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<tr>
<td>AIDS</td>
<td>Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome</td>
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<td>ADAB</td>
<td>Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh</td>
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<td>Association for Social Advancement</td>
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<td>ASSP</td>
<td>Agriculture Support Services Project</td>
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<td>BANBEIS</td>
<td>Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics</td>
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<td>BBS</td>
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<td>BGMEA</td>
<td>Bangladesh Garment Manufactures and Exporters Association</td>
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<td>CBR</td>
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<td>Crop Diversification Programme</td>
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<td>Contraceptive Prevalence Rate</td>
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<td>DWA</td>
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<td>GNP</td>
<td>Gross National Product</td>
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<td>Health and Population Sector Strategies</td>
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<td>Higher Secondary Certificate</td>
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<td>HIV</td>
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<td>ILO</td>
<td>International Labour Organisation</td>
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<td>Infant Mortality Rate</td>
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<td>Labour Force Survey</td>
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<td>MCH</td>
<td>Maternity and Child Health</td>
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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
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<td>CHOWKIDAR</td>
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<td>MADRASHA</td>
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<td>SATELLITE CLINIC</td>
<td>Mobile temporary medical clinic at village level for mother and child care</td>
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<td>SHALISH</td>
<td>Local level mediation body</td>
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<td>STRIDHAN</td>
<td>The property given to a woman from her family at the time of her marriage</td>
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<td>UNANI and AYURVEDI MEDICINE</td>
<td>Traditional Herbal Medicine</td>
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<td>UNION PARISHAD</td>
<td>Lowest tier of Local Government</td>
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