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Hoover Humberto Hoyos Girón, a community leader from Alto Polvorines, reflects on his 36 years of living and working in the neighborhood. Initially a sparsely populated area with no basic services, the community has progressed through the efforts of local leaders. Hoover highlights the importance of unity, green spaces, and opportunities for youth as priorities for the neighborhood's future.

[Voice #13: Hoover Hoyos Girón](#)

Through collaborative efforts, residents have improved infrastructure, including roads and housing, often relying on external support like subsidies and community programs. Hoover's dedication to social work and community development remains his focus, as he envisions a more peaceful, connected, and prosperous future for Alto Polvorines.

Additional resources:

[Voice #2: Antonio Gómez](#) | [Voice #3: Ari Paz Chito](#) | [Voice #5: Birgelina Paya](#) | [Voice #9: Fidelino Fernandez](#) |
[Voice #11: Francy Mina](#) | [Voice #16: Justiniano Arias](#) | [Voice #18: Maria Mellizo](#) | [Voice #20: Mariela Narvaez](#) |
[Voice #26: Petronila Trochez](#) | [Voice #28: Rosario Castillo](#)

Based on Absolan Hoover Hoyos' video, discuss the following questions with your peers:

Question 01: How can urban planners address the challenges of housing structures adapting to family growth in informal settlements, considering the incremental construction processes described by Hoover and the need for long-term stability and functionality?

Question 02: Given the economic barriers faced by youth in Alto Polvorines, what strategies can urban planners implement to create opportunities for education, professional development, and recreational spaces in similar informal neighbourhoods?

Exploring connections:

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