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ABBREVIATIONS

CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDS	Central Department of Sociology
HHs	Households
INGOs	International Non Government Organizations
NGOs	Non Government Organizations
SLC	School Leaving Certificate
UNFPA	United Nations Fund or Population Activities
VDC	Village Development Committee

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