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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATION**

BS	:	Bikram Sambat
CBS	:	Central Bureau for Statistics
DDC	:	District Development Committee
FGD	:	Focus Group Discussion
GAD	:	Gender and Development
GDI	:	Gender Development Index
GO	:	Government organization
GS	:	Gender Socialization
INGO	:	International Non Government Organization
NGO	:	Non Government organization
TAT	:	Thematic Apperception Test
UNDP	:	United Nation Development Programme
UNESCO	:	United Nations Educational Scientific and cultural Organization
UNICEF	:	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
USA	:	United States of America
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
WAD	:	Women and Development
WEP	:	Women's Empowerment Program

