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Voice #10: Flor Carabalí

Flor Maria Carabali shares her journey as a hardworking mother in Brisas de Las Palmas. She supports her children, Melanie and José Manuel, with their studies and Melanie's football ambitions. Flor Maria moved from Buenos Aires, Cauca, to Cali and eventually bought land in Brisas de Las Palmas, building her house with the help of the community through a collective savings effort. She dreams of improving the neighbourhood, including better infrastructure and more opportunities for children, like sports, to keep them off the streets. Her vision is a stronger, more connected community.

## **Additional resources:**

<u>Voice #4: Aura Eliza López</u> <u>Voice #7: Cristian Sandoval</u> <u>Voice #8: Emilia Jiménez</u> <u>Voice #12: Gloria María Fernández</u> <u>Voice #15: José Vicente Taticuan</u> <u>Voice #19: Maria Ofelia Arellano</u> <u>Voice #20: Mariela Narvaez</u> <u>Voice #22: Mónica Velasco</u> <u>Voice #23: Nancy Sanchez</u> <u>Voice #25: Olga Quintero</u> <u>Voice #29: Ruby Moran</u> <u>Voice #30: Sandra Ocampo</u>

Based on Flor Carabali's video, discuss the following questions with your peers:

**Question 01:** How does Flor Maria Carabali's experience with collective savings and community collaboration reflect the potential of informal communities in addressing housing challenges? What can urban planners learn from such initiatives?

**Question 02:** Flor Maria Carabali plays a key role as a caretaker and community member, particularly in supporting children's activities. How can urban planning initiatives incorporate the needs of caretakers like Flor Maria to promote safe and engaging spaces for children in informal settlements, while also empowering local leaders to drive these efforts?

## **Exploring connections:**

Below the image, you'll find additional voices that expand on themes from Flor's testimonial. We invite you to explore these perspectives and connect Flor's insights with broader discussions on *Care and Community Funds*.