Gathered around the Nigerien artist Danny Lee, the “Raised Fists” collective is mobilized to raise awareness against the spread of COVID 19 in Niger, one of the most supportive countries in the world which hosts nearly 500,000 refugees and internally displaced persons. Composed by Danny Lee, the song is carried by young committed artists who speak in their languages (Djerma, Haoussa, Tamashak and French) to their brothers and sisters in Niger. “Through their voices and by associating Peuhl Bororo singers, the nomadic people of the Sahel, it is all the cultural and linguistic regions of Niger that we wanted to reach and even beyond our borders; this message will touch all of West and Central Africa,” says Danny Lee.

If a part of the clip was shot in Danny Lee’s studio, in confinement, the collective “Rising Fists” went to the SAMU of Niamey to shoot a scene and pay tribute to the medical staff. The collective also involved several refugees who live in the capital and are participating in the prevention response by making soap and bleach with the support of UNHCR and its partners.

“This pandemic affects us all and it is by staying united, all together, that we will succeed in defeating it,” the collective says.

This powerful song is part of the #DontGoViral Campaign: Combatting the Infodemic and Disinformation Around COVID-19, launched by UNESCO in partnership with the Innovation for Policy Foundation (i4Policy) and with the support of UNHCR.

More information on the campaign here: DontGoViral.wiki