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### ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

APC = Association for the Protection of Children

CBS = Central Bureau of Statistics

CDSA = Central Department of Sociology and Anthropology

CGAR = Crisis Group Asian Report

CIWIN = Child Worker in Nepal

CPCS = Child Protection Center and Services

et.al = and others

etc = et cetera

FRFU = family Re- unification and follow- Up

GOV = Government Organization

i.e. = that is to say

ILO = International labour Organization

INGOs = International Governmental Organizations

ISRC = Intensive Study and Research Center

MoHP = Ministry of Health and Population

NGOs = Non-Governmental Organizations

SLC = School Living Certificate

SPSS = Statistical Package for Social Sciences

TJP = the training and join

UK = United Kingdom

UNDP = United Nation Development Programme

UNESCO = United Nation Education Scientific Cultural Organization

UNICEF = United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

USAID = United States Agency for International Development

VDC = Village District Committee

WHO = World Health Organization