

- Association founded 1960
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1970



Flag



Association emblem



World map



Football in Qatar

Football is the number one sport in Qatar by far. The objective of the national association has long been to gain major success at club and international level. In 1992, the national team triumphed in the 11th Gulf Cup in Doha. The Olympic team have twice qualified for the Olympic Football Tournaments – in Los Angeles in 1984 and Barcelona in 1992. The U-20 team won the silver medal at the FIFA World Youth Championship Australia 1981, while the U-17s reached the final competition of the FIFA U-17 World Championship in 1985, 1987, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997 and 1999. In 1995, the Qatar Football Association organised the FIFA World Youth Championship in record time after the original hosts had been forced to withdraw from staging the tournament at the last minute for logistical reasons. In 1991, Al-Sadd Sports Club won the 8th Gulf Cup for Clubs in Doha. Although Qatari football is not particularly well known in Europe, four Qatari players are currently with European clubs.

The Goal Project

On 1 May 2003, the *Goal* Bureau added Qatar to the list of nations to benefit from the *Goal* Programme. The project is currently in the preparation stage and is due to be presented at the next meeting of the *Goal* Bureau. Funds from the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme have been used to set up a youth development programme for young players of various ages. This scheme comprises organising training courses for coaches, bringing together the most promising players in each age group and providing the necessary equipment. The Qatar FA hopes that it will thus perpetuate its long tradition at youth level and help to build a strong national team for the future.

Financing of Goal project

Project

Type of project still unknown

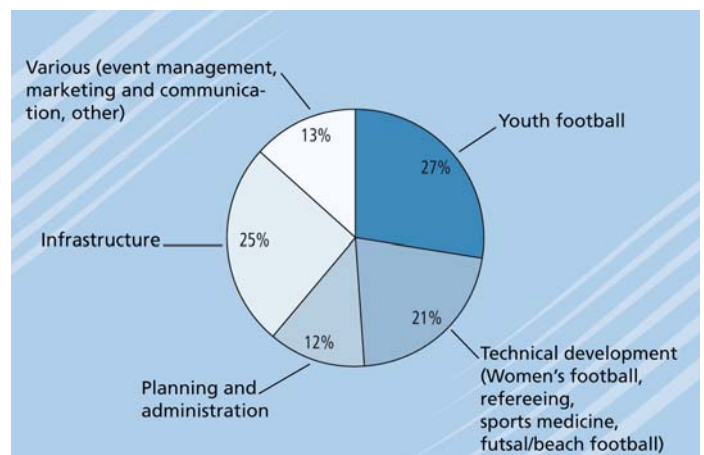
Project approved

Association selected on 1 May 2003

Status

In planning

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?	2001
From which age on, players are registered?	n/a
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	6
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	14
National competition (or women's league)	no
Regional competitions	no
University competitions	no
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	yes
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	n/a

