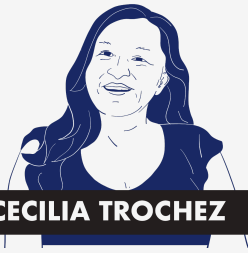

This pedagogical guide, part of the 30GREAT Voices project, is designed for educational purposes.



[Voice #6: Cecilia Trochez](#)

Cecilia Trochez's video focuses on her personal experiences and the transformation of her community, the Polvorines neighbourhood. It highlights her journey as a small merchant, the development of the neighbourhood's infrastructure, and the collective efforts of the residents to improve their living conditions. The video also touches on her aspirations for education, community empowerment, and her commitment to family and faith. Additionally, it discusses the challenges faced by the community, such as negative perceptions and limited resources, while also emphasising the strong sense of community solidarity and the hope for future improvements.

Additional Resources:

[Voice #4: Aura Eliza López](#) | [Voice #8: Emilia Jiménez](#) | [Voice #26: Petronila Trochez](#)

Based on Cecilia Trochez's video, discuss the following questions with your peers:

Question 01: What role can small-scale economic activities, like Cecilia Trochez's work as a small merchant, play in shaping the development and sustainability of informal settlements?

Question 02: How can urban planners consider the role of faith and spiritual resilience, as seen in the accounts of Rosario Castillo and Cecilia Trochez, in fostering community cohesion and perseverance in informal settlements?

Question 03: How can urban planning address the challenges faced by informal settlements, such as negative perceptions and limited resources, while leveraging the strong sense of community solidarity demonstrated in the Polvorines neighbourhood?

Exploring connections:

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