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The first Goal Project

The artificial turf pitch in Ashgabat's Kopeddag Stadium, which is also home to the offices of the association, was laid in November 2002. The project has been financed by the Goal Programme and the national teams and various club teams are already training and playing matches on the new pitch. Furthermore, the complex regularly hosts gatherings of the most talented youngsters in each age level, as well as courses held as part of the various development programmes for coaches and referees.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Artificial pitch in Ashgabat

Project approved

4 July 2001

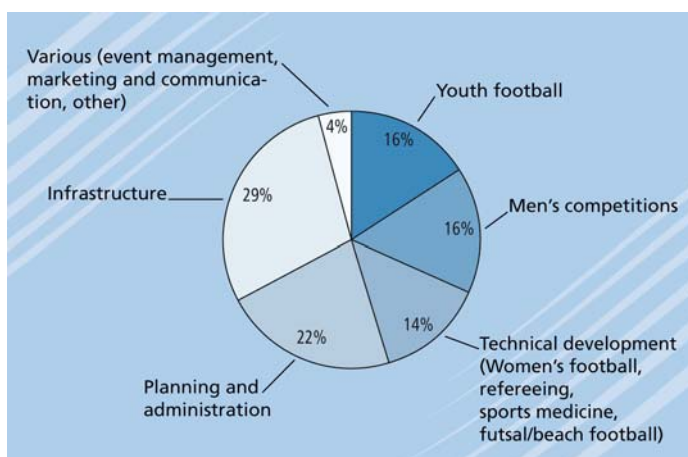
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Opened on 18 September 2004

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	37,745
Government	Land	
Total cost	USD	437,745

Use of FAP funds



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The second Goal project

The artificial turf installed in Kopeddag Stadium in Ashgabat some time ago as part of the first Goal project is being used frequently. In March 2004, a second project - for new or refurbished association headquarters - was approved. An existing building have been purchased and converted according to the association's needs. These new headquarters replace the current rented, limited facilities in the Kopeddag Stadium, finally improving working conditions for the association's employees.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Association headquarters in Ashgabat

Project approved

March 2004

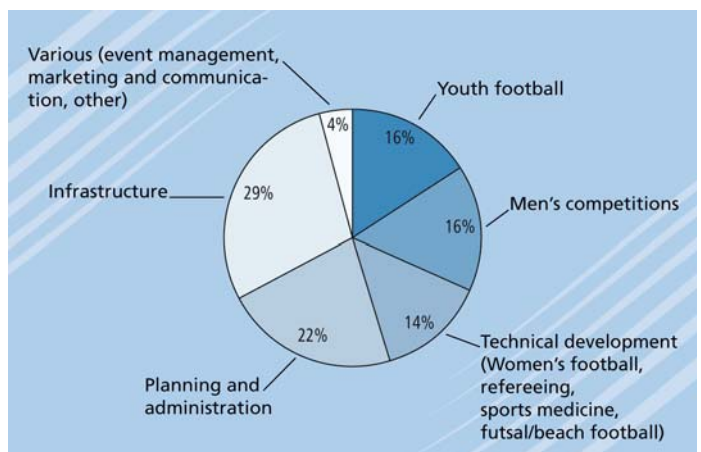
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Opened on 27 March 2007

Financed by

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)																					
FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches	0					●		●													

●: 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?	2004
From which age on, players are registered?	17
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	3
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	12
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	no
School competitions	no
Futsal competitions	no
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-17