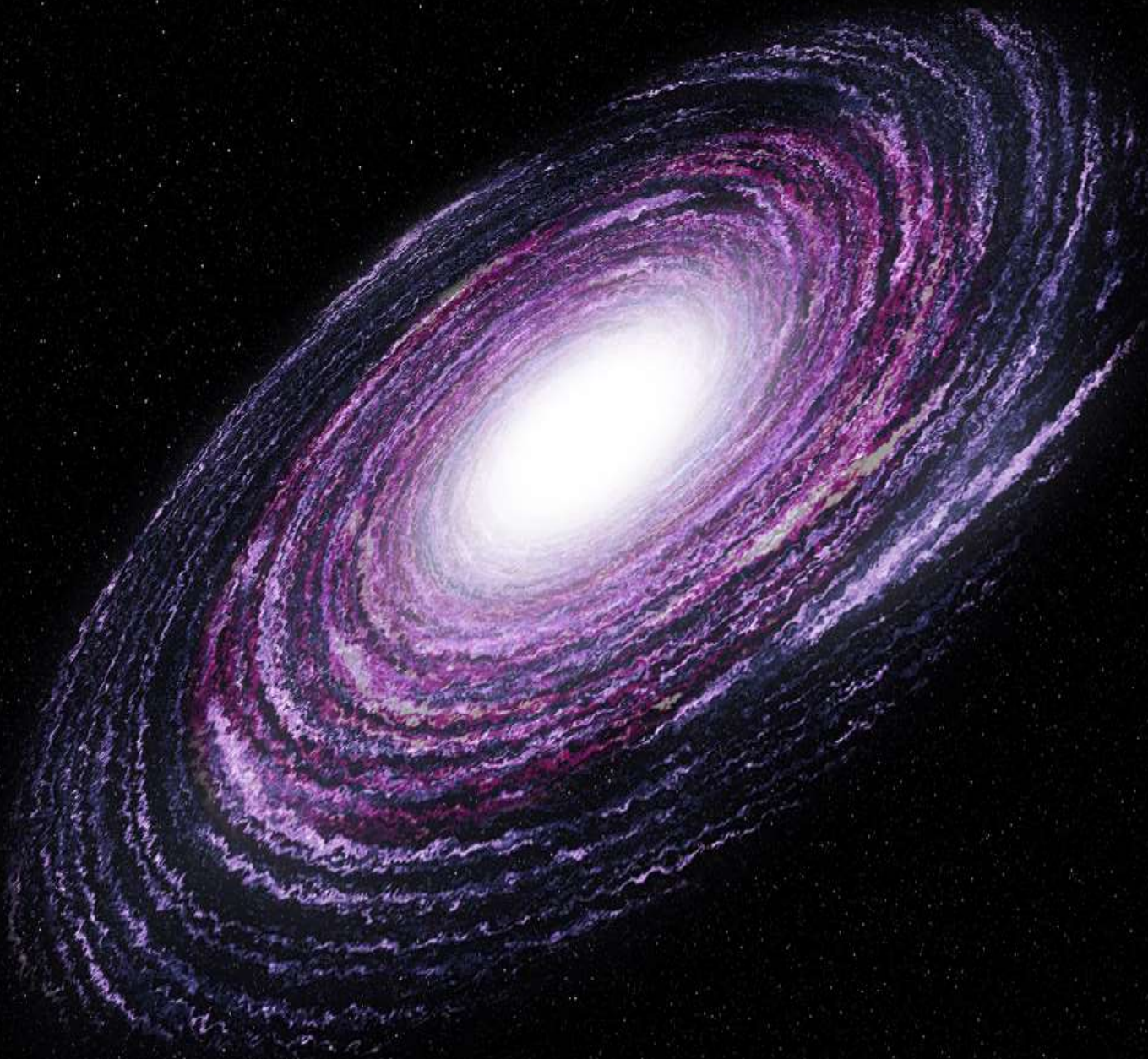


Can we afford not to invest in children?

