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Nancy Elvira Sanchez de Becerra has lived in the December 8 sector for 43 years, raising her three children there. A housewife, craftswoman, and seamstress, she creates and sells rag dolls, Christmas decorations, and jewellery. While recalling past infrastructure challenges, she celebrates the neighbourhood's progress through community efforts, such as water and electricity installation.

#### [Voice #23: Nancy Sanchez](#)

Nancy honed her craft skills through resources like the Sorority Library and local courses. She values education for children and enjoys her work, plants, and time with family, appreciating the support of her close-knit community.

#### **Additional resources:**

[Voice #4: Aura Eliza López](#) | [Voice #5: Birgelina Paya](#) | [Voice #8: Emilia Jiménez](#) | [Voice #10: Flor Carabalí](#) |  
[Voice #12: Gloria María Fernández](#) | [Voice #15: José Vicente Taticuan](#) | [Voice #17: Libardo Alfredo Nastar](#) |  
[Voice #19: María Ofelia Arellano](#) | [Voice #25: Olga Quintero](#) | [Voice #29: Ruby Moran](#) | [Voice #30: Sandra Ocampo](#)

Based on Nancy Sanchez's video, discuss the following questions with your peers:

**Question 01:** Nancy uses her crafting skills to generate income and contribute to her community. How can urban planning initiatives encourage the development of local crafts as a means of economic empowerment in informal neighbourhoods?

**Question 02:** What role do informal and community-based recycling practices, such as those Nancy participates in, play in reducing waste and promoting sustainability in underserved urban areas? How can urban planners facilitate such activities?

**Question 03:** Nancy highlights the importance of creating spaces for children and families, including educational opportunities and recreational activities. How can urban planners incorporate such community-driven, inclusive spaces into the planning of informal settlements?

#### **Exploring connections:**

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