

- Association founded 1926
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1952



Flag



Association emblem



World map



## Football in Venezuela

In South America, Venezuela is the only country that does not count football as its number one sport. Thanks to the influence of the American way of life, baseball and basketball enjoy more popularity. The national association is trying to boost international relations and to find challenging opposition for the national team. These steps, as well as a variety of youth development programmes, are designed to improve quality and help Venezuela to reach the top of South American football. There is much work to be done – but significant progress has been made in recent years.

## The Goal Project

The technical centre and offices of the regional association on the holiday island of Margarita in Porlamar, which are currently under construction, will provide a boost for the entire country. Venezuelan national teams will meet at the centre for training camps. Courses, held as part of the association's various development programmes, and gatherings of youth teams will also take place there. Approved by the Goal Bureau on 4 July 2001 as a pilot scheme, the project has experienced extensive delays due to unforeseen circumstances and is still some way from completion. Using funds from the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme, the Venezuelan FA has already moved into its own headquarters.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Technical centre on Isla Margarita

### Project approved

Pilot project

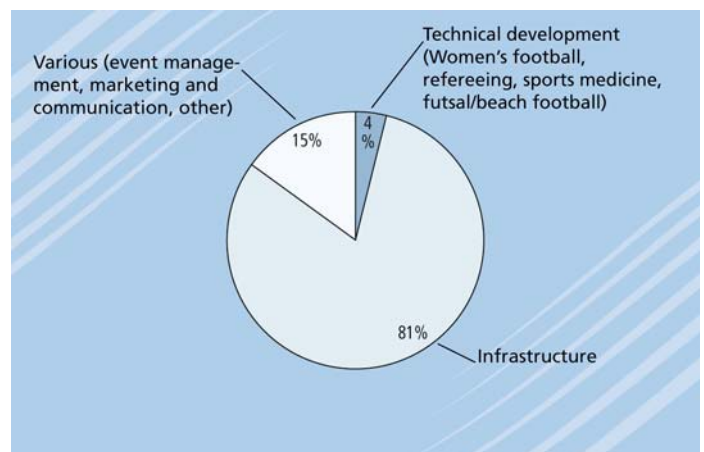
### Status

Work ongoing

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	500,000
<b>FAP</b>	USD	750,000
<b>Association</b>	USD	764,008
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	2,014,008

## 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
	<b>FUTURO III regional courses</b>																				
Refereeing (men and women)																					
Coaching (men)																					
Coaching (women)																					
Administration and management																					
Football medicine																					
<b>Seminars</b>																					
Women's football																					
Futsal																					
Com-Unity																					
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<b>MA courses</b>																					
Administration																					
Refereeing (men and women)																			●		
Coaching (men and women)																					
Beach soccer																					
Futsal																					
Olympic solidarity coaching courses																					
<b>Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)</b>																					
<b>FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches</b>																					

●: 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?	1998
From which age on, players are registered?	12
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	195
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	68
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-15, U-18, U-20