

# Voices OF HOPE

## Colombia

The Páramo de Pisba, nestled in Boyacá's eastern Andes, is a vital ecosystem. It's also home to 20,000 rural women known as Campesinas who depend on the land for their livelihoods. Though deeply connected to their environment, these women face persistent gender-based discrimination. Their rights are limited, their economic options constrained, and their voices often excluded from decision-making in their community.


To address these challenges, Alongside Hope partner ILSA launched a grassroots initiative. The project champions women's rights, economic independence, and political participation. It's led by a local women's association and includes sustainable practices, like beekeeping, that not only generate income but also protect pollinators and biodiversity.

One of its success stories is Emilse Ravelo. A former participant, she now serves as both treasurer of Agromujerespisba and a municipal councillor in Pisba. Through her involvement, she has strengthened her own leadership while helping other women do the same - building a path toward resilience and lasting change.




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