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The first Goal Project

The national centre of excellence in Montevideo, built to celebrate the centenary of the national association with funds from the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme and Goal (USD 100,000), was opened in the year 2000 by FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter in the presence of prominent figures from the worlds of sport and politics. The centre is now the centre of Uruguayan football life. Uruguay concentrates on promoting youth football, training coaches and developing a number of areas within football. With a long-term development strategy in place, the national association wants to repeat past successes. Uruguay was approved for the second Goal phase by the Goal Bureau. The small «Estadio Charrúa» stadium in Montevideo was to be renovated.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Renovation of Charrúa Stadium in Montevideo

Project approved

1 May 2000

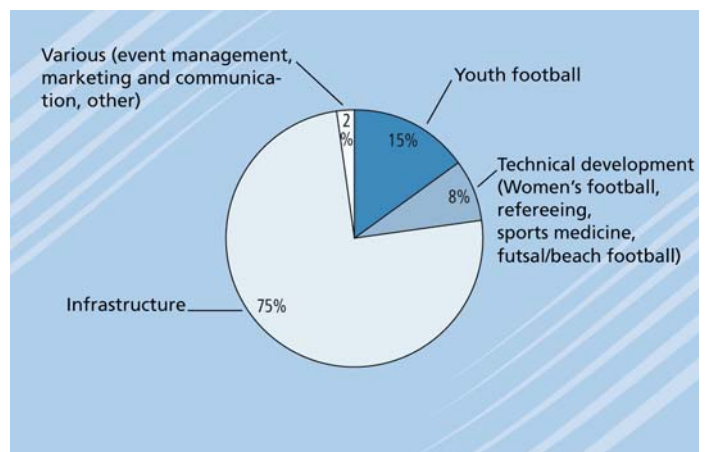
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Opened on 13 April 2002

Financed by

Goal	USD	300,000
Association	USD	7,600
Total cost	USD	307,600

Use of FAP funds



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The second Goal project

The project approved by the Goal Bureau on 7 November 2005 is entirely devoted to the areas of women's and youth football and involves the construction of accommodation for women's national teams and youth teams of all ages at the Charrúa Stadium in Montevideo. This will allow the most talented male and female players to gather more regularly in the future, thus ensuring the continued development of the various national teams. With this project the Uruguayan Football Association hopes to make good the ground lost in recent years by the senior Uruguayan side.



Financing of Goal project

Project

National training centre for women's and youth football in Montevideo

Project approved on

7. November 2005

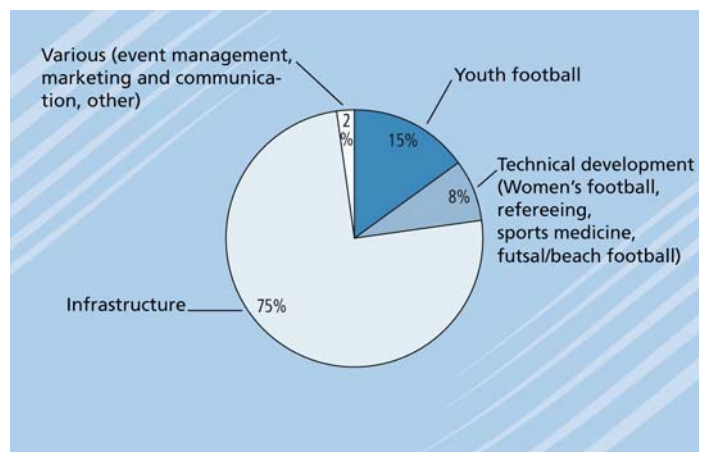
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Opened on 9 February 2007

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Total cost	USD	400,000

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Third Goal project

The Uruguay Celeste elite performance centre, which was built with FIFA's assistance and opened in 2000, is to undergo a complete renovation in accordance with the details of a project approved by the Goal Bureau on 21 March 2007. The complex will be enlarged and the facilities and apparatus will be upgraded.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Renovation of technical centre in Canelones

Project approved on

21 March 2007

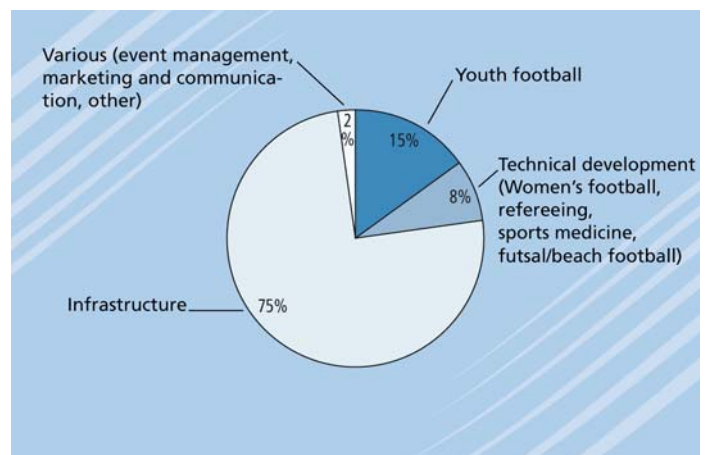
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Implementation

Financing

Goal	USD	400,000
Other sources	USD	209,957
Total cost	USD	609,957

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																					

●: 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.



National women's team line-up in Mar del Plata, Argentina

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	1998
From which age on, players are registered?	14
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	35
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	15
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	no
School competitions	no
Futsal competitions	yes
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-17, U-20



The successful team before the match in Mar del Plata