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Goal project

At its meeting on 7 November 2005, the *Goal* Bureau took note of the intentions of FIFA's newest member to significantly improve and bring more professionalism to their football activities. On 15 March 2006, the Timor-Leste football association presented a proposal for association headquarters and administrative facilities and conference rooms to the *Goal* Bureau. This project, which will signal the start of a comprehensive project to develop football in Timor-Leste, has been approved by the *Goal* Bureau. The entire budget will be covered by the contribution from the *Goal* Programme.

Financing of Goal project

Project

Association headquarters in Dili

Project approved on

15 March 2006

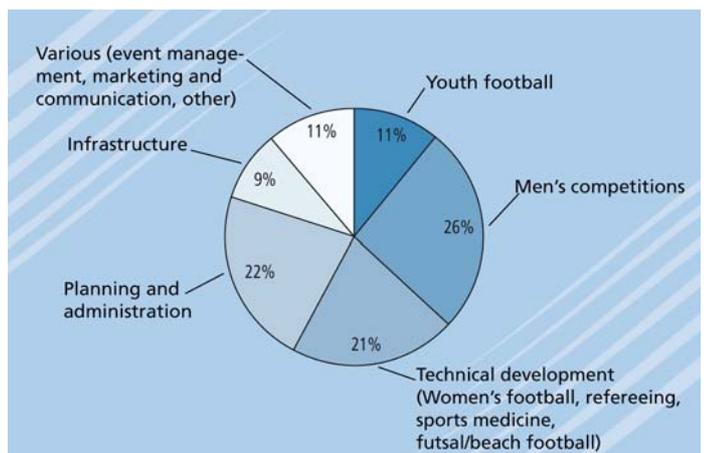
Status

Implementation

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Goal	USD	400,000
Total cost	USD	400,000

Use of FAP funds



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Second Goal project

Football on Timor-Leste continues to develop encouragingly. In addition to a well-run administration, housed in the association's headquarters in Dili, the increasing growth of football on the island means the association would like to have its own training centre with accommodation, seminar rooms, a cafeteria and fitness centre. This was the aim of the project that the Timor-Leste Football Association submitted to the Goal Bureau, which was approved on 2 June 2009.

Project

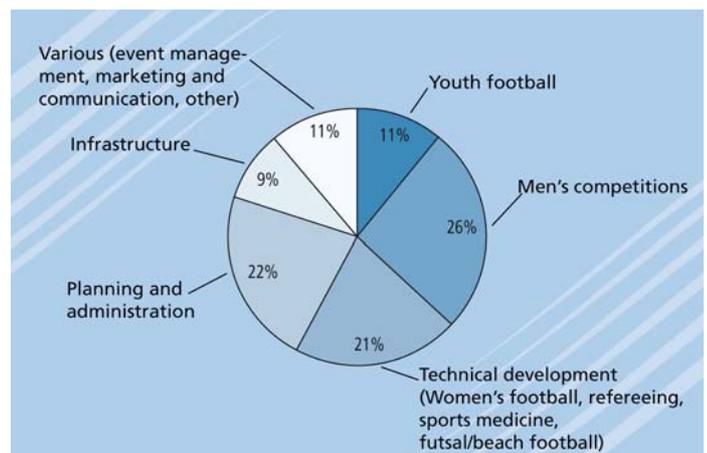
Technical centre near the existing association headquarters in Dili

Project approved on
2 June 2009

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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.



Team Sanyos

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	2002
From which age on, players are registered?	19
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	14
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	4
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	



Team Lularas