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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB/N	: Agriculture Development Bank of Nepal
ASA	: Association of Social Advancement
ASCCO	: Akriti Saving and credit Co-operative Limited
BOD	: Board Of Director
BRAC	: Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee
BRDB	: Bangladesh Rural Development Bank
CBS	: Central Bureau of Statistics
CGAP	: Consultative Groups to Assist the Poor
CGISP	: Community Ground Water Irrigation Sector Project
CSD	: Center for Self-help Development
C.V	: Coefficient of Variance
DDC	: District Development Committee
DEPROSE	: Development Project Service Center
DSCP	: Deprived Sector Credit Program
FINGO	: Financial Intermediary Non-Government Organization
GBB	: Grameen Bikash Bank
IBP	:Intensive Banking Project
INGO	: International Non-Government Organization
LDCs	: Least Developed Countries
LTD	: Limited
MCPW	: Micro Credit Project for Women
MDGs	: Millennium Development Goals
MFDB	: Micro Finance Development Bank
MF	: Micro Finance
MFI	: Micro Finance Institutions
NBL	: Nepal Bank Limited
NCD	: National Co-operative Development Bank
NRB	: Nepal Rastra Bank
NUBL	: Nirdhan Utthan Bank Limited
PAPWT	: Poverty Allevation Project for Western Terai
PCRW	: Production Credit for Rural Women
PSKF	: Pallik Karma Sahayak Foundation
PSCP	: Priority Sector Credit Program
PSLP	: Priority Sector Lending Program
RMDC	: Rural Micro Finance Development Center
RMP	: Rural Micro Project
RRDB	: Regional Rural Development Bank
RSRF	: Rural Self- Reliance Fund
SACCO	: Saving and Credit Co-opertaive
SFCL	: Small Farmer Co-operative Limited
SFDP	: Small Farmer Development Program
SKBB	: Sana Krishna Bikash Bank
TLDP	: Third Livestock Development Project
UN	: United Nations
VDC	: Village Development Committee