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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ASA	- Activists for Social Alternatives
ANOVA	- Analysis of Variance
BIRD	- Bankers Institute of Rural Development
BOP	- Bottom of the Pyramid
CGAP	- Consultative Group to Assist the Poor
FGDs	- Focus Group Discussions
IBLI	- Index-Based Livestock Insurance
IBMS	- Index-Based Microinsurance Scheme
IFAD's	- International Fund for Agricultural Developments
IRDA	- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
LIC	- Life Insurance Corporation of India
MFIs	- Micro Finance Institutions
MIA	- Micro Insurance Agents
MSE	- Micro and Small Enterprises
NGOs	- Non-Government Organizations
NRSP	- National Rural Support Program
PRA	- Participatory Rapid Appraisal Tools
RBI	- Reserve Bank of India
SHEPHERD	- Self-Help Promotion for Health and Rural Development
SHGs	- Self Help Groups
SRM	- Social Risk Management
UNDP	- United Nations Development Programme
VHLSS	- Vietnam Households Living Standard Surveys
WTP	- Willingness to Pay