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Period of inaction

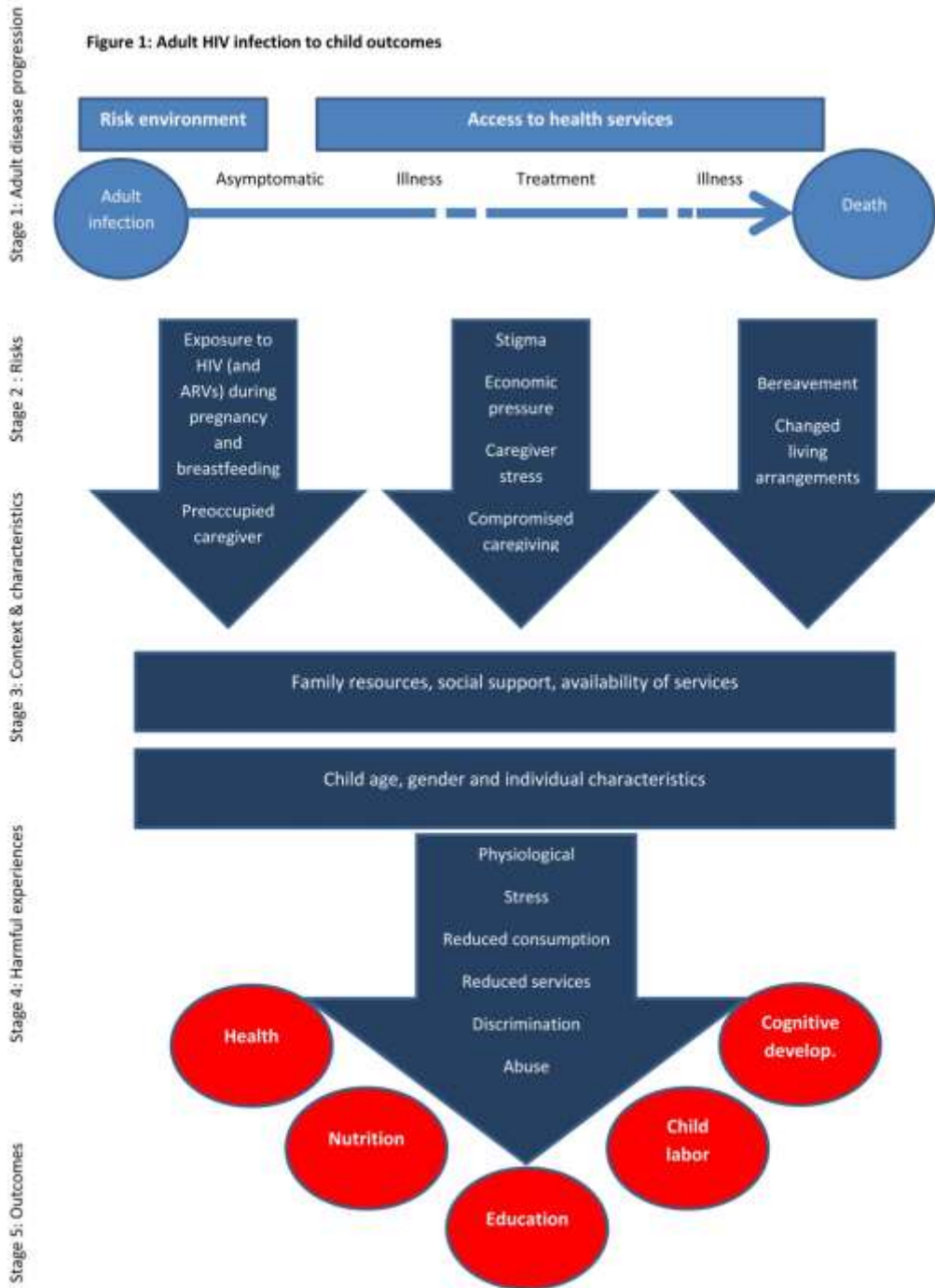


Investment thinking?

- Investments – in what?
 - Single intervention or sets of interventions?
- Returns
 - Immediate, short, long-term outcomes?
 - Multiple outcomes?
- Narrow focus changes conclusions
 - What you do
 - How much you should spend

Identifying Efficient Interventions

Figure 1: Adult HIV infection to child outcomes



Identifying Efficient Interventions

- Family strengthening
 - SAFE
 - Cash transfers
- Early intervention

Early Intervention

- Prevent or respond?
 - Efficiency gains
 - Suffering avoided
- But what constitute early?
 - Every ten year old was once a one year old
 - No ten year old will be a one year old again
 - Contact as early entry point
- PMTCT programs as early contact?

