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The Goal project

New Zealand has been on the waiting list of beneficiaries of the Goal Programme for quite a while. Plans for association headquarters had existed for a long time but it proved practically impossible to find a suitable plot of land in the area of Auckland. On 3 December 2006, the Goal Bureau granted an alternative proposal - for completion by mid-2007 - to lay an artificial turf pitch at Auckland's North Harbour Stadium, where New Zealand play their most important international matches. The new playing surface was officially inaugurated on 5 May 2007.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Artificial turf pitch at North Harbour Stadium in Auckland

Project approved on

3 December 2006

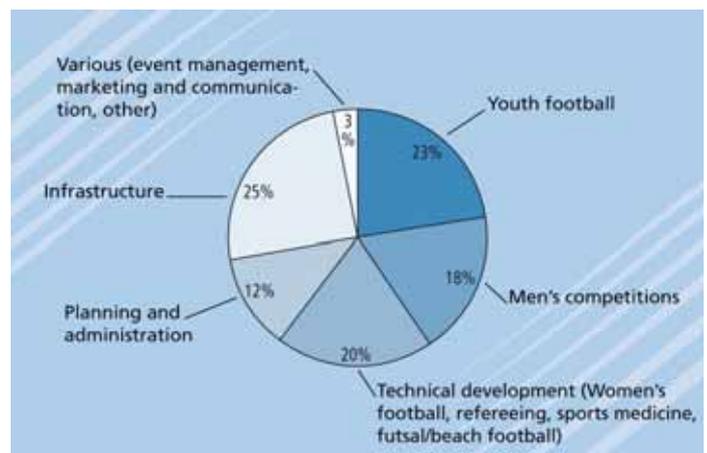
Status

Opened on 5 May 2007

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Other sources	USD	2,500,000
Total cost	USD	2,900,000

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The second Goal project

New Zealand Football wishes to launch a development programme involving the construction of regional technical centres in several phases over a number of years. To this end, on 1 December 2009 the Goal Bureau approved a project to fund the construction of an artificial turf pitch in Christchurch on the South Island. It is expected that the possibility of organising training and competitions in strategic areas will develop football practice in the southern regions of the country. Changing rooms and floodlighting will be added at a later stage.

Financing of Goal Project

Project

Construction of an artificial turf pitch in Christchurch

Project approved on

1 December 2009

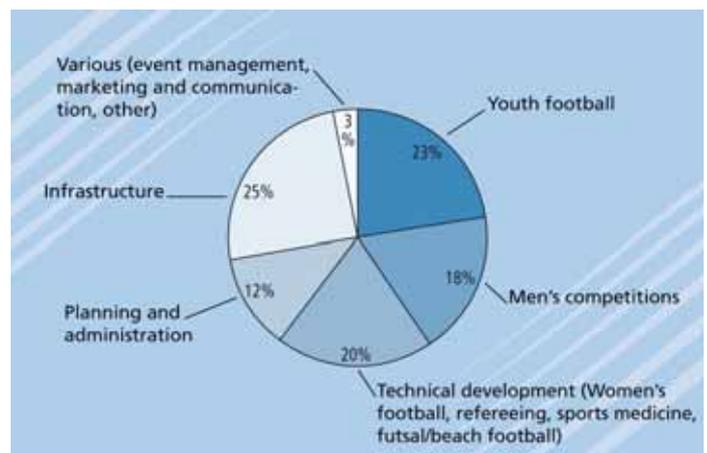
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Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Public funds	USD	1,140,218
Total cost	USD	1,540,218

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																					
Women's football																			●		
Olympic solidarity coaching courses																					
Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)	3	●																			
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.



Coaching at grassroot level

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	2000
From which age on, players are registered?	5
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	250
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	992
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	n/a
University competitions	yes
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	yes
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-14, U-17, U-20



U-20 Women's World Cup in Germany - versus Denmark