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Abbreviations

CBS- Central Bureau of Statistics

CDR- Central Development Region

CWIN- Children Working in Nepal

EDR- Eastern Development Region

FAO- Food and Agriculture Association

FWDR- Far-western Development Region

GO- Government Organization

IPEC- International Program on Elimination on Child Labor

ILO- International Labor Organization

M- Million

MWDR- Mid-western Development Region

NCLR- Nepal Child Labor Report

NG- Nepal Government

NLFS- Nepal Labor Force Survey

NLA- Nepal Labor Academy

SAARC_ South Asian Association for Regional Corporation

TU/CDPS- Tribhuvan University, Central Department of Population Studies

UN- United Nations

UNCRC- UN Conventions on the Rights of the Child

UNDP- United Nations Development Program

UNICEF- United Nation's Children's Fund