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## **ABBREVIATION**

ADB/N	:	Agriculture Development Bank of Nepal
AEPC	:	Alternative Energy Promotion Centre
BOOT	:	Built Own Operate and Transfer
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDR	:	Central Development Region
EDR	:	Eastern Development Region
ES	:	Economic Survey
ESAP	:	Energy Sector Assistance Program
FY	:	Fiscal Year
FWDR	:	Far West Development Region
GDP	:	Gross Domestic Production
GON	:	Government of Nepal
GWH	:	Giga Watt Hour
ICIMOD	:	International centre for Integrated Mountain Development



KW	:	Kilo Watt
MHP	:	Mini Hydro Power
MHPs	:	Micro Hydro Plants
MPPUs	:	Multi Purpose Power Units
MW	:	Mega Watt
NEA	:	Nepal Electricity Authority
NPC	:	National Planning Commission
PDF	:	Power Development Fund
REDP	:	Rural Energy Development Program
SHDB	:	Small Hydro Development Board
UK	:	United Kingdom
UNDP	:	United Nation Development Program
USA	:	United State America
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
WDR	:	West Development Region
WECS	:	Water and Energy Commission Secretariat
WTO	:	World Trade Organization

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