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#### ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

**CBS** : Central Bureau of Statistic

**CEDAW**: Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination

Against Women

**CWLAC** : Central women Legal Aid Committee

**DDC** : District Development Committee

**DV** : Domestic Violence

**DVAMW**: Domestic Violence Against Married Women

**GAD** : Gender And Development

**HR** : Human Rights

**IIDS** : Institute for Integrated Development Studies

**INGOs**: International Non-Government Organizations

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**MGEP** : Mainstreaming Gender Equity Program

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NGOs : Non-Government Organizations

**PCRW**: Production Credit for Rural Women

**UNDP** : United Nation Development Program

**UNESC**: United Nation Economic and Social Council

VAW : Violence Against Women

**VDC** : Village Development Committee.

WAD : Woman and Development

**WDP** : Women Development Program

WID : Women In Development

**WJIGP**: Women Jagriti and Income Generating Program