

A Brief History: The USAID Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance

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A “Critical Juncture” Approach: The First Two

1. 1964 Founding: The 1963 Skopje Earthquake -- Futility, Embarrassment, and the Cold War
2. 1975: A Congressional Mandate (PL 94-161) -- “Response Plus” and the “Notwithstanding” Clause

A “Critical Juncture” Approach: The Big #3

3. Late 1980s-Early 1990s: “CHEs”
(Complex Humanitarian
Emergencies) -- Sudan, Angola,
Somalia, Rwanda, the Former
Yugoslavia, etc., etc.

A “Critical Juncture” Approach: Possible Recent CJs?

- The Iraq Invasion of 2003? – Hyped ... but Probably Not
- The 2004 Asian Tsunami ? – Not Hyped ... but Perhaps Yes



Thank You!