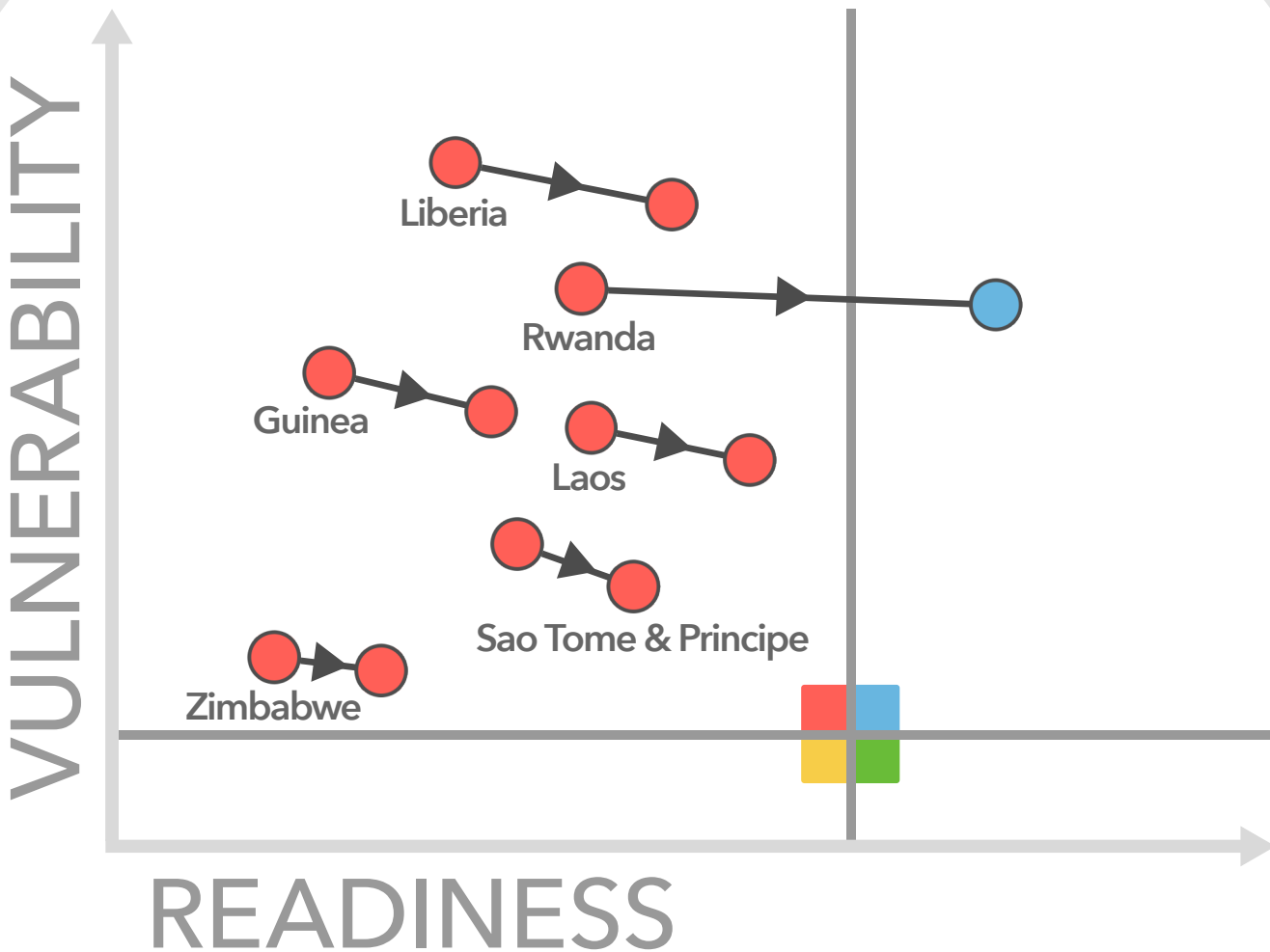


READINESS UPGRADES

Examining a six year trend, a number of vulnerable countries have made great strides in readiness. Their positions on the ND-GAIN Matrix in 2013, compared to 2008, demonstrate the improvements possible with smart investment.



The ND-GAIN Matrix illustrates the comparative resilience of countries to climate. The vertical axis shows the vulnerability score and the horizontal axis shows the readiness score.

Countries in the red quadrant have a high vulnerability to climatic change, and a low level of readiness. Countries in both red and blue quadrants are a priority for investment.

As a country improves its readiness (moving left to right across the matrix), it increases its ability to accept adaptation investment to address the urgent need for action.