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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CEDA	Center for Economic Development and Administration
FWLD	Forum for Women Land and Development
H/H	Household
HDR	Human Development Report
NGO'S	Non-government Organization
NHDR	Nepal Human Development Report
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNESCO	United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations Children Fund
VDC	Village Development Committee