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NURY JIMÉNEZ

[Voice #24: Nury Jiménez](#)

Nury Jiménez lives in Pampas del Mirador and has been volunteering at the Brisas de Las Palmas community kitchen for four years. She works there in the mornings, helping to prepare and serve meals for 80 people, including children and the elderly, despite a much larger local demand. The dining room relies on contributions from the mayor's office, the Archdiocese of Cali, and the Food Bank, but additional resources are still needed to meet the community's needs.

In addition to her volunteer work, Nury runs a small stationery shop from home. She started it to support her family while caring for her children. The shop offers school supplies, hygiene products, and essentials. Over time, Marcela has expanded it from one showcase to two and aims to grow it further, balancing her responsibilities between her business, family, and social work.

Additional resources:

[Voice #4: Aura Eliza López](#) | [Voice #11: Francy Mina](#) | [Voice #14: Johanna Carabalí](#) | [Voice #17: Libardo Alfredo Nastar](#) | [Voice #22: Mónica Velasco](#) | [Voice #29: Ruby Moran](#)

Based on Nury Jiménez's video, discuss the following questions with your peers:

Question 01: Given the challenges faced by the community kitchen, such as limited funding and resources from local authorities, what strategies can urban planners and local leaders employ to mobilise additional resources—such as partnerships with NGOs, private entities, or community-driven fundraising—to ensure the sustainability and expansion of such initiatives?

Question 02: How can small-scale entrepreneurial initiatives, like Nury's stationery shop, be supported and integrated into broader community development strategies to improve livelihoods and address economic challenges in informal settlements?

Exploring connections:

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