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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BS	Bikram Sambat
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CMF	Center of Micro Finance
DOC	Department of Cooperative
FGDs	Focus Group Discussions
GAD	Gender and Development
ICA	International Cooperative Alliance
ILO	International Labor Organization
INGOs	International Non-Government Organizations
NCDB	National Cooperative Development Board
NGOs	Non-Government Organization
NO	Number
NPC	National Planning Commission
Rs	Rupees
SACCOs	Savings and Credit Cooperatives Societies
UN	United Nations
VDC	Village Development Committee
WAD	Women and Development
WB	World Bank
WHO	World Health Organization
WID	Women in Development