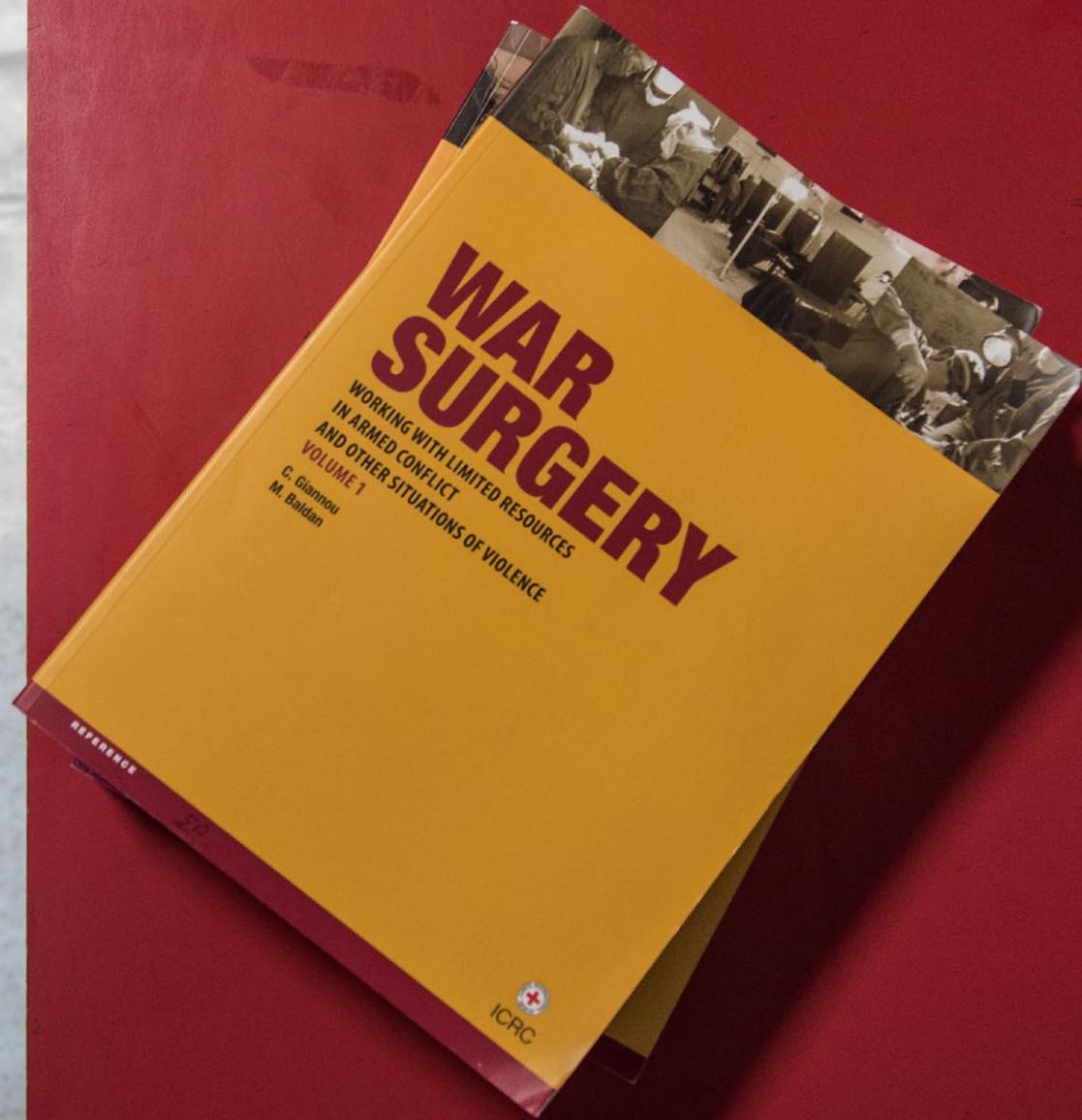




ITALY

# WAR SURGERY

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Cremona, the tents are disinfected in the field hospital opened by the American NGO Samaritan's Purse.

## **How Italy is working to contain the coronavirus “tsunami”**

New hospitals and intensive care beds are needed fast. And Italy is mobilizing in order to tackle this shortfall. Public institutions, private companies, the army, the Alpini (Italian mountain infantry), numerous NGOs, all are lending a hand to create hospitals in record time in a number of cities across northern Italy. In Piacenza the army is creating a field hospital with 40 beds for patients suffering from low to medium severity Covid-19, while in Cremona the American NGO Samaritan's Purse has also opened a field hospital.

In Bergamo's exhibition centre Emergency and the Alpini are working together to complete a temporary hospital with more than 170 beds and capacity for 24 intensive care patients. San Raffaele hospital in Milan, thanks to the fundraising initiative launched by Italian rapper Fedez and his wife, blogger Chiara Ferragni, has been able to create a new IC unit. In Lombardy, one of the projects being coordinated by a task force led by the regional governor Attilio Fontana is transforming the spaces of the Milano Fiera exhibition centre into a makeshift hospital. “We were expecting a high tide but were hit by a tsunami,” commented an anaesthetist from Milan's San Donato hospital a few days ago. The polemics can wait for another day, now is the time for action.



