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HISTORY

The IOC's idea of supporting a number of National Olympic Committees (NOCs) after their countries gained independence originated in the 1960s. An International Olympic Aid Committee (IOAC) was created in 1962, and transformed in 1968 into an IOC Commission with the same name. In 1971 the Commission was merged with a similar body created by the Permanent General Assembly of National Olympic Committees (predecessor of ANOC). Thus the Olympic Solidarity Commission was born.

In 1981, in accordance with the decision of the then IOC President, Juan Antonio Samaranch, and the ANOC President and IOC member Mario Vázquez Raña, the Olympic Solidarity Commission acquired its definitive form, with the task of satisfying the needs and interests of the NOCs. In 2001, IOC President Jacques Rogge decided to strengthen the work of the Olympic Solidarity Commission and reaffirmed his wish to continue the political and administrative decentralisation of Olympic Solidarity towards the NOC Continental Associations and ANOC. To this end, he appointed Mario Vázquez Raña as Commission Chairman, and restructured it. The Commission is composed mainly of representatives of the Continental Associations, ANOC and the athletes.

MISSION

Olympic Solidarity is the organ responsible for administering and managing the NOCs' share of the television rights from the broadcasting of the Olympic Games. It redistributes these funds through diverse programmes according to the needs and priorities of the NOCs and their Continental Associations.

"The aim of Olympic Solidarity is to organise aid to NOCs recognised by the IOC, in particular those which have the greatest need of it. This aid takes the form of programmes elaborated

jointly by the IOC and the NOCs, with the technical assistance of the International Federations (IFs), if necessary."

Rule 8 of the Olympic Charter.

THE PROGRAMMES 2009-20012

In accordance with the Olympic Charter, Olympic Solidarity offers the NOCs an efficient consulting service to assist them in gaining access to financial, technical and administrative assistance through:

- World Programmes, which cover and reinforce all areas of sports development ;
- Continental Programmes, designed to meet some of the specific needs of each continent ;
- Olympic Games Subsidies, which complement the range of programmes and offer financial support to NOCs before, during and after the Games.

WORLD PROGRAMMES

These are divided into four areas:

1. Athletes
2. Coaches
3. NOC management
4. Promotion of the Olympic values

1. PROGRAMMES FOR ATHLETES

Carrying on from previous quadrennial plans, the five programmes for athletes are structured so as to enable the NOCs to provide technical and financial assistance to athletes of all levels who are preparing for different international competitions, and especially, but not exclusively, the Olympic Games.

- Olympic Scholarships for Athletes " Vancouver 2010 "
- Olympic Scholarships for Athletes " London 2012 "
- Team Support Grants
- Continental and Regional Games – Athlete Preparation



- Youth Olympic Games – Athlete Preparation

Olympic Scholarships for Athletes “Vancouver 2010”

This programme offers the NOCs the chance to provide their athletes with the support they need to prepare and attempt to qualify for the XXI Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver in 2010. Its main goal is to improve the competitiveness of the Olympic Winter Games rather than to expand artificially the universality of these Games. Consequently, this programme is available only to NOCs that took part in the Olympic Winter Games in Turin and have a strong winter sports tradition. The Olympic scholarships are available from 1 November 2008 until 28 February 2010.

Olympic Scholarships for Athletes “London 2012”

This programme offers substantial assistance to elite international athletes nominated by their respective NOCs for their preparation and qualification for the Games of the XXX Olympiad in London in 2012, paying particular attention to athletes and NOCs with limited financial means. This programme will be operational from 1 September 2010 until 31 August 2012, and can be accessed by all the NOCs.

Some figures from the previous scholarship programme for Beijing 2008:

- 1,088 athletes benefited from an Olympic scholarship.
- 591 scholarship holders (389 men and 202 women) from 151 NOCs qualified and competed in 20 sports.
- 81 medals won (19 gold, 33 silver and 29 bronze).

Team sports support grants

This programme offers financial assistance to one national team per NOC to prepare and participate in regional, continental or world level competitions with a view to qualifying for the Olympic Games. Each NOC can submit a request for a grant for one team in a summer sport and another team in a winter sport. The NOCs can give priority to the competitions that they consider the most important.

Continental and regional games – NOC preparation

For the smaller NOCs in particular, after the Olympic Games, the continental and regional games are the most important competitions, as they have the chance to be more widely represented in these. Around 90 per cent of the NOCs received support through this programme during the four-year plan 2005-2008.

Youth Olympic Games - Athlete Preparation

The aim of this NOC assistance programme is to identify, qualify and prepare a small number of young athletes with a view to their participation in the Summer and Winter Youth Olympic Games. The eligible athletes must practise an individual sport that is included in the Summer or Winter Youth Olympic Games programme and show a potential to qualify for the future editions by producing outstanding results at international or continental youth competitions.

