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#### LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACM Adaptive and Collaborative Management

ADB Asian Development Bank

CA Change Agent

C&I Criteria and Indicators

CDP Community Development Programme

CF Community Forest/Forestry

CFDP Community Forestry Development Programme

CFUG Community Forest Users' Group

CIFOR Centre for International Forestry Research

DAG Disadvantaged Group

DDC District Development Committee

DFO District Forest Office/Officer

DOF Department of Forest

EC Executive Committee

FDP Forest Development Programme

FECOFUN Federation of Community Forest Users of Nepal

FUC Forest Users' Committee

FUG Forest Users' Group

GOs Governmental Organizations

Ha Hector

HH Household

HMG/N His Majesty Government of Nepal

IDRC International Development Research Centre

IGA Income Generation Activities

INGO International Non-governmental Organization

KAP Knowledge, Attitude and Practice

KHARDEP Koshi Hill Area Development Project

LFP Livelihood and Forestry Programme

MOFSC Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation

NGO Non-Governmental Organization

NTFP Non-timber Forest Products

OP Operational Plan

PAR Participatory Action Research
PRA Participatory Rural Appraisal

PF Panchayat Forest

PPF Panchayat Protected Forest

RP Range Post

RPCC Range Post Co-ordination Committee

RRA Rural Rapid Appraisal

RRN Rural Reconstruction Nepal

SDC Swiss Development Co-operation

SFM Sustainable Forest Management

SODEC Society Development Center

SHs Stakeholders

TEF The East Foundation

UG Users' Group

VDC Village Development Committee

WDP Women Development Programme