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### ACRONYMS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADBN	Agriculture Development Bank, Nepal
ASA	Association for Social Advancement
CBB	Chhimek Bikas Bank
BS	Bikram Sambat (Nepali Calender Year)
CBO	Commuity Based Organization
CBs	Commercial Banks
CBS	Central Beaureau of Statistics
CEDAW	Convention of Elimination of all types of Discrimination Against Women
CGAP	Consultative Group to Assist the Poorest
CGAP	Consultaitve Group to Assist the Poor
CMF	Center for Micro-finance
CSD	Center for Self-Development
CSICP	Cottage and Small Industry Credit Program
DEPROSC	Development Project Service Center
DSLP	Deprived Sector Lending Program
EU	European Union
FINCA	Foundation for International Community Assistance
FINIDA	Finish International Development Agency
GBS	Grameen Banking System
GNP	Gross National Product
GTZ	German Technical Cooperation
HDI	Human Development Index
HDR	Human Development Report
IBM	Intensive Banking Program
IFAD	International Fund for Agriculture Development
IFPRI	International Food Plicy Research Institutes
INGO	International Non Governament Organization
MC	Micro Credit
MCPW	Micro Credit Program for Women
MDG	Mellinieum Development Goal
MF	Micro Finance
MFIs	Micro Finance Institutions

MFP	Micro Finance Program
NBL	Nepal Bank Ltd.
NG	Nepal Government
NGO	Non Government Organization
NHDR	National Human Development Report
NPRC	Nepal Planning Commission Report
NUB	Nirdhan Utthan Bank
PCRW	Production Credit for Rurlal Women
PSCP	Priority Sector Credit Program
RBB	Rastriya Barijya Bank
RMDC	Rural Micro Finance Development Center
RRDBs	Regional Rural Development Banks
Rs	Nepalese Rupees
RSRF	Rural Self-Reliant Fund
RUPP	Rural Urban Partnership Program
SACCOs	Saving and Credit Cooperatives
SFCL	Small Farmer Cooperativers Limited
SFDP	Small Farmer Development Project
SSCP	Small Sector Credit Program
UN	United Nation
US	United States
USAID	United State Agency for International Development
VDC	Village Development Community
WB	World Bank
WCS	Women Cooperatives Societies
WDD	Women Development Division
WDP	Women Development Program