From scarcity to bounty with a little help from the neighbourhood

Mayunga is a 45-year-old farmer who had been struggling to sustain his family of eleven on insufficient harvests. Thanks to an agricultural project that World Renew offered in his village in Tanzania, Mayunga embraced conservation agriculture principles. In the two years since, he went from a yield of just a few sacks of corn to a bountiful harvest of 28 sacks from his two-acre farm.

But multiplying his harvest seven-fold brought its own challenges: Where would Mayunga keep this abundance so that it wouldn't spoil or be eaten by pests? Thankfully, a group of farmers in his community helped Mayunga access collective storage initiatives to safeguard his produce.

Mayunga learned to optimize seed performance, maximizing crop yields while promoting soil health and biodiversity. This sense of stewardship not only enhances productivity but also fosters resilience in the face of environmental challenges. "Nowadays," Mayunga says, "I'm not willing to lose even a single grain because I know that one grain brings hundreds of other seeds."

Mayunga's story is a testament to the resilience and resourcefulness of farming communities. "I'm not only securing my family's future," he says. "I'm cultivating a brighter and more sustainable tomorrow for generations to come."

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