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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	:	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
BCHIMES	:	Between Census Household Information for Monitoring and Evaluation System
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
CSW	:	Commercial Sex Worker
FPAN	:	Family Planning Association of Nepal
HIV	:	Human Immunodeficiency Virus.
ICE	:	Information Education and Communication
ICPD	:	International Conference on Population and Development
IDUs	:	Intravenous Drug Users
INGOs	:	Non-Governmental Organization
MOHP	:	Ministry of Health and Population
MOPE	:	Ministry of Population and Environment
NAC	:	National AIDS Council
NACC	:	National AIDS Co-Ordination Committee
NCASC	:	National Center for AIDS and STD control
NDHS	:	National Demographic Health Survey
NGOs	:	Non-Governmental Organization
PRB	:	Population Reference Bureau
PSSN	:	Population Studies Society Nepal
RH/FP	:	Reproductive Health/Family Planning
RTIs	:	Reproductive Tracts Infection
SAARC	:	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
STDs	:	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
STIs	:	Sexually Transmitted Infections
SW	:	Sex Worker
TB	:	Tuberculosis
UN	:	United Nations
UNAIDS	:	United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNDP	:	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	:	United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	:	United Nations Fund for Population Activities
UNHCR	:	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNICEF	:	United Nation International Children and Emergency Fund
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
WB	:	World Bank
WHO	:	World Health Organization