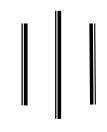
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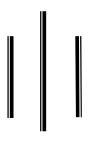
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ABBREVIATION/ACRONYMS

CBS Central Bureau of Statistics

CDG Central Department of Geography

CEDA Center for Economic Development and Administration

DFID Department of International Development

Dept. Department

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FAO Food and Agriculture Organization
GIS Geographical Information System

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INGO International Non-Governmental Organization

KMC Katmandu Metropolitan City

KTM. Katmandu

LS Livelihood strategy
M.A. Master's of Arts

NCCR National Center for Competence in Research

NGO Non –Governmental Organization

NR-base Natural Resource base
SL Sustainable Livelihoods
T.U. Tribhuvan University

VDC Village Development Committee

IFAD Food and Agriculture organization

CBD Central Business Districts

CTEVT Council for Technical Education and Vocational Trainning

UNICEF United National Development Programme

CWIN Child Workers in Nepal

T.V. Television

NWUS Nepal women's Unity Society

SPOSH Society for the Preservation of shelters and Habitation

T.B. Tuberculosis

UNDP United National Development programme