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The first Goal Project

After construction work was completed on the association's headquarters, financed by the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme, on 29 October 2001 the Goal Bureau approved the construction of a national training and education centre. The facilities will be used primarily for training young players, coaches, referees, administrators and medical personnel from clubs, regional bodies and the association itself. The complex will also be used as a base by national teams at various levels and top clubs in Sierra Leone during preparations for international matches and training camps. «It is difficult to explain just how important the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme and Goal are. They provide proof of FIFA's commitment to promote football all around the world, especially in poorer nations. FIFA really is a global family,» said Hon. Justice M.e. Tolla-Thompson at the ceremony to mark the laying of foundation stone for the complex.



Financing of Goal project

Project

National technical centre with facilities

Project approved

29 October 2001

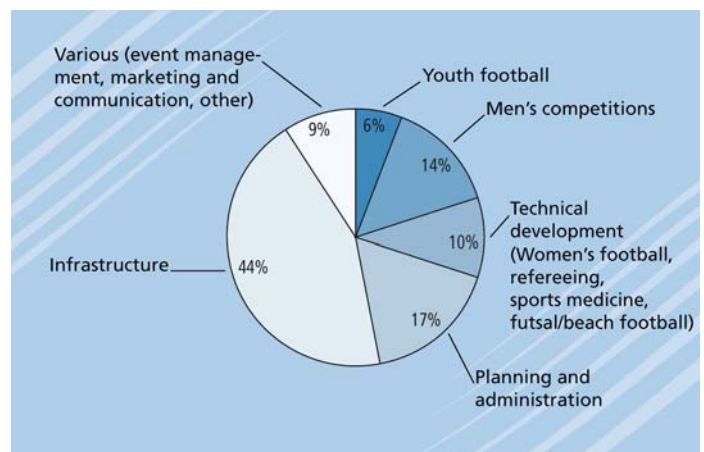
Status

completed

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	22,693
Government	Land	
Total cost	USD	422,693

Use of FAP funds



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Second Goal project

The Sierra Leone FA's second project concerns the laying of an artificial turf pitch at the technical centre in Freetown and was approved by the Goal Bureau on 4 February 2008. The centre is now complete and offers optimum conditions for the implementation of development programmes, particularly for youngsters.

Use of FAP funds

Project

Artificial turf pitch at the national technical centre in Freetown

Project approved

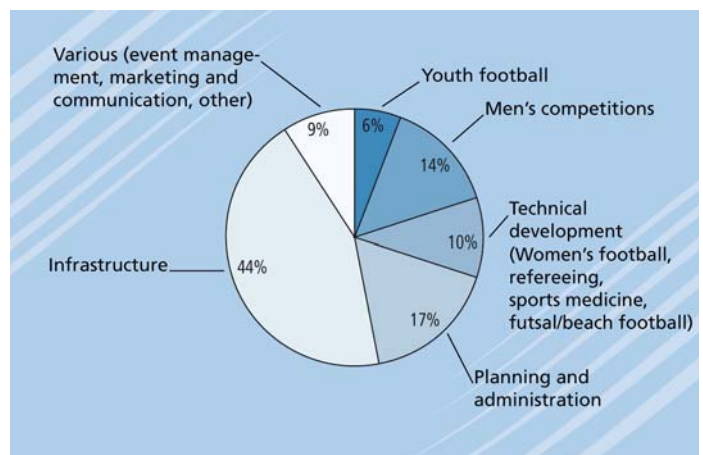
4 February 2008

Status

Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Total cost	USD	400,000



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)	1			●						●											
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?	2006
From which age on, players are registered?	16
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	21
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	3
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-16, 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

