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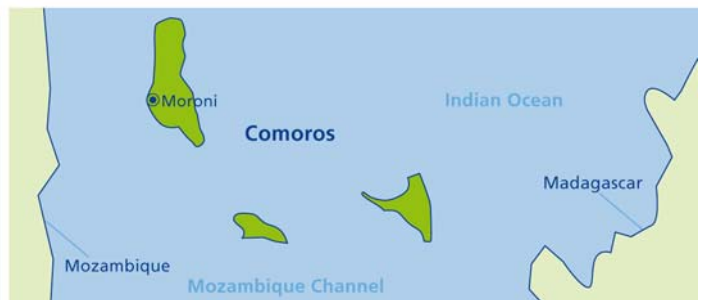
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The first Goal project

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. Given the complete lack of necessary infrastructure on the islands, the initial priority will be to build headquarters for the Comoros football association, together with a technical centre. In addition, a football stadium will have to be constructed to stage international matches in accordance with current standards.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Association headquarters and technical centre in Moroni

Project approved on

21 March 2007

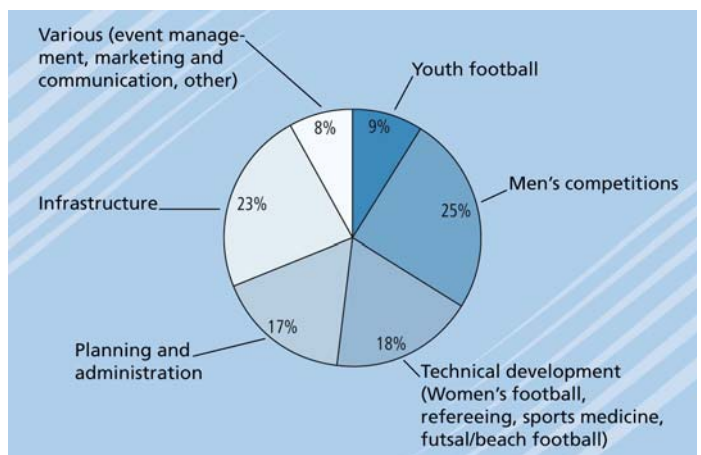
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Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Total cost	USD	400,000

Use of FAP funds



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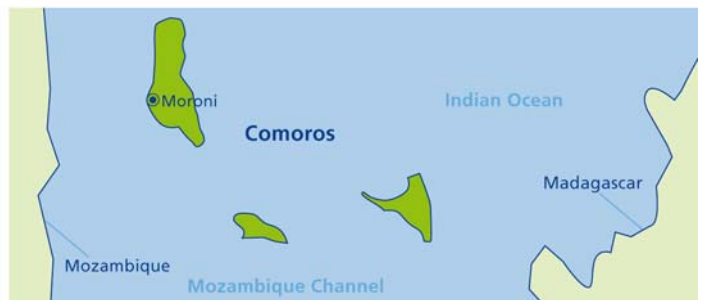
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Second Goal project

On 24 March 2007, the Goal Bureau approved the construction of an extension of the national training centre in Moroni to include additional seminar and meeting rooms as well as accommodation for national teams. This second stage of the overall project – which was based on the FIFA President's idea of a "House of Football" – enabled the Comoros' administration to meet the standard requirements of international football.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Extension of the technical centre in Moroni

Project approved on

24 March 2007

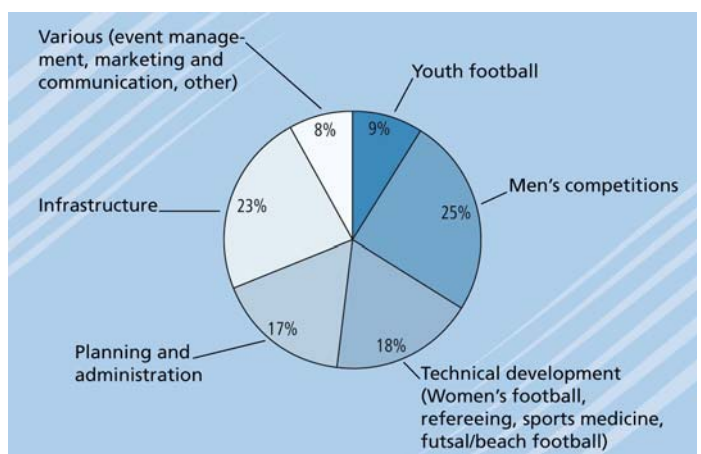
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Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400 000
FAP	USD	116 637
Total cost	USD	516 637

Use of FAP funds



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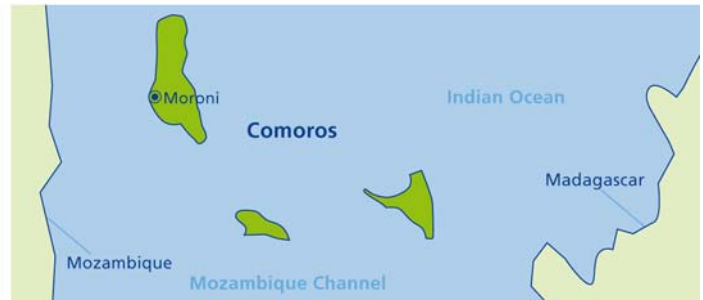
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Third Goal project

On 2 June 2009, the Goal Bureau approved general improvements and the development of football facilities and buildings on the three Comoros islands. These included eight pitches (two in Anjouan, one in Moheli and five on the main island, Grande Comoros). The funding will also be used to carry out repairs at the association's headquarters in Moheli and for fitness and training facilities at the technical centre in Mitsamouili.

Financing of Goal project

Project

Improvements to the infrastructure of Comorian football

Project approved on

2 June 2009

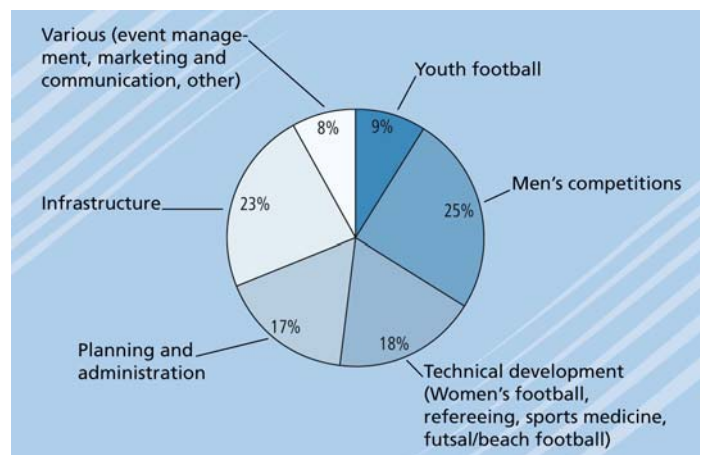
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Financement

Goal		USD	400 000
Total cost	USD	400 000	

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) WinAf																					
Coaching (men and women)																					
Beach soccer																					
Futsal																					
Olympic solidarity coaching courses	●		●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●		●							
Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)	0								●												
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?	2002
From which age on, players are registered?	18
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	12
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	0
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	no
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	no
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	n/a

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/goalprojectWinAF_E.pdf



The Stadium Said Mohamed Cheikh, Mitsamiouli - the only stadium on the Comoros Islands able to host international matches.



There were no international matches here due to the incorrect size of the playing surface.



The new football turf pitch is part of the stadium, which was built as part of the Goal Programme. On 17 November 2007, the first-ever international match, against Madagascar, took place as part of the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ preliminary competition.