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**RUBY MORAN**

### [Voice #29: Ruby Moran](#)

Ruby Elizabeth Moran, a committed volunteer at a community kitchen, finds fulfilment in serving her community while supporting her family. She reflects on her journey of resilience, from settling in Pampas del Mirador under challenging conditions to improving the neighbourhood through collective effort. Despite progress, issues such as crime and a lack of recreational spaces persist. Ruby treasures her family, supports her entrepreneurial daughter, and dreams of a peaceful future on a farm. She hopes for the legalisation and development of her neighbourhood to create better opportunities for children and the community.

#### **Additional resources:**

[Voice #8: Emilia Jiménez](#) | [Voice #10: Flor Carabalí](#) | [Voice #11: Francy Mina](#) | [Voice #12: Gloria María Fernández](#) | [Voice #15: José Vicente Taticuan](#) | [Voice #19: María Ofelia Arellano](#) | [Voice #20: Mariela Narvaez](#) | [Voice #22: Mónica Velasco](#) | [Voice #23: Nancy Sanchez](#) | [Voice #24: Nury Jiménez](#) | [Voice #25: Olga Quintero](#) | [Voice #30: Sandra Ocampo](#)

Based on Absolan Sabogal's video, discuss the following questions with your peers:

**Question 01:** Ruby's involvement in the community kitchen highlights the importance of collective care and mutual support in informal settlements. How can urban planners recognise and build upon such community-led care initiatives to foster resilience, social cohesion, and sustainable development in these areas?

**Question 02:** Ruby highlights challenges such as evictions, lack of basic services, and unsafe environments in Pampas del Mirador. What urban planning strategies could address these issues while ensuring the rights and dignity of residents in informal settlements?

**Question 03:** The community of Pampas del Mirador worked collectively to install basic infrastructure and improve their surroundings. How can urban planners facilitate and enhance such grassroots efforts to promote sustainable and inclusive urban development?

#### **Exploring connections:**

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