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
ROSACS: Rolling Savings and Credit Associations
SEEP: Small Enterprise Education and Promotion Network
SEF: Small Enterprise Foundation
SHG: Self-Help Group
SHARE: Society for Helping and Awakening Rural Poor Through Education
SEWA: Self Employed Women's Association
TCP: Tshomisano Credit Programme
UNDP: United Nations Development Programme