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**利比里亚9岁女孩创作新冠肺炎之歌**

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歌声坚定，唱词表意明确：“让我们保护好自己，拯救我们的家人和祖国;让我们停止公众聚会。”

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歌手是谁?她就是九岁的乔瑟莉亚·科利。

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利比里亚广播电台播放了她的歌曲。卫生部门也对她的创作表示称赞。

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乔瑟莉亚说，她想为阻止新冠肺炎的传播尽一份自己的力量，因为“每当坏事发生时，我们——孩子们都会是遭受苦难的那群人。”

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利比里亚经历了对抗埃博拉病毒后仍在重建其公共卫生系统。埃博拉疫情在2014年至2016年期间导致4,810人死亡。

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乔瑟莉亚·科利居住在利比里亚的巴恩加，距离首都蒙罗维亚180公里。

She told The Associated Press “I believe this song will help fight the virus because the song says prevention. We need to prevent ourselves from coronavirus by washing our hands, not shaking hands and not sneezing on one another,” she said.

她告诉美联社：“我相信这首歌将有助于抵抗这种病毒，因为这首歌表达了预防的理念。我们需要通过洗手，不与他人握手和不对着别人打喷嚏等方式来预防感染冠状病毒。”她如是说。

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乔瑟莉亚从三岁开始唱歌。最近她告诉妈妈，她想唱一首有关对抗冠状病毒的歌曲。

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“是上帝让她来做这件事的，她也想实现自己的这一使命，”福音歌手阿曼达·T·科利说。

Her mother helped her write the song, which was recorded in a local production house and then sent out to radio stations.

她母亲帮助她写了这首歌，并在当地的一家制作公司进行了录制，然后发送给广播电台。

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这首歌使利比里亚人民牢记该国经历的种种苦难。

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她唱道：“几年前，我们遭受内战，我们遭受了埃博拉病毒的折磨，它夺去了许多人的生命。这次是冠状病毒，冠状病毒是如此可怕。”

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乔瑟莉亚虽然年纪尚小，但已做过许多有益的事。在她六岁时，她的父母帮助她成立了一个组织，旨在帮助那些家庭经济困难的朋友们继续学业。这个援助组织“创造未来基金会”目前在资助利比里亚农村的五个女孩和两个男孩。

Francis Kateh is Liberia’s top doctor and a leader in the battle against COVID-19. The chief medical officer said he was “overwhelmed with gratitude” for Joselia’s effort. Long-time radio presenter and reporter Patrick Okai also offered high praise for the girl’s song.

弗朗西斯·卡特是利比里亚的顶尖医生，同时也是对抗新冠肺炎的领导者。这位首席医疗官表示，他对乔瑟莉亚所做的努力“不胜感激”。资深电台节目主持人兼记者帕特里克·奥凯也对该女孩的歌曲给予了高度赞扬。

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他说：“歌曲传达的信息很有力量，特别是那一句‘预防胜于治疗'。”

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