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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

| ADB/N | Agriculture Development Bank/Nepal |
|--------|--|
| AEPC | Alternative Energy Promotion Center |
| BSP | Biogas Support Program |
| BSP/N | Biogas Sector Partnership Nepal |
| DDC | District Development Committee |
| FY | Fiscal Year |
| GDP | Gross Development |
| GJ | Giga Jull |
| GGC | Gobar Gas Compamy |
| HHs | Households |
| Hrs | Hours |
| ICIMOD | International Center for Integrated Mountain |
| | Development |
| ICS | Improve Cooking Stoves |
| INGOs | International Non-Governmental Organization |
| Kgs | Kilograms |
| Km | Kilometer |
| LPG | Liquefied Petroleum Group |
| MA | Master of Arts |
| NBPG | Nepal Biogas Promotion Group |
| NO | Number |
| RETs | Renewable Energy Technology |
| Rs | Rupees |
| TU | Tribhuvan University |
| VDC | Village Development Committee |
| WB | World Bank |
| WDR | World Development Report |
| WECS | |
| WLCD | Water and Energy Commission Secretariat |

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