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List of Abbreviation

AI	Artificial Insemination
BM	Badaharamal
BS	Bikram Sambat
CBS	Centre Bureau of Statistics
CFC	Common Facility Centre
DDC	District Development Committee
DFID	Department for International Development
FY	Fiscal Year
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
GNHA	German Nepalese Help Association
GON	Government of Nepal
HDI	Human Development Index
HH	House Hold
KM	Kilometer
MA	Master of Arts
MECD	Micro-Enterprise Creation and Development
MERs	Micro-Entrepreneurs
MEDEP	Micro-Enterprise Development Programme
MFIs	Micro-Financial Institutions
MEDPA	Micro-Enterprise Development for Poverty Alleviation
MOF	Ministry of Finance
MOI	Ministry of Industry
NNDSWO	Nepal Dalit Social Welfare Organization
NPC	National Planning Commission
NRFKMHS	Nepal Rashtriya Ful Kumari Mahato Higher Secondary
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal
SL	Sustainable Livelihood
Sida	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
SIYB	Start and Improve Your Business
TU	Tribhuvan University
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
US	United States of America
VDC	Village Development Committee

Glossary

Ailani	Unregistered land cultivated by the local people
Adhiya/	Land used by the poor community where they pay half of the yield
Bataiaya	(grain) in terms of its rent to the land owner
Bari	The land mainly remains lack of irrigation facility
Bigah	An unit of land compared to 0.67 hector, consists of 6400 Square feet
Chure	Shivalik
Dalit Caste	Un touchable caste
Dhami	Social healer or Witch Doctor
Dhur	Consists of 0.003 Hector land
Gaja	Narcotic product, source of opium
Haliya	Close to slavery system where poor work in landlord's house as a farm support
Ilaka	Area
Kamala	Name of river
Kattha	Small Unit of land compared to 0.033 hector
Khet	Land where there is a facility of irrigation and yield paddy, wheat, Maize etc.
Kulo/Paini	Micro canal
Maijan	Community leader of the Musahar or other Madhesi caste
Mann	An unit of weight that consists 40 kg
Rishi	A devotee and powerful person
Rishikul	family or gene of devotee
Sim	Weight land where usually water is incurred most of the time and has low value in terms of yield

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Map of Siraha District and Badaharamal VDC

Study VDC



Note: Coloured VDC is selected for study area