Milan, the governor of Lombardy, Attilio Fontana, coordinates the coronavirus task force.



Bergamo, in the exhibition centre workers from Alpini National Association are preparing the floor for a new hospital.



Cremona, doctor Antonio Cuzzoli talks with journalists in front of the field hospital opened by the American NGO Samaritan's Purse.



Piacenza, in the field hospital created by the Italian Army.



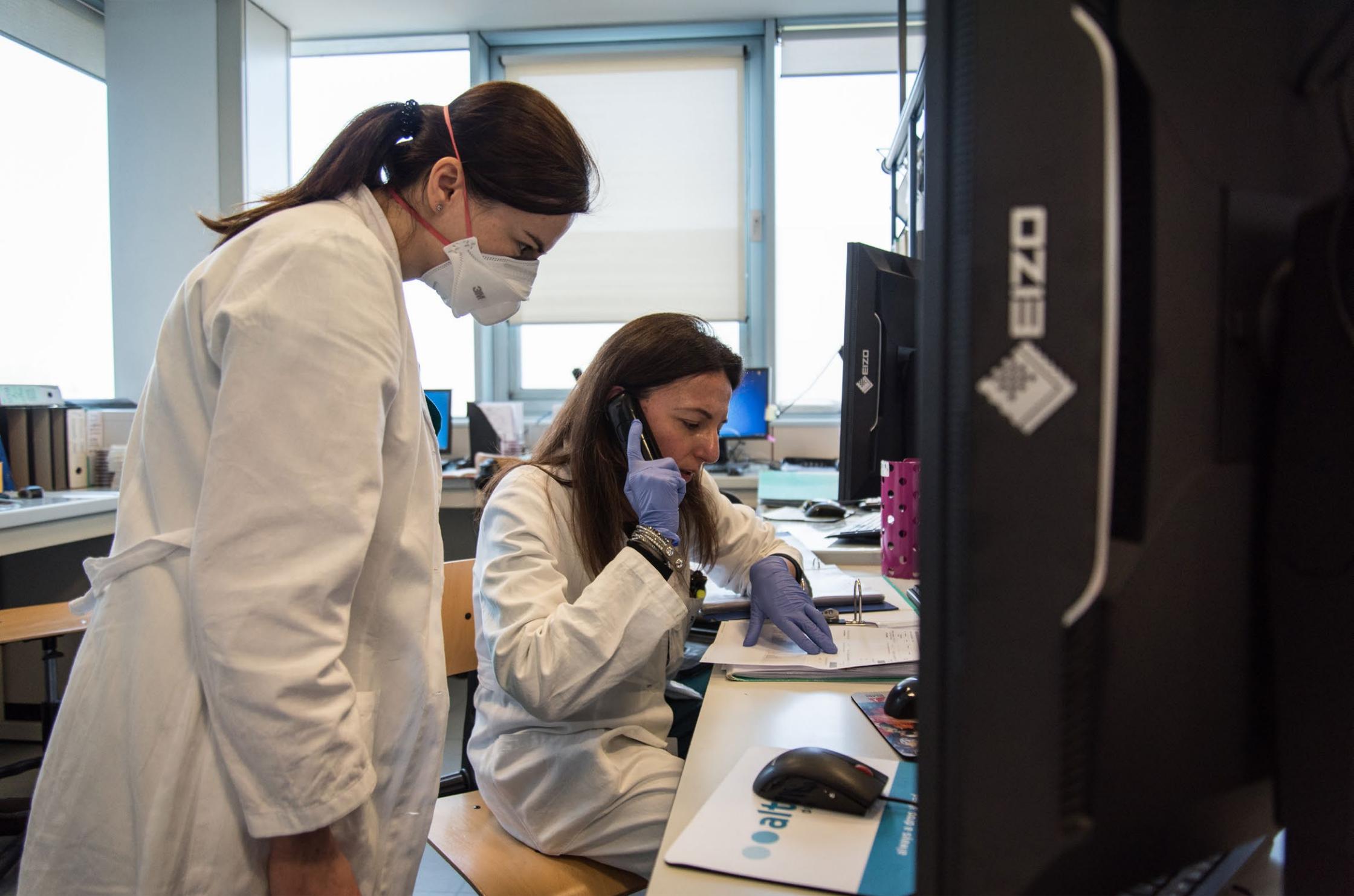
Bergamo, in the exhibition centre the Alpini National Association is planning a new hospital together with Italian NGO Emergency.



Milan, San Raffaele Hospital: workers are preparing a new unit funded through a public fundraising.



Caponago, oxygen cylinders stored at the Sapio: the company has decided to donate significant quantities of oxygen to the hospital that will be built in Milan, in the Milano Fiera exhibition area.



Milan, San Raffaele Hospital, Microbiology and Virology laboratory: control of the origin of the clinical samples for the swabs.



Piacenza, the field hospital created by the Italian Army.



