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**SANDRA MÓNICA OCAMPO**

[Voice #30: Sandra Ocampo](#)

Sandra Monica Ocampo, a resident of Alto Polvorines for six years, recalls the neighbourhood's transformation from scarcity to progress through collective efforts. Initially lacking basic services, the community now has paved streets, water, electricity, gas, and internet, thanks to local leaders like Hoover Hoyos. A dedicated community leader and former childcare worker, Sandra Monica advocates for more opportunities for young people to address unemployment and support their futures. She highlights the resilience and unity that have driven the neighbourhood's development.

**Additional resources:**

[Voice #8: Emilia Jiménez](#) | [Voice #10: Flor Carabalí](#) | [Voice #12: Gloria María Fernández](#) | [Voice #15: José Vicente Taticuan](#) | [Voice #19: María Ofelia Arellano](#) | [Voice #23: Nancy Sanchez](#) | [Voice #25: Olga Quintero](#) | [Voice #29: Ruby Moran](#)

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

**Question 01:** What can urban planners learn from the transformation of Alto Polvorines, where collective efforts led to the provision of basic services, in addressing the challenges faced by informal settlements?

**Question 02:** How can community leadership and collective action, like those led by Sandra Monica Ocampo and Hoover Hoyos, be integrated into formal urban planning processes to ensure sustainable development in underserved areas?

**Question 03:** How can urban planners collaborate with local leaders and educators to integrate literacy, environmental awareness, and sustainable practices in developing public spaces within informal settlements?

**Exploring connections:**

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