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### [Voice #3: Ari Paz Chito](#)

Ari Paz Chito, displaced from Cauca due to violence, arrived in Cali 30 years ago and faced significant challenges. He played a crucial role in occupying land in Brisas de Las Palmas, where he initially set up a plot for his family and helped other displaced people do the same. Ari encouraged cooperation among newcomers, ensuring there were no conflicts over land. He also took the initiative to secure basic services like water and electricity. Throughout his journey, Ari emphasised the importance of honesty, teaching his children to be honest despite their struggles, and maintaining a self-reliant, community-focused approach.

#### **Additional Resources:**

[Voice #2: Antonio Gómez](#) | [Voice #9: Fidelino Fernandez](#) | [Voice #11: Francy Mina](#) | [Voice #13: Hoover Hoyos Girón](#)  
[Voice #16: Justiniano Arias](#) | [Voice #18: Maria Mellizo](#) | [Voice #26: Petronila Trochez](#) | [Voice #28: Rosario Castillo](#)

Based on Ari Paz Chito's video, discuss the following questions with your peers:

**Question 01:** How can the experience of Ari Paz Chito in Brisas de Las Palmas illustrate the importance of community cooperation in informal settlement production and the challenges of securing basic services in such areas?

**Question 02:** How does Ari's emphasis on honesty and cooperation in land occupation highlight the role of community leadership in building trust, and how can urban planners leverage this trust to address challenges in informal settlements and collective space production?

#### **Exploring connections:**

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