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**IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW**

As a kid in Nigeria, I see how hard people struggle for food. Millions go hungry, especially kids like me, struggle to get enough to eat. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) says that 26.5 million people in Nigeria won't have enough to eat in June-August 2024. Also, 9 million kids could be malnourished, and 2.6 million might even face severe acute malnutrition (SAM)! That's why, if I could invent something, it would be the "Green City Grower" – a super cool tech tool that lets everyone, especially in cities, grow their own food!

Imagine turning your balconies, rooftops, or even spare corners into a garden for fresh food! The Green City Grower tackles the biggest challenge of urban farming: small spaces for people like me who live in urban cities. It's like a tiny, self-contained garden that uses every inch of space, recycled water and leftover food scraps to grow amazing food.

This invention wouldn't rely on risky GMO seeds, so I want to promote organic seeds. I want to help Nigerians and people worldwide access healthy food even when it is scarce or expensive. The Green City Grower comes with a handbook for gardeners like me! My guide will be translated into different local languages. It will teach everything from seed selection to pest control using natural methods. Teaching everyone how to plant, nurture, natural pest control and harvest their own yummy food.

With fresh fruits, vegetables and other foods readily available, families can eat healthier and save. But the benefits extend beyond individual households. Urban farming can create food security, reduce expensive imports and help food prices stay stable. Plus, imagine the joy of picking a juicy onion you nurtured yourself in your backyard. It will be like having your own personal supermarket.

The Green City Grower isn't just about filling bellies; it's about building a stronger community. Sharing our harvest with neighbors in need fosters a spirit of love. We wouldn't have to worry about food scarcity or inflation because we would have our own gardens to rely on.

I believe the Green City Grower can change the way we think about food.
We'd be a healthier, happier nation, self-sufficient, promote healthy eating and ensure food security. We could eat well, share with those who don't have enough, save extra money that would have been spent in the market, and even make extra money from selling the extra food. Now that's what I call the best thing ever!