Milan, the governor of Lombardy, Attilio Fontana, during a press conference at the Regione Lombardia headquarters.



Piacenza, in the field hospital created by the Italian Army.



Milan, famous Italian chef Carlo Cracco serves lunch to the workers at the Milano Fiera exhibition centre, where the new hospital coordinated by the Lombardy Region is being built.



Milan, San Raffaele Hospital, Microbiology and Virology laboratory: preparation of reagents for swabs.



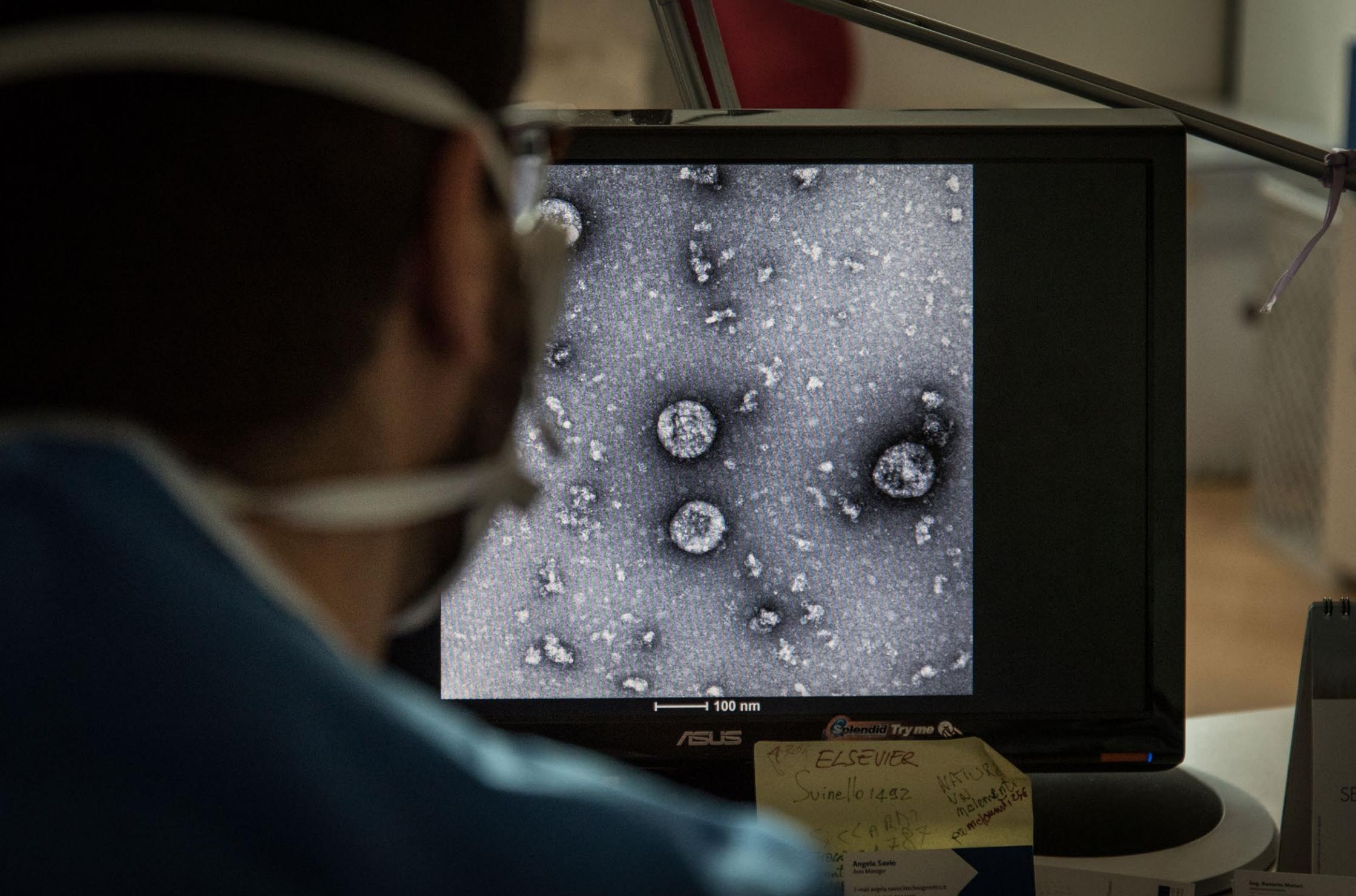
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Milan, journalists in the Milano Fiera exhibition centre, where the new hospital coordinated by the Lombardy Region is being built.



Milan, San Raffaele Hospital, Microbiology and Virology laboratory: electron microscope study of the virus.



Cremona, preparing the field hospital opened by the American NGO Samaritan's Purse.



Milan, San Raffaele Hospital: a worker is preparing a new unit funded through a public fundraising.



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Cremona, medicines in the field hospital opened by the American NGO Samaritan's Purse.



Piacenza, in the field hospital created by the Italian Army.



Milan, chairs for the press conference in the exhibition centre, where the new hospital coordinated by the Lombardy Region is being built.



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