national associations to intensify their activities. The local and national governments that donated the land for the centre actively support football. Training camps for the national team and especially courses for youth and development programmes are already in the pipeline. Young footballers can look ahead to a very bright future.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Pitches and buildings in Complejo Futbolístico Virgilio Tejeira, Penonome

Project approved

4 July 2001

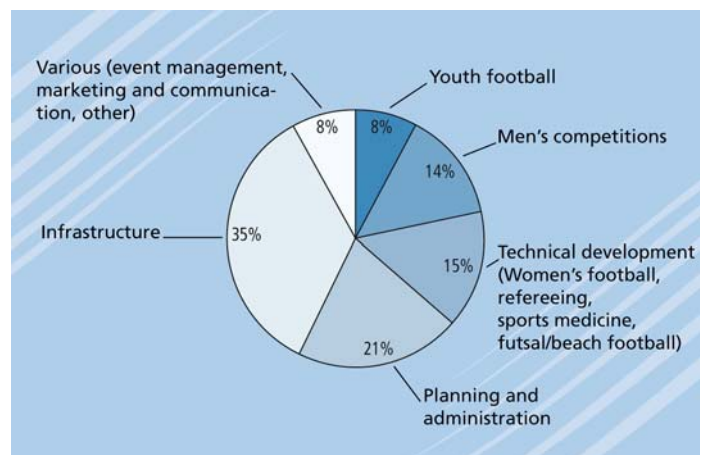
Status

Opened on 23 February 2003

Financed by

| | | |
|-------------------|------|---------|
| Goal | USD | 400,000 |
| FAP | USD | 142,313 |
| Government | Land | |
| Total cost | USD | 542,313 |

Use of FAP funds



- Association founded 1937
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1938



Flag



Association emblem



World map



Football in Panama

In some regions, such as Penonome, football is all-pervasive. But this does not hide the fact that sports such as baseball, boxing and basketball predominate in Panama, at least for the time being. One of the national association's most coveted objectives – participation in the final round of a FIFA competition – was realised when it qualified for the FIFA World Youth Championship UAE 2003. Its other national teams have also scored some impressive results. The U-17 team just missed qualifying for the final round of the CONCACAF championship, the senior national team has recently had a good run of success and the women's national team can lay claim to being the most improved team in Central America in a very short space of time.

The second Goal project

Thanks to the Goal Programme, one of the Panama football association's long-term dreams – having its own multi-purpose headquarters – will soon become reality. On 3 December 2006, the Goal Bureau approved a project to build association headquarters with offices, conference rooms and a permanent coaching academy. Construction work, which is scheduled to last nine months, began on 15 February 2007.

Financing of Goal project

Project

Multi-purpose association headquarters in Panama

Project approved on

3 December 2006

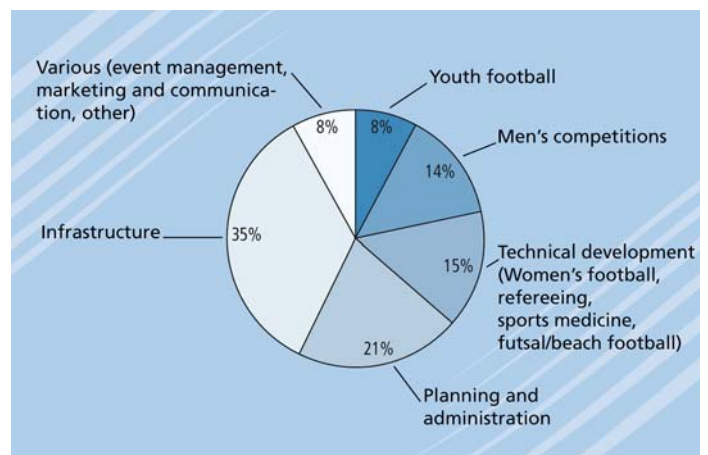
Status

Implementation

Financed by

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|---------|
| Goal | USD | 400,000 |
| FAP | USD | 25,000 |
| Total cost | USD | 425,000 |

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) | 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? | 2000 |
| From which age on, players are registered? | 13 |
| Women's teams (open or over 16 years) | 43 |
| Women's teams (below 16 years, youth) | 45 |
| 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-20 |

