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Football in the Dominican Republic

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The first Goal Project

FIFA vice-president Jack Warner opened the Dominican Republic FA's new centre for football development on 2 July 2003. The building can be found just outside the city of San Cristobal. The first phase, involving building offices for the national association and classrooms for the people attending the courses of the various training programmes, will be financed by the Goal Programme, with extra funds coming from the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme. In the second phase, due to be completed by the end of 2003, various technical facilities, such as playing pitches and accommodation for players and coaches, will be constructed. The government has also donated 25 acres of land as part of this project.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Centre for football development in San Cristobal

Project approved

4 March 2002

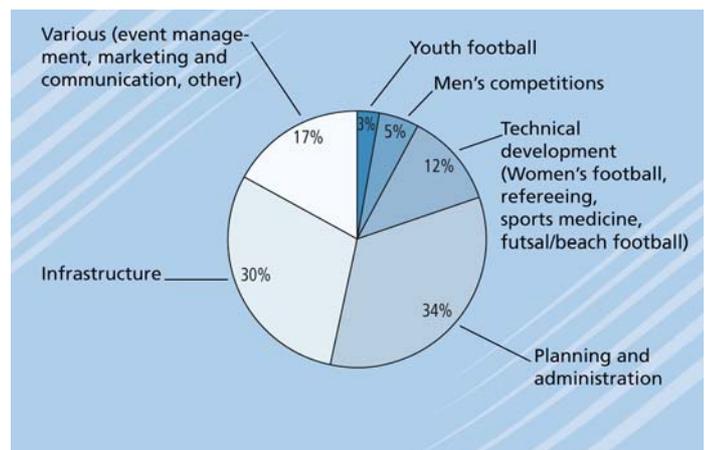
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Opened on 2 July 2003

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	30,922
Total cost	USD	430,922

Use of FAP funds



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Second Goal project

The San Cristobal centre for football development inaugurated in July 2003 will be raised by one storey to accommodate bedrooms and medical rooms. A separate building nearby contains dressing rooms and toilets for everyone using the different pitches that also belong to the training centre. This extension is the culmination of the original plan for a fully equipped and functioning technical centre, funded by Goal and partly by the association's own resources.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Extension of project 1 to the training centre

Project approved on

15 March 2006

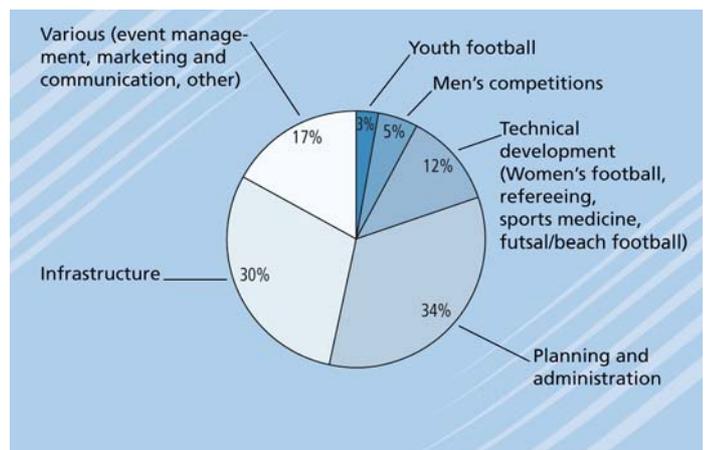
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Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	135,221
Total cost	USD	535,221

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)	2	●								●											
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.

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	2006
From which age on, players are registered?	12
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	40
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	260
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-17, U-20



International match versus Bahamas