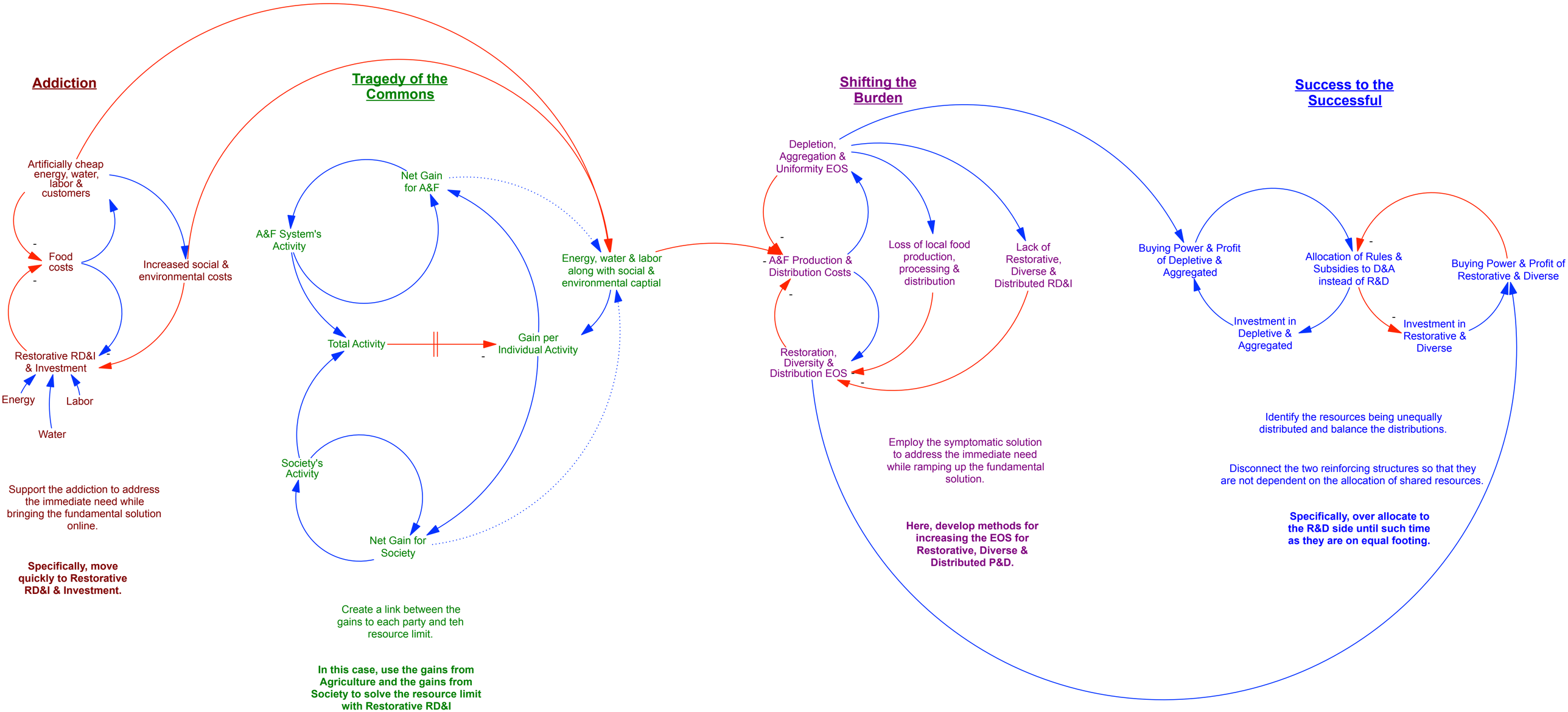Understanding the Pattern(s) of the Problem