

Acronyms and Abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AK	Azad Kashmir (Pakistan)
AKRSP	Aga Khan Rural Support Programme
BOE	Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment
BPL	below the poverty line
CO	community organisation
HKH	Hindu Kush-Himalayas/n
ICIMOD	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IRs	Indian Rupees
MFI	micro-finance institution
NA	Northern Areas (Pakistan)
NRs	Nepalese Rupees
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
VDC	village development committee
WUPAP	Western Uplands Poverty Alleviation Programme

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