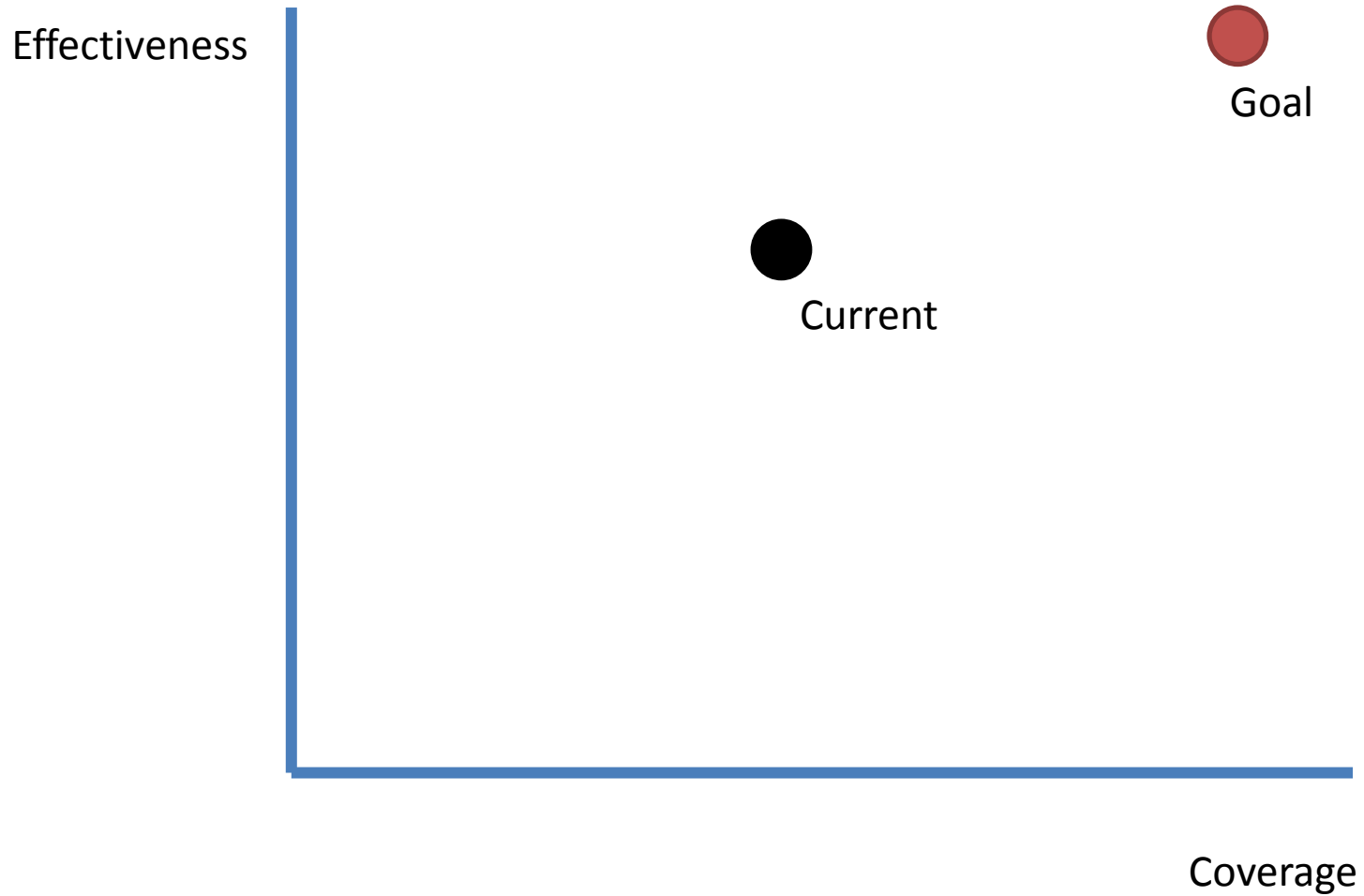
So what's the problem?

- Costly not to invest, particularly when you consider all outcomes, including over the long-term
- Both more efficient and kinder to invest early
- Evidence on when to invest and in what
- So why is there not enough spent or why do we think there is a risk of spending cuts?
 - Don't care? Don't accept the responsibility?
 - Don't understand the benefits?
 - Eyes on the prize!
- Trade-off denial: Destinations and pathways

