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ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ADAB	Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh
ASA	Association for Social Advancement
ASSP	Agriculture Support Services Project
BANBEIS	Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics
BBS	Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics
BGMEA	Bangladesh Garment Manufactures and Exporters Association
BRAC	Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee
BRDB	Bangladesh Rural Development Board
BJMS	Bangladesh Jatiyo Mohila Sangstha
BSCIC	Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation
CBR	Crude Birth Rate
CDR	Crude Death Rate
CDP	Crop Diversification Programme
CPR	Contraceptive Prevalence Rate
DWA	Department of Women Affairs
GNP	Gross National Product
HPSS	Health and Population Sector Strategies
HSC	Higher Secondary Certificate
HIV	Human Immune Deficiency Virus
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMR	Infant Mortality Rate
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
LFS	Labour Force Survey
MCH	Maternity and Child Health

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MOWCA	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs
MMR	Maternal Mortality Rate
NAP	National Action Plan
NRR	Net Reproductive Rate
NCWD	National Council for Women Development
PFA	Platform for Action
PKSF	Palli Karma Shahayak Foundation
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
SSC	Secondary School Certificate
THC	Thana Health Centre
TFR	Total Fertility Rate
UNICEF	United Nations International Children Emergency Fund
VGDP	Vulnerable Group Development Programme
WID	Women in Development
WEDP	Women's Entrepreneurship Development Programme
WFP	World Food Programme

GLOSSARY

CHOWKIDAR	Village Security guard
MADRASHA	Educational Institution with special emphasis on religion
SATELLITE CLINIC	Mobile temporary medical clinic at village level for mother and child care
SHALISH	Local level mediation body
STRIDHAN	The property given to a woman from her family at the time of her marriage
UNANI and AYURVEDI MEDICINE	Traditional Herbal Medicine
UNION PARISHAD	Lowest tier of Local Government