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The first Goal Project

In recent years, The Football Association of Thailand has been striving hard to develop football. It has built training centres in the provinces, introduced training programmes for referees and coaches and developed the domestic league championships even further. The association has also attached great importance to football at youth level, for both boys and girls, and to the women's game. On 22 September 2004, the Goal Bureau approved the construction of an international size artificial turf pitch as part of the training centre, which plays an important role in football activities at all levels. This project was inaugurated in the presence of FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter on 16 September 2009.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Artificial turf pitch at the technical centre in Nongjiok, Bangkok

Project approved

22 September 2004

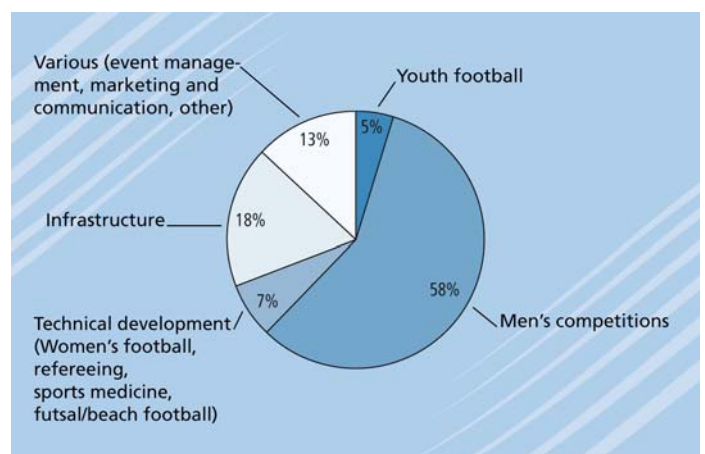
Status

Opened on 16 September 2009

Financed by

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|---------|
| Goal | USD | 400,000 |
| FAP | USD | 60,000 |
| Total cost | USD | 460,000 |

Use of FAP funds



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Second Goal project

After revising the original project, on 21 March The Football Association of Thailand presented the Goal Bureau with plans for a new headquarters adjacent to the artificial turf pitch laid at the national training centre in Nongkrok under the first project. The three-storey building will give the association autonomy and the necessary space for professional leadership and administrative structures.

Financing of Goal project

Project

Association headquarters in Nongkrok

Project approved on

21 March 2007

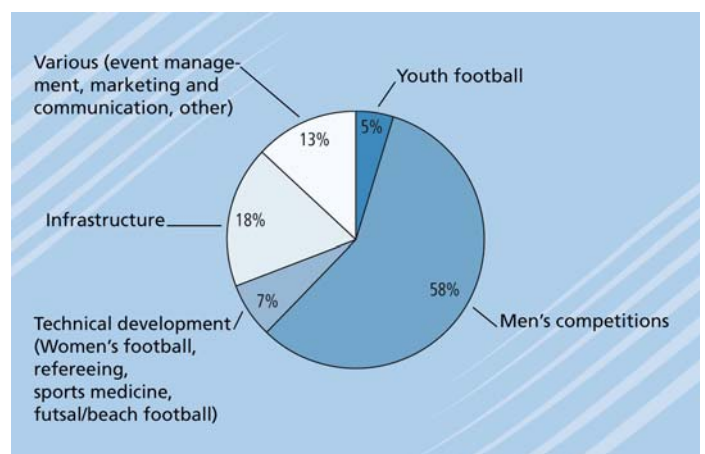
Status

Implementation

Financing

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|-------------------|-----|---------|
| Goal | USD | 400,000 |
| Total cost | USD | 400,000 |

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) | 3 | | ● | | | | | | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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.



2007 ASEAN Women's Championship - Myanmar v. Thailand

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| Does an organised women's football set-up exist? | yes |
| If so, since when? | 1976 |
| From which age on, players are registered? | 13 |
| Women's teams (open or over 16 years) | 29 |
| Women's teams (below 16 years, youth) | 24 |
| National competition (or women's league) | yes |
| Regional competitions | yes |
| University competitions | yes |
| School competitions | yes |
| Futsal competitions | yes |
| National "A" team | yes |
| National youth teams: age categories | U-14, U-16, U-17, U-19 |



Thailand's women won the bronze medals