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ABBREVIATION

CBO	Community Based Organization
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDRD	Central Department of Rural Development
DDC	District Development Committee
e. g.	For Example
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
Fig.	Figure
i. e.	That is
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
M.A.	Master of Arts
NG	Nepal Government
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NLA	National Labour Academy
No.	Number
NPC	National Planning Commission
T. U.	Tribhuvan University
VDC	Village Development Committee