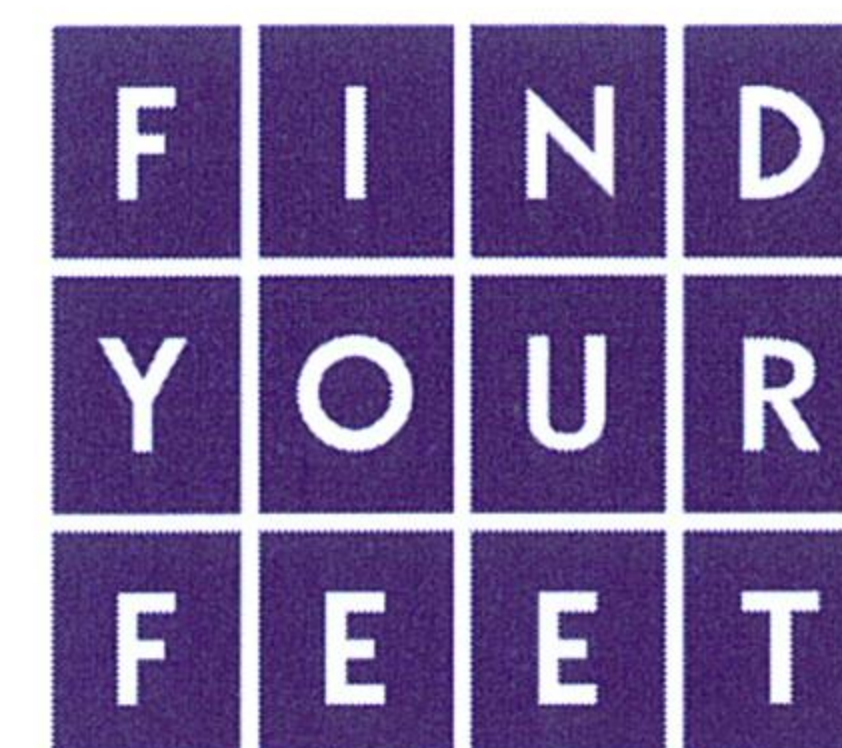


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Dear Bim

Thank you

Thank you so much for the recent donation of £10,000. I know that your support and encouragement made a big difference to the fundraising efforts of the LSE students – so thank you. I will prepare a press release to summarise the match funding initiative next week and send this to you, in the meantime I wanted to say thank you and acknowledge receipt of the cheque.

As you know we are a small organisation working in remote regions of northern India with families who suffer chronic hunger and poverty. But, despite the challenges they face, the families we work with don't want handouts, instead they want the opportunity to build a sustainable livelihood for themselves and their children. With your support this year we will be able to provide that opportunity to more families like Teresa's.

Teresa lives in Jharkhand with her six children. She lives with her family in a very remote rural village where there is no electricity or proper roads and where water is incredibly scarce. We have provided her with training in sustainable agriculture at a local Farmer Field School run by our partner Badlao. At the field school she learnt how to conserve water and how to plant her crops more effectively. She also learnt how to make plates out of leaves that are used at local weddings. Now, by learning how to grow more food and earn an income from making leaf plates, Teresa has begun to take the first steps to building a life free from poverty. I spoke to her in May about what the Find Your Feet project meant to her and her family;



“A lot of trust has been developed through the project. Before we were not sure about the new agriculture techniques, now we all use SRI (low-cost environmentally sustainable way to improve rice production in paddy fields) in our paddies and we grow much more. We have grown enough rice for all our food needs. I have also learnt to make leaf plates. I get 5 rupees for 20 plates (6p) and I can make up to 20 rupees a day (25p). We also sometimes make toothbrushes and mats from produce we find in the forest. Now through my crops and the plates I have sent two of my older children to school. Now we are free from moneylenders, we have money for agriculture, medicines and emergencies. But most importantly we can send our children to school.”

Your generous support will enable more families like Teresa's to find their feet – so thank you so much.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laura Perkins'.

Laura Perkins