

Glossary of Frequently Used Acronyms

AIMS: Assessing the Impact of Microenterprise Services

BIDS: Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies

BRAC: Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee

CAME: Centro de Apoyo al Microempresario

CARD: Center for Agriculture and Rural Development

CASHPOR: Credit and Savings for the Hard-Core Poor of Asia-Pacific is an association of Grameen bank replications in Asia.

CERUDEB: Centenary Rural Development Bank

CFPR: Challenging the Frontiers of Poverty Reduction

CGAP: Consultative Group to Assist the Poorest

CBN: Cost of Basic Needs

CEE and NIS: Central and Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States

CYSD: Centre for Youth and Social Development

DHS: Demographic Health Surveys

ESRC: Economic and Social Research Council

FFH: Freedom From Hunger

FGT: Foster-Green-Thorbecke measures

FINCA: Foundation for International Community Assistance

GDP: Gross Domestic Product

IA: Impact Assessment

IES: Income and Expenditure Survey

ILS: Internal Learning System

IGVGD: Income Generation for Vulnerable Group Development

HWDS: Handloom Weavers' Development Society

LSMS: Living Standards Measurement Study

MIS: Management Information Systems

MCPI: Microfinance Council of the Philippines

MCP: Microcredit Programme

MDGs: Millennium Development Goals

MFO: Microfinance Organisation

MR: Market Research

NABARD: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

NGO: Non-Government Organisation

ODEF: Organizacion de Desarrollo

PAR: Portfolio at Risk

PAT: Poverty Assessment Tool

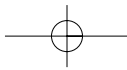
PRA: Participatory Rural Assessment

PRADAN: Professional Assistance for Development Action

PPP: Purchasing Power Parity

PPA: Participatory Poverty Assessment

PWR: Participatory Wealth Ranking



RDP: Rural Development Programme

SHARE: Society for Helping and Awakening Rural
Poor Through Education

ROSACS: Rolling Savings and Credit Associations

SEWA: Self Employed Women's Association

SEEP: Small Enterprise Education and Promotion
Network

TCP: Tshomisano Credit Programme

SEF: Small Enterprise Foundation

UNDP: United Nations Development Programme

SHG: Self-Help Group

