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AIDS
acquired immune deficiency syndrome

ANDI
Agência de Notícias dos Direitos da Infância (News Agency on Children's Rights)

ARI
acute respiratory infection

AZT
the acronym used for the antiretroviral drug zidovudine

BRAC
Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee

CEE
Central and Eastern Europe

CIS
Commonwealth of Independent States

DPT3
three doses of combined diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus vaccine

ECD
early childhood development

EDC
especially difficult circumstances

FGC
female genital cutting

FGM
female genital mutilation

FOKUPERS
East Timorese Women's Communication Forum

G7
Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom and the United States

G8
G7 plus the Russian Federation

GAVI
Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization

GNP
gross national product

Hib
*Haemophilus influenzae* type b

HIPC
Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative

HIPC-qualified
a poor country that carries an unsustainable debt burden, as defined by the World Bank and the IMF, that does not qualify for commercial loans and that cannot bring its debt to a sustainable level even after the application of established debt relief mechanisms.

HIV
human immunodeficiency virus

IMF
International Monetary Fund

NAC
Norwegian Afghanistan Committee

NGO
non-governmental organization

MMR
maternal mortality ratio

MobiNil
Egyptian Company for Mobile Services

MTCT
mother-to-child transmission (of HIV)

ODA
official development assistance

OECD
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

PYALARA
Palestinian Youth Association for Leadership and Rights Activation

SOLWODI
Solidarity with Women in Distress

STI
sexually transmitted infection

Tostan
A non-governmental organization based in Senegal. The name Tostan means ‘breakthrough’ in Wolof.

U5MR
under-five mortality rate

VAD
vitamin A deficiency

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