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CRISTIAN SANDOVAL

[Voice #7: Cristian Sandoval](#)

Cristian Sandoval has lived in the Brisas de Las Palmas neighbourhood for five years. Passionate about football, he started teaching local children how to play on a small, stone-based field. His main goal is to help them avoid negative influences like drugs and early pregnancies through sports. He trains children from Monday to Thursday, focusing on their personal development.

Cristian's commitment has fostered a strong sense of community, with many neighbours supporting his efforts. Despite limited resources, he remains optimistic about the future, hoping for better sports facilities and infrastructure. His ultimate dream is to become a teacher and help the children succeed in sports.

Additional Resources:

[Voice #1: Absalan Sabogal](#) | [Voice #14: Johanna Carabalí](#) | [Voice #21: Melani Escobar](#)

Based on Cristian Sandoval's video, discuss the following questions with your peers:

Question 01: What challenges and opportunities arise when converting underdeveloped areas, such as the stone football pitch, into safer, more inclusive spaces for recreation and community use in informal settlements?

Question 02: How can community-led initiatives, like Cristian's sports programme, help improve public spaces and strengthen social ties in informal settlements?

Question 03: How can urban planning approaches better integrate collective efforts from local residents to enhance infrastructure and public amenities in informal neighbourhoods, while fostering community empowerment?

Exploring connections:

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