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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

ADB	:	Agriculture Development Bank
NRB	:	Nepal Rasa Bank
MFI	:	Micro Finance Institutions
GB	:	Grameen Bank
GBB	:	Grameen Bank in Bangladesh
MF	:	Micro Finance
FINGO	:	Financial Intermediately Non- Government Organization
RMDC	:	Rural Microfinance Development Center
RRDB	:	Regional Rural Development Bank
RSRF	:	Rural Self-Reliance Fund
NGO	:	Non- government Organization
SHG	:	Self-help Group
INGO	:	International Non- Government Organization
MDG	:	Millennium Development Goals
UNDP	:	United Nations of Development Program
MFP	:	Micro Finance Program
SKBB	:	Sana Kisan Bikas Bank
TV	:	Television
WB	:	World Bank
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
CB	:	Commercial Bank
DV	:	Development Bank