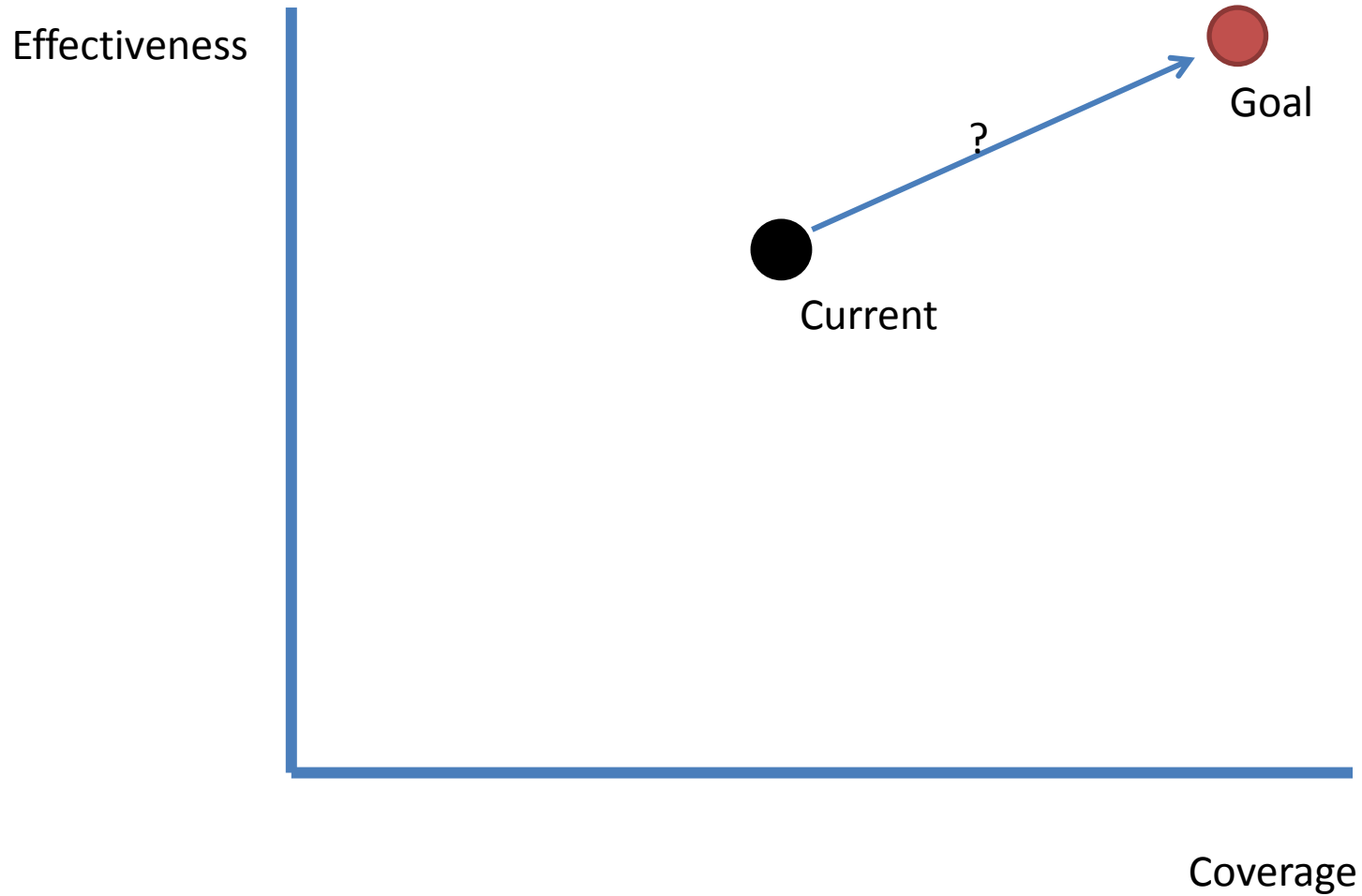
Destinations and pathways

- Easy to say where you want to go
- Not so easy to decide how to get there
- Pathway denial – we just need to get there

