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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 (the predecessor of the Association of National Olympic Committees [ANOC]) and became the committee for the Olympic Solidarity.

In 1981, in accordance with the decision of the then IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch, and then 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 to create continental programmes to respond to the needs, priorities and interests of the NOCs and the particularities of their continents. To this end, he restructured the Commission and appointed Vázquez Raña as its Chairman.

The Commission is composed of individual members appointed by the IOC President. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah is the current Chairman of the Olympic Solidarity Commission and was nominated in May 2012.

MISSION

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

priorities of the NOCs and their Continental Associations.

Rule 5 of the [Olympic Charter](#) states: "*The aim of Olympic Solidarity is to organise assistance to NOCs, in particular those which have the greatest need of it. This assistance takes the form of programmes elaborated jointly by the IOC and the NOCs, with the technical assistance of the International Federations (IFs), if necessary.*"

THE 2013-2016 PROGRAMMES

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 help the NOCs to participate in the Olympic Games and allow them to benefit from financial assistance before, during and after the Games.
- Complementary Programmes, which extend the assistance offered by Olympic Solidarity in the framework of targeted projects.

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

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 “Sochi 2014”
- Olympic Scholarships for Athletes “Rio 2016”
- Team Support Grant
- Continental Athlete support Grant
- Youth Olympic Games – Athlete Support

Olympic Scholarships for Athletes “Sochi 2014”

This programme offered the NOCs the chance to provide their athletes with the support they need to prepare and attempt to qualify for the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi in 2014. Its main goal was to improve the competitiveness of the Olympic Winter Games rather than to expand artificially the universality of these Games. Consequently, this programme was available only to NOCs that had taken part in the Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver and had a strong winter sports tradition. The Olympic scholarships were available from 1 November 2012 until 23 February 2014.

Results from the scholarships programme for Sochi 2014:

- 440 athletes (265 men and 175 women) benefited from an Olympic scholarship.
- 273 scholarship holders (163 men, 110 women) competed in 5 sports.
- 17 medals won.
- 77 NOCs benefited from the programme.

Olympic Scholarships for Athletes “Rio 2016”

This programme offers substantial assistance to elite international athletes nominated by their respective NOCs for their preparation and qualification for the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio in 2016, paying particular

attention to athletes and NOCs with limited financial means.

This programme was officially launched the 1st of September 2014 and will close the 31st of August 2016, and is available to all NOCs.

Some figures from the previous scholarships programme for London 2012:

- 1,264 athletes benefited from an Olympic scholarship.
- 657 scholarship holders (409 men and 248 women) from 165 NOCs qualified and competed in 20 sports.
- 76 medals won (23 gold, 23 silver and 30 bronze).

Team Support Grant

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 Athlete Support Grant

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. This programme offers financial assistance to NOCs for their athletes' preparations for multisport Games.

Youth Olympic Games - Athlete Support

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 for 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. For the 2009-2012 quadrennial plan:

- 157 NOCs have held 934 Technical Courses for Coaches.
- 556 Olympic Scholarships for Coaches: have been awarded to 154 NOCs for general sports science training or sports-specific training.
- 184 projects within the framework of the "Development of National Sports Structure" programme have been approved for 93 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.

- **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: 406

courses have been organised during the 2009-2012 quadrennial plan.

- **International Executive Training Courses in Sports Management:** This programme enables sports leaders to receive a grant in order to follow masters level training and help improve the management of their Olympic sports organisations. A total of 201 scholarships were awarded across 123 NOCs between 2009 and 2012.

- The NOC Exchanges programme is available to all NOCs wishing to broaden their knowledge in a certain area of management and to share their experience with other NOCs. Some exchanges may target particular groups of NOCs based on either subject area or geographical and /or cultural proximity.

4. PROMOTION OF THE OLYMPIC VALUES

Five 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 that underpin the fundamental principles of Olympism, according to their needs, individual situation and culture.

- Sports Medicine
- Environmental Sustainability in Sport
- Women and Sport
- Sport for All
- Olympic Education, Culture and Legacy (incl. International Olympic Academy)

CONTINENTAL PROGRAMMES

The continental programmes offer the NOCs access to technical, financial and administrative assistance which addresses the specific needs and priorities of the NOCs in each continent. The standard programmes for each continental



association must, in principle, cover the following basic elements: administration and running costs, organisation of statutory meetings and NOC activities. In parallel, the continental associations can set aside some of the funds to develop specific programmes in accordance with the particular needs and situation of their 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 Olympic Solidarity office in Lausanne.

OLYMPIC GAMES SUBSIDIES

The Olympic Games Subsidies programme is intended to help NOCs 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.

COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMMES

The complementary programmes aim to offer the NOCs additional, targeted services that, in various ways, complement the world and continental programmes. In most cases, these

programmes do not follow the usual process of NOCs applying for support, but individual activities are initiated and managed by the Olympic Solidarity office in Lausanne in cooperation with the continental offices and offered to the NOCs concerned.

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 revenue from broadcast rights from 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 2013-2016 period totals USD 439,870,000, which is 40 per cent higher overall than the budget for the previous plan.

BREAKDOWN OF BUDGET FOR 2013-2016:

World Programmes

USD 165,000,000

Continental Programmes and ANOC

USD 191,370,000

Olympic Games subsidies

USD 43,000,000

Complementary Programmes

USD 22,500,000

Administration / Communication

USD 18,000,000

Total USD 439,870,000



BREAKDOWN OF “WORLD PROGRAMMES” BUDGET:

Athletes

USD 73,000,000

Coaches

USD 27,000,000

NOC management

USD 45,000,000

Promotion of Olympic values

USD 20,000,000

Total USD 165,000,000

BREAKDOWN OF “CONTINENTAL PROGRAMMES” BUDGET:

Africa – 54 NOCs

USD 35,020,000

America – 41 NOCs

USD 27,740,000

Asia – 44 NOCs

USD 29,080,000

Europe – 50 NOCs

USD 32,980,000

Oceania – 17 NOCs

USD 18,550,000

Total USD 143,370,000

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