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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ADB/N	–	Agricultural Development Bank , Nepal
AIC	–	Agriculture Input Corporation
CBS	–	Central Bureau Statistics
FGD	–	Focused Group Discussion
GDP	–	Gross Domestic product
HHs	–	Households
IBP	–	Intensive Banking Program
INGO	–	International non-government Organization
IRDPs	–	Integrated Rural Development Programs
MPHBS	–	Multi-purpose Household Budget Survey
NFC	–	Nepal Food Corporation
NGO	–	Non Government Organization
NLSS	–	Nepal Living Standard Survey
NPC	–	National Planning Commission
PCRW	–	Production Credits for Rural Women
SFDP	–	Small Farmers Development Program
UNDP	–	United Nations' Development program
US	–	United States
VDC	–	Village Development Committee
WB	–	World Bank