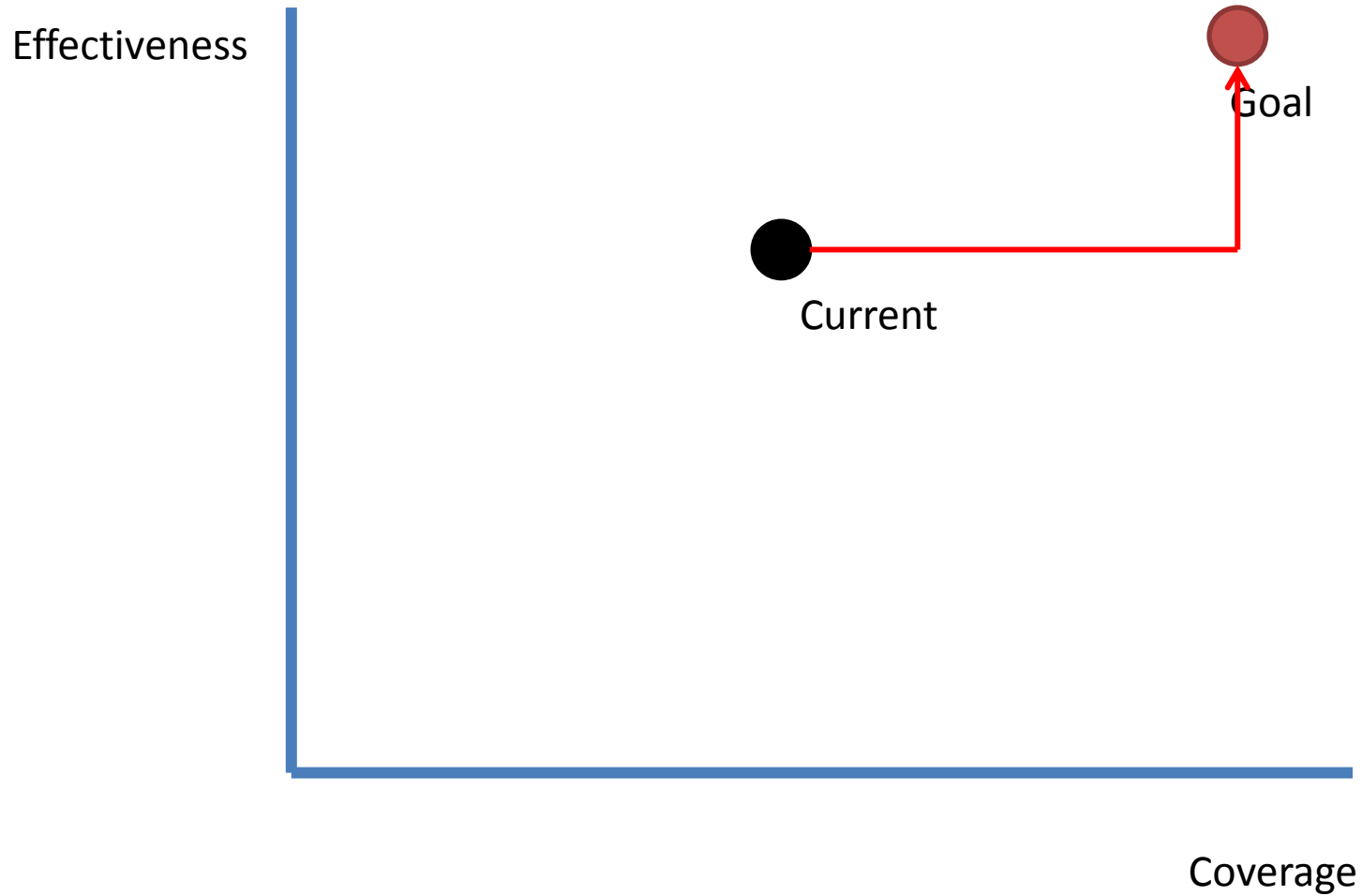
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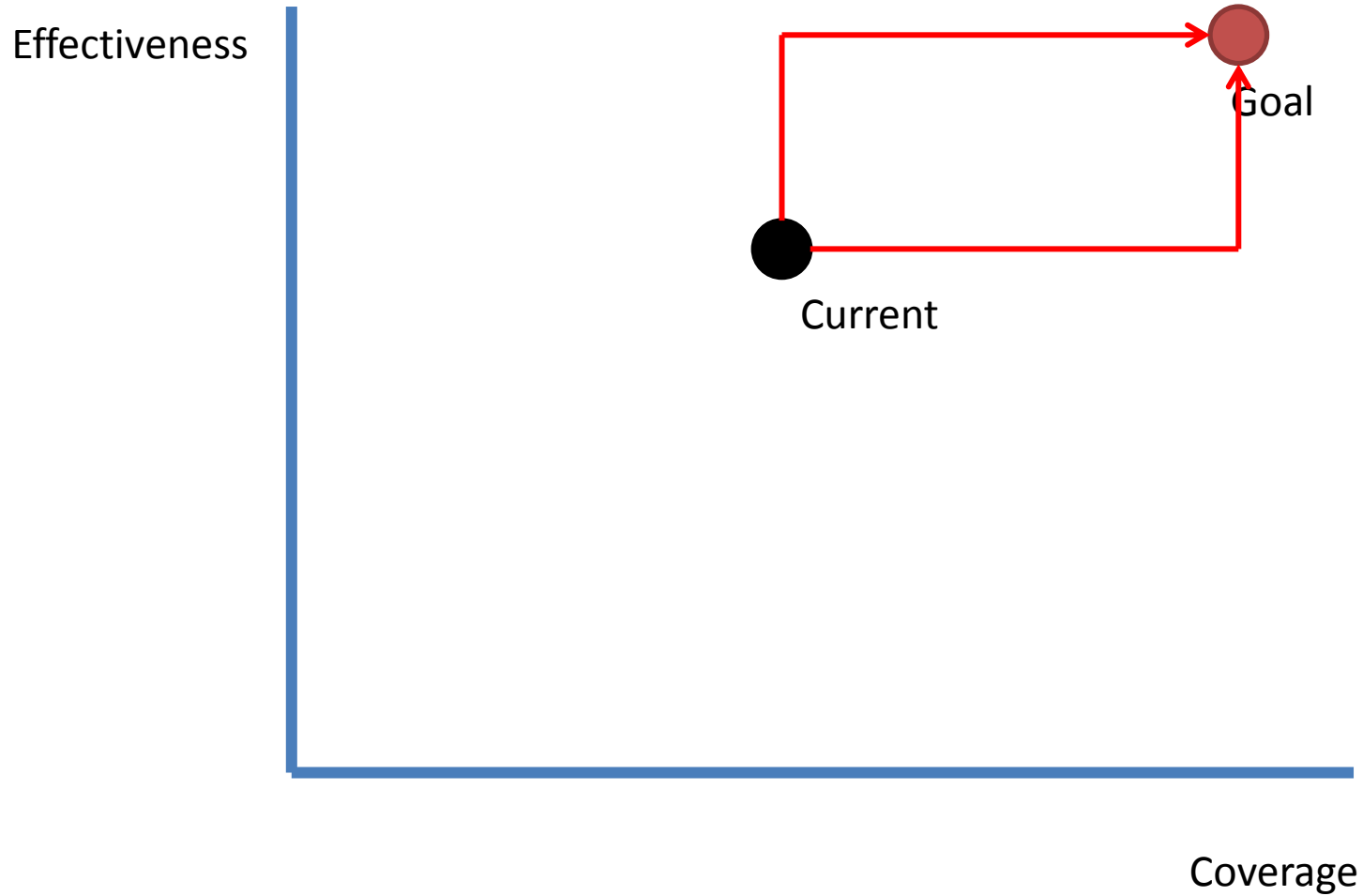
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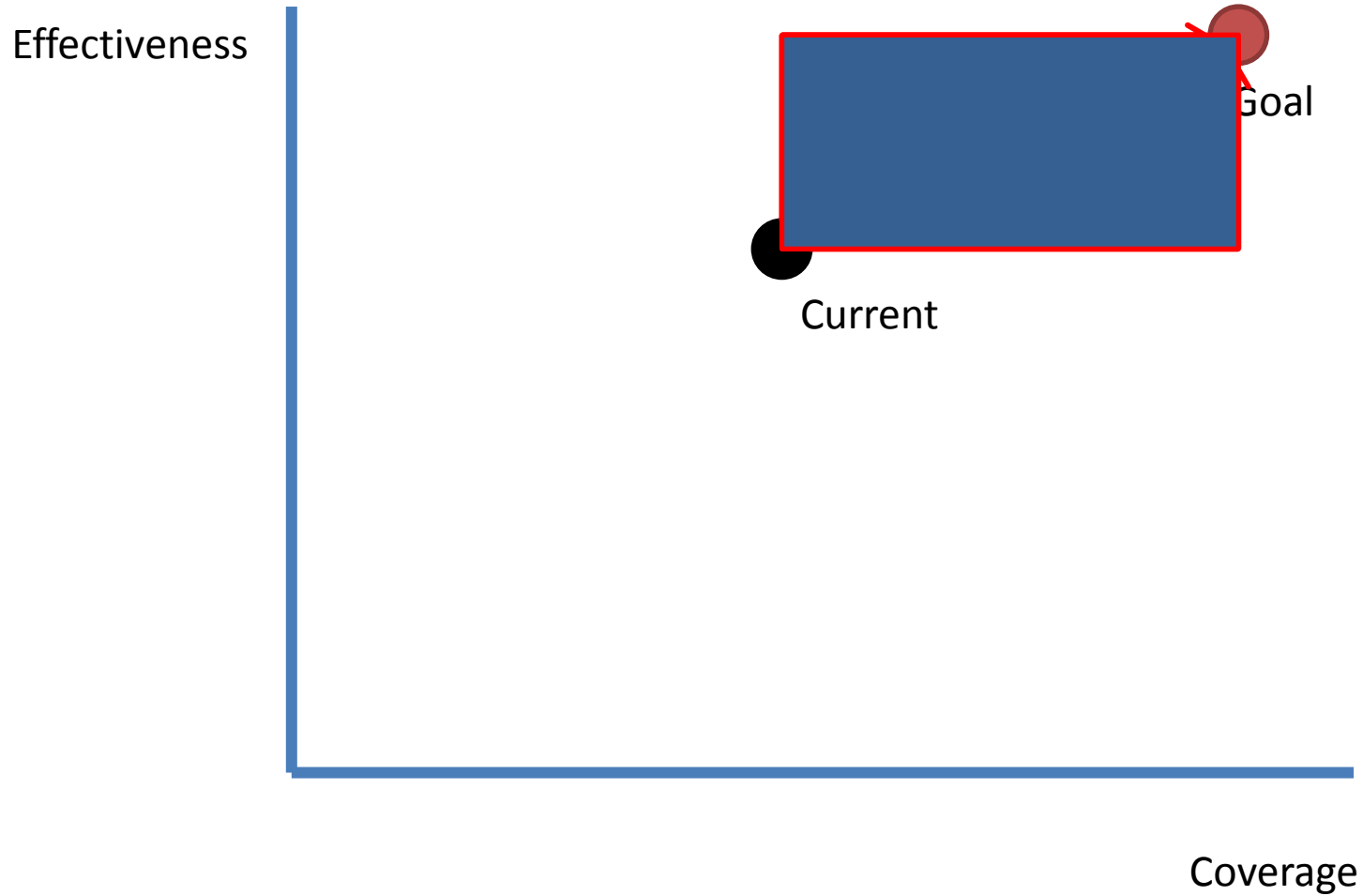
