

- Association founded 1924
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1936



Flag



Association emblem



World map



Football in Colombia

Colombia has a strong footballing pedigree, with good development programmes in place for refereeing and youth football. The national association celebrated its finest hour with the Copa America triumph in 2001. Many Colombian players, such as Valderrama, Rincon, Mondragon and Asprilla, have played professional football abroad. The most famous coaches are Francisco Maturana, who has returned to coach the Colombian national team after a short stint in Saudi Arabia, and Hernán «Bolílo» Gómez, who led Ecuador to the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan™.

The Goal Project

On 22 September 2004, the Goal Bureau approved plans for a centrally located technical centre within easy reach of Colombia's three major agglomerations (Bogotá, Medellín and Cali). The centre will comprise three football pitches, dressing rooms and a three-storey building to be used as a hotel and offices. The Colombian football association hopes that the new facilities will result in considerable savings on the cost of preparing its national teams for matches.



Financing of Goal project

Project

National technical centre

Project approved

22 September 2004

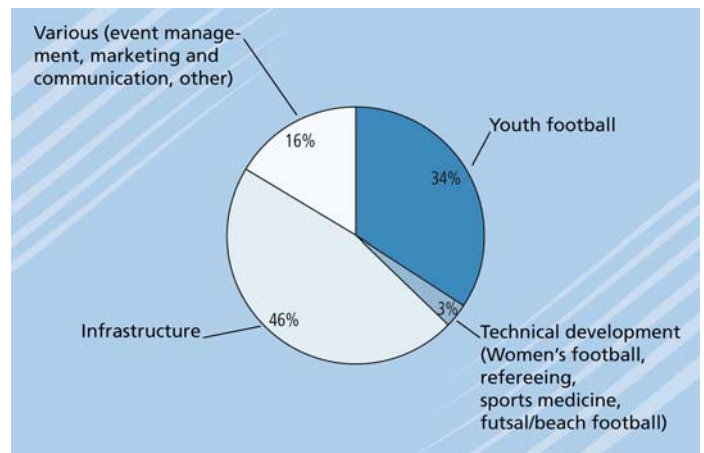
Status

Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
FAP	USD	480,000
Government	USD	270,000
Total cost	USD	1,150,000

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)															<input type="checkbox"/>		●				
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Administration and management															●						
Football medicine																					
Seminars																					
Women's football																					
Futsal																					
Com-Unity																	●				
MA Seminars																					
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Refereeing (men and women)			¿	●			●				●					●	●				
Coaching (men and women)																					
Beach soccer																	●				
Futsal																					
Olympic solidarity coaching courses				●						●											
Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)	2		●								●										
FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches																					

●: Course host country

□: Course participant in another country

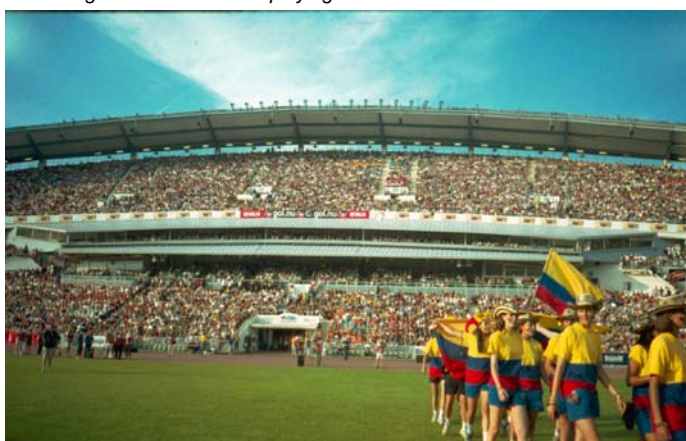
Women's football

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.



Hard-fought scene of women playing for their club ...

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	1991
From which age on, players are registered?	14
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	50
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	41
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	yes
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	yes
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-19, U-20



...and being on the spotlight with the national team