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[Voice #11: Francy Mina](#)

Francy Elena Mina is a community leader in Brisas de Las Palmas, Cali, Colombia. Displaced by conflict in Cauca, she settled in the neighbourhood in 2002 and has worked tirelessly to improve conditions. As president of the Community Action Board, she advocates for legal recognition, public services, and development.

Francy also runs a community kitchen providing meals to vulnerable groups such as single mothers, the elderly, children, and people with disabilities. Originally supported by local donations, the project now serves around 80 people daily with help from the Archdiocese, the Mayor's Office, and food banks. Her leadership empowers youth, fosters opportunity, and strives for a stronger, legally recognised community.

Additional resources:

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Based on Francy Mina's video, discuss the following questions with your peers:

Question 01: In what ways can the experiences of displaced populations, like Francy's, inform policies for inclusive urban planning that prioritize the needs of marginalised communities in rapidly growing cities?

Question 02: How can urban planners map and engage key actors—such as local governments, NGOs, and private sector organisations—to support community-led initiatives like Francy's, ensuring effective resource mobilisation and long-term impact?

Question 03: How does Francy's leadership as a community representative illustrate the role of local initiatives in addressing the challenges of informal settlements, such as access to public services and legal recognition of land ownership?

Exploring connections:

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