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ABBREVIATIONS

%	: Percentage.
BAFIA	: Bank and Financial Act.
BS	: Bikram Sambat
CO	: Community Organization.
FY	: Fiscal Year.
INGO	: International Non-Governmental Organization.
LDF	: Local Development Fund.
MA	: Master in Administration
MCPW	: Microcredit Project for Women.
MFDB	: Microfinance Development Bank.
MFIs	: Microfinance Institutions.
NGO	: Non-Government Organizations.
NPC	: National Planning Commission.
PCRW	: Production Credit for Rural Women.
PDDP	: Participatory District Development Program.
PN	: Prithivi Narayan.
RMDC	: Rural Microfinance Development Centre.
Rs.	: Rupees
SHG	: Self Help Group.
WDP	: Women Development Section.
Yrs	: Years.