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ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

CBS	- Central Bureau of Statistic
CBO	- Community Based Organization
CO	- Community Organization
BOVO	- Build our Village Ourselves
BNP	- Basic Needs Program
BPFA	- Beijing Plus Five Action Plan
DLGSP	- Decentralized Local Governance Program
DDC	- District Development Committee
DIMC	- Decentralization Implementation Monitoring Committee
FGD	- Focus Group Discussion
GEM	- Gender Empowerment Measure
GO	- Government Organization
GAD	- Gender And Development
GN	- Government of Nepal
HDR	- Human Development Report
HH	- Household
HDI	- Human Development Index
HEM	- Human Empowerment Measure
IRDP	- Integrated Rural Development Program
ILO	- International Labour Organization
INGO	- International Non-governmental Organization
LDF	- Local Development Fund
LGP	- Local Governance Program
LDO	- Local Development Officer
LTF	- Local Trust Fund

LSGA	- Local Self Government Act
MGEP	- Mainstreaming Gender Equity Program
MCPW	- Micro-Credit Project for Women
MLD	- Ministry of Local Development
MDG	- Marginalized Disadvantages Group
NPC	- National Planning Commission
NGO	- Non-government Organization
PCRW	- Production Credit for Rural Women
PDDP	- Participatory District Development Program
SGF	- Seed Grant Fund
SAP	- Structural Adjustment Program
UN	- United Nations
VDSHP	- Village Development and Self-Help Program
UNDP	- United Nation Development Program
USAID	- United States Agency for International Development
VDC	- Village Development Committee
VDP	- Village Development Program
WID	- Women in Development
WAD	- Women and Development