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The first Goal Project

On 15 May 2001, FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter opened the association's new headquarters in Colombo, comprising state-of-the-art facilities, an auditorium, accommodation and a cafeteria. Youth teams, clubs, regional and national sides are reaping the rewards of the well-equipped complex. The project in Sri Lanka was one of the first to have been completed under Goal. Funds from Goal, the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme, the association itself and private patrons paid for the premises to be built on land donated by the government.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Multi-purpose association headquarters in Colombo

Project approved

4 July 2001

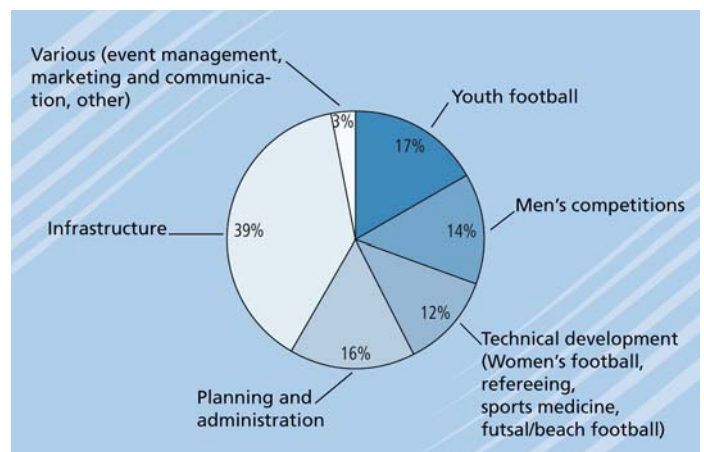
Status

Opened on 15 May 2001

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
NA/Others	USD	151,000
Government	Land	
Total cost	USD	551,000

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The second Goal project

After completion of the first Goal project, comprising a multifunctional complex in Colombo which also houses the association, the Sri Lanka FA proposed a second project that was approved by the Goal Bureau on 15 October 2003. A national training centre in the future administrative capital, Sri Jayawardanapura Baddegana, will, above all, help to develop youth football on the island. The municipal authorities were providing the land for the training centre, which can accommodate 60 people.



Project

Training centre in Sri Jayawardanapura Baddegana

Project approved

15 October 2003

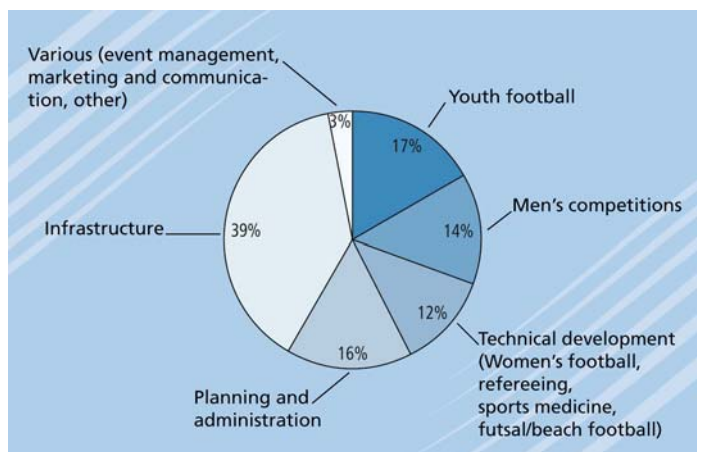
Status

Opened on 13 October 2004

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	200,000
Government	Land	
Total cost	USD	600,000

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)	2		●						●												
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.



Women's football seminar in Sri Lanka

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	n/a
From which age on, players are registered?	13
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	33
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	98
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	no
University competitions	no
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	no
National "A" team	no
National youth teams: age categories	

