

# *Scarce medical oxygen worldwide leaves many gasping for life*

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Brussels, June 25 (RHC)-- As the coronavirus spreads, soaring demand for oxygen is bringing out a stark global truth: Even the right to breathe depends on money. In much of the world, oxygen is expensive and hard to get - a basic marker of inequality both between and within countries.

In wealthy Europe and North America, hospitals treat oxygen as a fundamental need, much like water or electricity. But in poor countries, from Peru to Bangladesh, it is in lethally short supply.

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