2. PROGRAMMES FOR COACHES

Three programmes are available to coach development. They take a variety of different forms and are targeted at different levels in order to respond in the best way possible to current athlete training requirements. During the 2005-2008 quadrennial plan:

- 142 NOCs held 980 “Technical courses for coaches”.
- 529 “Olympic scholarships for coaches”: were awarded to 145 NOCs for general sports science training or sports specific training.
- 171 projects within the framework of the “Development of national sports structure” programme were approved for 92 NOCs.

3. NOC MANAGEMENT

Four programmes are offered to the NOCs:

- “NOC Administration Development”: This programme is designed to support the NOCs’ administrative structure by contributing towards their general running costs and to the improvement of specific aspects of their



management, particularly financial management.

- “National Training Courses for Sports Administrators”: This enables the NOCs to organise courses for their management staff and that of their affiliated organisations. They are held on two levels (standard and advanced) and enable the NOCs to spread knowledge of the Olympic Movement and to develop the professional skills of sports administrators: 446 courses were organised for 103 NOCs during the quadrennial plan 2005-2008.
- “International Executive Training Courses in Sports Management”: This enables sports leaders to receive a grant in order to follow masters level training and help to improve the management of their Olympic sports organisations: 175 scholarships awarded from 111 NOCs between 2005 and 2008.
- The “NOC exchanges” promote and facilitate the process of exchanging knowledge and experience between NOCs, while the “regional forums” aims to bring together groups of NOCs from the same region to address themes of particular interest to a continent or a region in question.

4. PROMOTION OF THE OLYMPIC VALUES

Seven programmes are grouped under this heading, and each makes an important contribution to the NOCs, enabling them to pursue activities linked to sports development and the values which underpin the fundamental principles of Olympism, according to their needs, individual situation and culture.

- Sports medicine
- Sport and environment
- Women and sport
- Sport for All
- International Olympic Academy
- Culture and education
- NOC legacy

CONTINENTAL PROGRAMMES

Olympic Solidarity has stepped up the decentralisation of its programmes towards the

Continental Associations in the 2009-2012 period. This is reflected in the increased funds available to each continental association and by the freedom of choice in how the funds allocated to the continental programmes are used. In line with this policy, the Continental Associations offer continental programmes specific to each of their member NOCs. Each Continental Association then has to decide on which continental programmes to put in place, their objectives and budgets, in order to meet the needs and priorities of each continent. The continental programmes are managed by the five Olympic Solidarity offices (Rome, Kuwait, Mexico City, Abuja and Suva), within the Continental Associations in full coordination with the international office of the Olympic Solidarity in Lausanne.

OLYMPIC GAMES SUBSIDIES

The Olympic Games Subsidies programme is intended to help the NOCs to participate in the Games of the Olympiad and the Olympic Winter Games. The financial assistance provided has two quite different yet complementary objectives: to help foster the universal spirit of the Olympic Games by guaranteeing the participation of all NOCs, and to give additional support to NOCs, which contribute partly to the development and success of the Games. This financial assistance is given in three phases: before, during and after the Games, and among other things covers the travel costs for a number of athletes and officials taking part in the Games, logistics costs and the subsidy given to the NOCs for their participation in the Games, based on the number of athletes who actually take part in the competitions.

FUNDING

The sole source of funding for Olympic Solidarity’s operations and the activities of each of the programmes it offers is the NOCs’ share of the revenue from the sale of broadcasting rights to the Olympic Games. The Olympic Solidarity Commission is responsible for defining the orientation and managing the work of Olympic Solidarity, which includes approving the programmes and related budgets, based on the four-year plans, and monitoring the activities carried out. The development and assistance



budget approved by the Olympic Solidarity Commission for the 2009-2012 period totals USD 311,000,000, which is 27 per cent higher overall than the budget for the previous plan.

BREAKDOWN OF BUDGET FOR 2009-2012:

World Programmes

USD 134,000,000

Continental Programmes

USD 122,000,000

Olympic Games subsidies

USD 42,000,000

Administration / Communication

USD 13,000,000

Total USD 311,000,000

BREAKDOWN OF “WORLD PROGRAMMES” BUDGET:

Athletes

USD 61,000,000

Coaches

USD 26,000,000

NOC management

USD 32,000,000

Promotion of Olympic values

USD 15,000,000

Total USD 134,000,000

BREAKDOWN OF “CONTINENTAL PROGRAMMES” BUDGET:

ANOCA (Africa) – 53 NOCs

USD 26,671,000

PASO (America) – 42 NOCs

USD 21,228,000

OCA (Asia) – 44 NOCs

USD 22,257,000

EOC (Europe) – 49 NOCs

USD 25,089,000

ONOC (Oceania) – 17 NOCs

USD 12,000

ANOC USD 9,264,000

Total USD 122,000,000

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