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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ANM _ Auxiliary Nurse Midwife

CMA _ Community Medical Assistant

JTA _ Junior Technical Assistant

NGO – Non Governmental Organization

No. – Number

sq. km. – Square Kilometer

GDP - Gross Domestic Product

\$ – US Dollar

NDC – National Dalit Commission

CBS – Central Bureau of Statistics

VDC – Village Development Committee

MPC – Marginal Propensity to Consume

APC – Average Propensity to Consume

AIH – Absolute Income Hypothesis

RIH – Relative Income Hypothesis

PIH – Permanent Income Hypothesis

LCH – Life-cycle Hypothesis

BS – Bikram Sambat

HHs – Households

Rs. – Rupees (Nepalese Currency)

Std.Dev. – Standard Deviation