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## The first Goal Project

In the summer of 2004, the Argentine football association presented its project: renovation work on the pitches and dressing rooms in the Parque Domingo Faustino Sarmiento in the Avelaneda district in the suburbs of the country's capital. This project will create good sports facilities, open all year round, for more than 10,000 youngsters in one of the poorest areas of Buenos Aires. The neighbourhood is home to at least three football teams from the first division, who will use these facilities for their youth development work, with summer camps one of the options available.

As well as football, the complex, which was built in the 1940s, also has facilities for futsal, basketball, volleyball and swimming and is therefore a cornerstone of society. The entire initiative is part of the association's plans to work in closer harmony with the Argentine people, and these plans are fully supported by the relevant authorities.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Renovation of football facilities at a Buenos Aires sports complex

### Project approved

20 August 2004

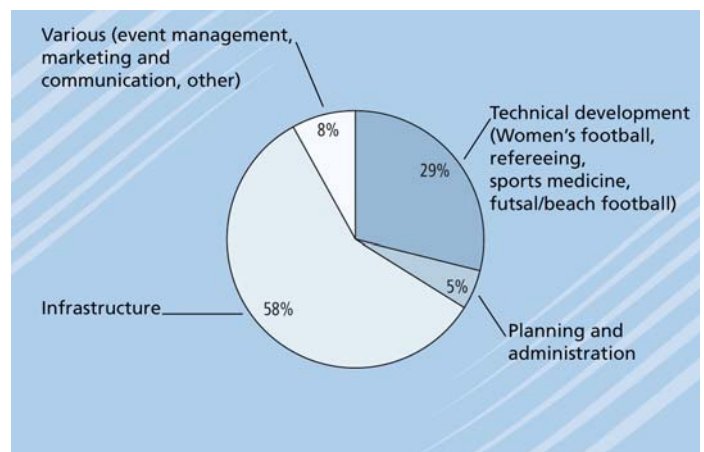
### Status

Opened on 12 December 2004

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>FAP</b>	USD	146,652
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	546,652

## Use of FAP funds



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## The second Goal project

The association's existing technical centre in Buenos Aires will be extended to include futsal facilities that can be used by all of Argentina's men's and women's national teams in order to promote the game of futsal. The Goal Bureau gave its approval to this project on 3 December 2006 and it should open in mid-2009.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Futsal facilities at technical centre in Buenos Aires

### Project approved on

3 December 2006

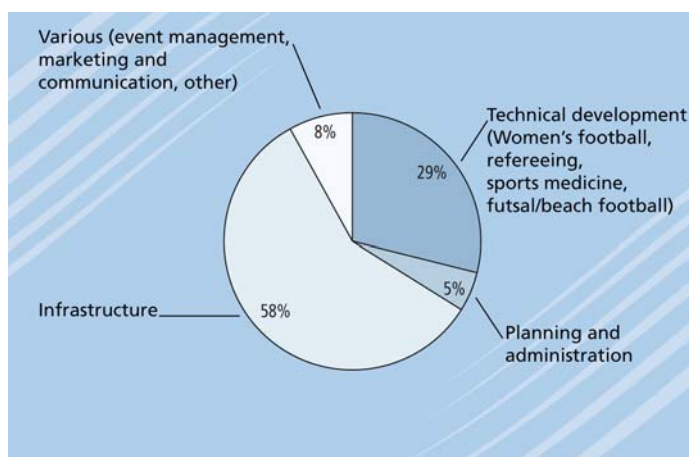
### Status

Implementation

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>FAP</b>	USD	533,735
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	933,735

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## The third Goal project

The third *Goal* project undertaken by the Argentinian Football Association continues to focus on the rapid and long-lasting development of futsal in the country. Having installed dedicated futsal facilities at the national technical centre in Buenos Aires, the second phase of assistance for futsal will provide logistical support for the sport: offices, meeting rooms, a sports hall and a medical unit will be provided for the staff and players of the national teams right next to their training pitches. The offices can also be used by administrative representatives of women's football.

In addition, the third project includes the installation of lighting for the beach soccer pitch, which will allow more extensive use of this facility.



## Use of FAP funds

### Project

Development of infrastructure for futsal and beach soccer at the national technical centre

### Project approved on

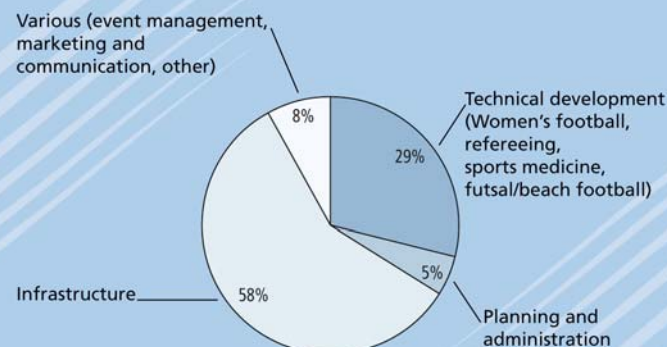
2 June 2009

### Status

Implementation

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	400,000



**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>	1																				
<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.



Top-level football: Peru v. Argentina (at a tournament in Peru)

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	1987
From which age on, players are registered?	13
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	14
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	n/a
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-17, U-20



Hard-fought scene from Argentina versus Chile