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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

COVID-19	: Coronavirus Disease -2019
SARS-COV-2	: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2
HIV	: Human Immune Virus
AIDS	: Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
ART	: Anti Retro-viral Treatment/Anti Retro Therapy
PMTCT	: Prevention of Mother-To-Child Transmission
PPE	: Personal Protective Equipment
PCR	: Polymerase Chain Reaction Test
RDT	: Rapid Diagnostic Test
MERS	: Middle East Respiratory Syndrome
Govt.	: Government
UNICEF	: United Nations Children Fund
WHO	: World Health Organisation
B.S.	: Bikram Sambat
PWH	: People with HIV
NCASC	: National Centre for AIDS and STD Control
PLHIV	: People Living with HIV
CDC	: Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
STD	: Sexually Transmitted Diseases
WSU	: Washington State University
GPH	: Garahun Primary Hospital
APA	: American Psychological Association
SPSS	: Statistical Package for Social Science
CD4	: Cluster of Differentiation 4
EIDs	: Emerging Infectious Diseases
NACC	: National AIDS Co-ordinating Committee
NAC	: National AIDS Council
LGBIT	: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Intersex and Transgender
LGBTIQ	: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer/ Questioning
INGO	: International Non-Governmental Organization
EpiC	: Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control Project