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Abbreviation / Acronyms

CBS	-	Central Bureau of Statistics
VDC	-	Village Development Committee
CDG	-	Central Department of Geography
Eds.	-	Editors
HDP	-	Human Development Index
GDI	-	Gender Development Index
WID	-	Women In Development
WAD	-	Women And Development
GAD	-	Gender And Development
WCARRD	-	World Conference on Agrarian Reforms and Rural Development
FAO	-	Food and Agriculture Organization
GDP	-	Gross Domestic Production
IHDP	-	Integrated Hill Development Project
INGOs-		International Non Governmental Organizations
KII	-	Key Informant Interview
Km.	-	Kilometer
NGOs	-	Non Governmental Organization
PHECT	-	Public health Concern Trust
Rs.	-	Rupees
T.U.	-	Tribhuvan University