

- Association founded 1951
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1962



Flag



Association emblem



World map



## Football in Somalia

Somalia, a relatively young country that was shattered by the effects of civil war, has so far had little opportunity to make a name for itself in the footballing world. Founded in 1969, the Somali Football Federation joined FIFA later the same year before becoming a member of the Confederation of African Football in 1975. Despite difficult circumstances, 1972 saw the launch of a domestic league championship with four regional tournaments. The championship was relaunched in the spring of 2008 after a hiatus of 18 years. Success in international football has not been forthcoming either as the national team has yet to qualify for either the FIFA World Cup™ or the Africa Cup of Nations. In stark contrast to other African countries, no Somali footballer has yet made his mark in a European league or on another continent. Nevertheless, the work that is currently underway to rebuild the football infrastructure provides hope that the underestimated Somali football scene will soon gain in stature.

## The Goal project

Part of the highly demanding restructuring work in a country ravaged by a long civil war is to rebuild the footballing infrastructure. There are scarcely any stadiums left and only a few pitches are playable. As an amendment to the project that was submitted on 4 February 2008, on 22 October 2008 the Goal Bureau approved the construction of new stands in the Benadir stadium in Mogadishu. At the same time, an artificial turf pitch will be laid in connection with the *Win in Africa with Africa* programme, thus enabling the return of international matches to Somalia.

## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Stands in the Benadir stadium, Mogadishu

### Project approved on

22 October 2008

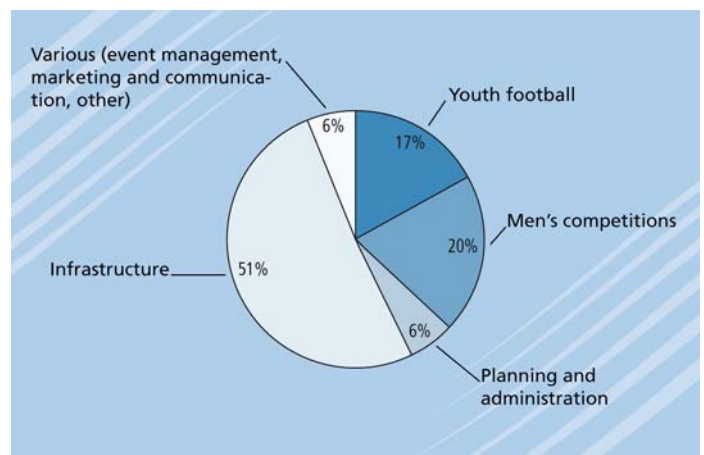
### Status

Implementation

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>FAP</b>	USD	759,806
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	1,159,806

## 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																					
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Coaching (men and women)																					
Beach soccer																					
Futsal																					
Olympic solidarity coaching courses																					
<b>Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)</b>																					
<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? no

If so, since when?

From which age on, players are registered?

Women's teams (open or over 16 years)

Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)

National competition (or women's league)

Regional competitions

University competitions

School competitions

Futsal competitions

National "A" team

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/goalproject/WinAF\\_E.pdf](http://www.fifa.com/mm/goalproject/WinAF_E.pdf)



*The Benadir Stadium in Mogadishu before its renewal*