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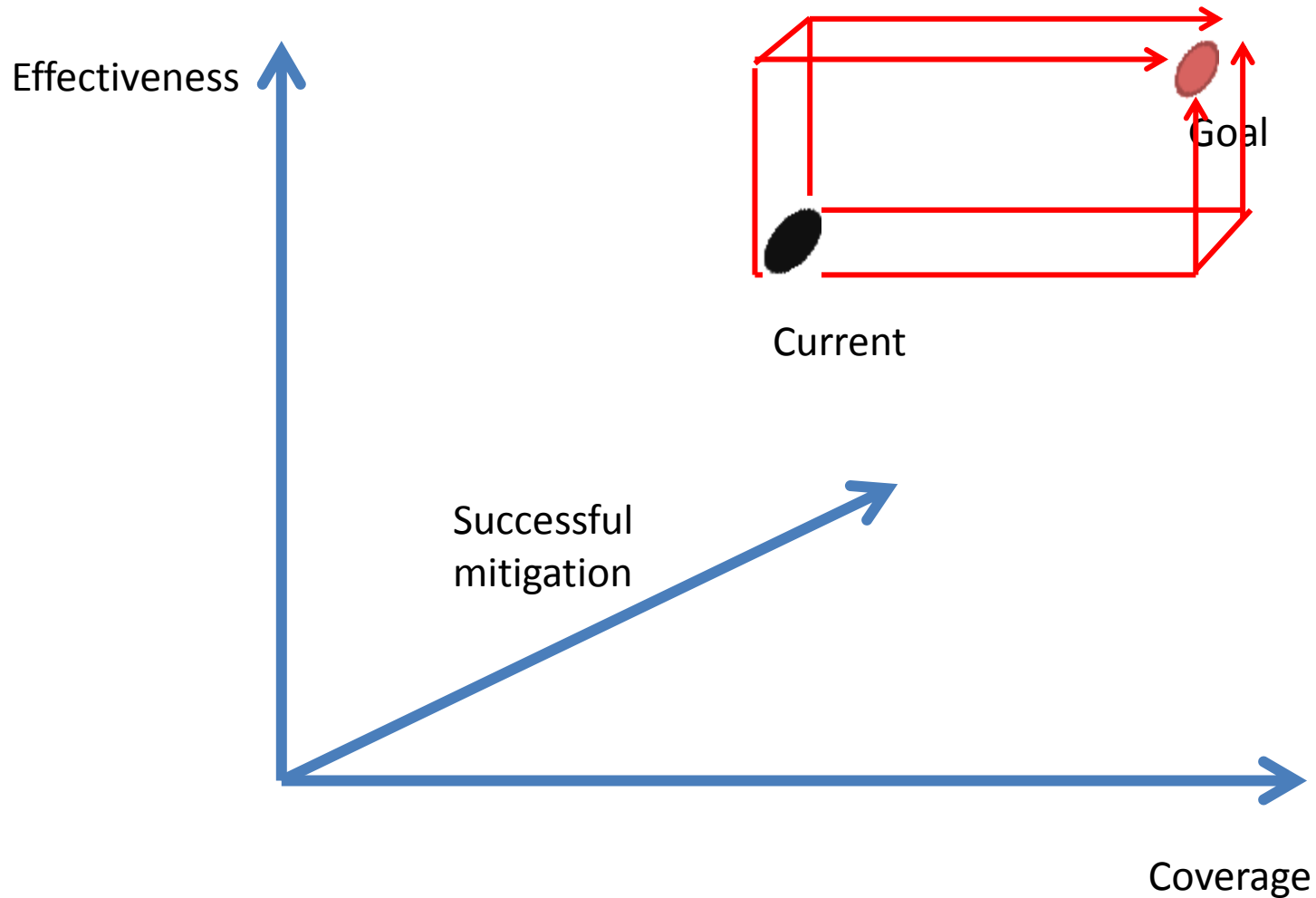
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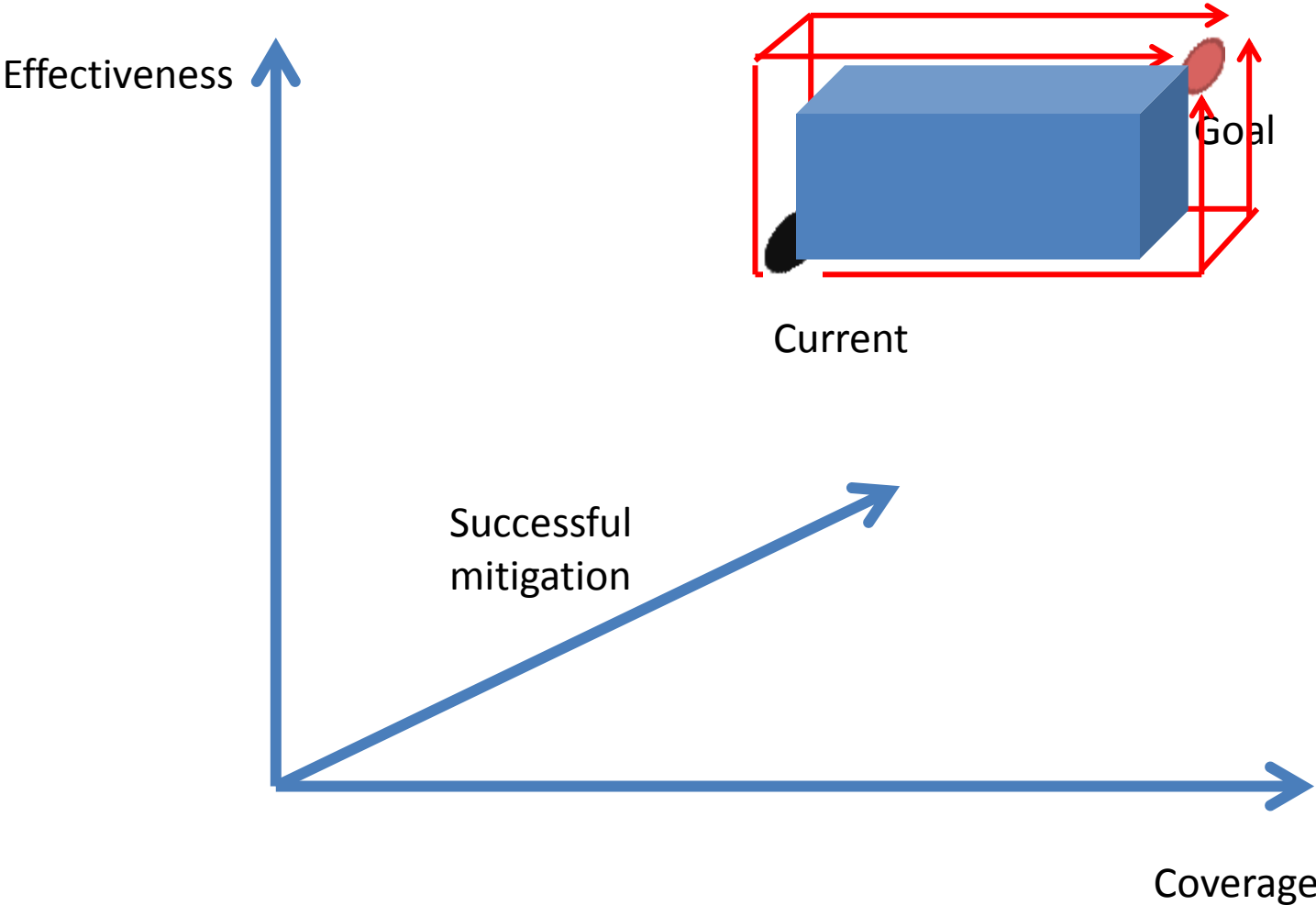
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A real world example?

Is Option B+ the right use of
limited resources?

Resource limited settings

- As resources get tighter or demands get greater, do we:
 - All shout loader for our constituencies?
 - How about when our constituency is part of a person?
 - Or give more attention to supporting an open and democratic policy making process?