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## The first Goal Project

On 19 February 2003, Mohamed Bin Hammam - President of the Asian Football Confederation and chairman of the Goal Bureau - officially opened the Goal project, comprising two artificial turf pitches (one main pitch and one training field) on the island of Mahé. Funds from Goal and the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme paid for the premises to be built on land donated by the government. The FIFA Financial Assistance Programme had already funded new floodlighting installations and the launch of a youth development scheme. Foundations have thus been laid for the future of football in the Seychelles. In addition to youth coaching, there are also national team get-togethers, education and development courses, and school football activities.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Artificial turf pitches in Mahé

### Project approved

4 March 2002

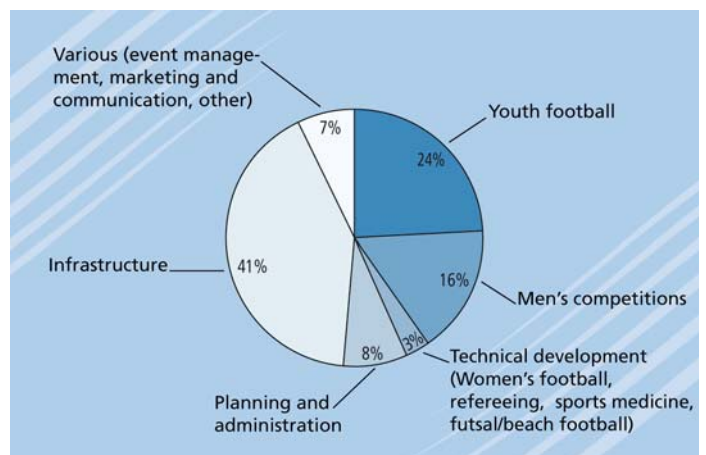
### Status

Opened on 19 February 2003

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>FAP</b>	USD	48,800
<b>Government</b>	Land	
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	448,800

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## The second Goal project

On 19 February 2003, the first Goal project, comprising of two artificial turf pitches (one main and one training field) on the island of Mahe, was officially opened. One-and-a-half years later, the Goal Bureau approved the African member association's second project: extra facilities to be added to the artificial turf surfaces to create a training centre to make it possible to organise theory seminars and accommodate players, coaches and course participants. The new facilities will enable the association to implement its youth development programmes regularly.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Technical centre in Mahe

### Project approved

22. September 2004

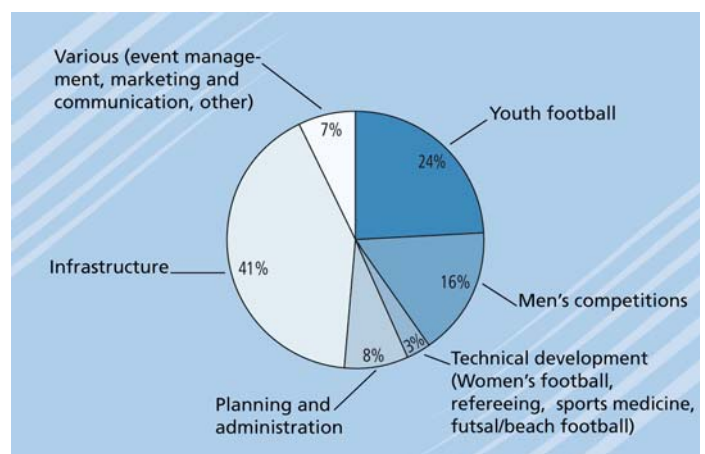
### Status

Opened on 15 February 2006

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>FAP</b>	USD	200,000
<b>Confederation</b>	USD	175,000
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	775,000

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## The third Goal project

On 3 December 2006, the Goal Bureau gave its first ever approval to projects from member associations who had already benefited from Goal on two previous occasions. An international-size artificial turf pitch is under construction in Praslin in the Seychelles, which will facilitate the staging of national team matches and will be of inestimable value to the country's entire footballing infrastructure. The Seychelles government is actively contributing to the project through building work, which will help to keep the total cost at a reasonable level.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

International-size football turf pitch in Praslin

### Project approved on

3 December 2006

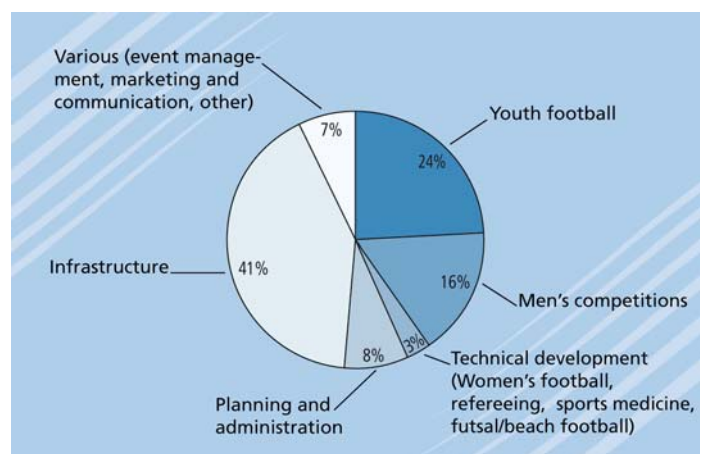
### Status

Implementation

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>Other sources</b>	USD	58,000
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	458,000

## 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
		<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																					
MA Seminars																					
<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>	0	●																			
<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?	n/a
From which age on, players are registered?	15
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	8
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	n/a
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	

### Win in Africa with Africa

Under this motto, FIFA is seeking to use football pointedly as a development tool. At the same time, the governing body is aiming to focus attention on Africa in the build-up to the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ and project a positive image of a continent that is working hard for its own development.. The Win in Africa with Africa campaign was endorsed by the FIFA Congress in Marrakesh and assigned a USD 70 million budget by the Congress in Munich.

At its heart lies the initiative to provide every African nation with an international-standard artificial turf pitch. The remainder of the eight-point programme is intended to develop domestic competitions, train African sports executives, promote sports medicine and address topical issues relating to the FIFA World Cup™ in South Africa.

Further information on *Win in Africa with Africa*:  
[http://www.fifa.com/mm/goalprojectWinAF\\_E.pdf](http://www.fifa.com/mm/goalprojectWinAF_E.pdf)



*Stade Linité, Mahe – one of two full-size playing fields on the Seychelles.*



*The same stadium after installation of a FIFA-approved football turf pitch. Costs were born 50-50 by FIFA and the Seychelles government.*



*An extraordinary view of a training pitch laid in Raslin, Mahe as the country's second Goal project.*



*Training session at the Raslin technical centre with a FIFA-approved football turf pitch. The total costs were divided 50-50 by FIFA and the Seychelles government.*