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Acronyms

ADB	Asian Development Bank	GNI	Gross national income
AFRO	African Regional Office (WHO)	GNP	Gross national product
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women	HALE	Health-adjusted life expectancy
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency	HDI	Human Development Index
CMH	Commission on Macroeconomics and Health	HEIA	Health Equity Impact Assessment
DAC	Development Assistance Committee	HIA	Health Impact Assessment
DAH	Development assistance for health	HIV/AIDS	Human immunodeficiency virus/auto-immune deficiency syndrome
DALY	Disability-adjusted life year	HIPC	Highly Indebted Poor Country
DFID	Department for International Development	HSKN	Health Systems Knowledge Network of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health
DHS	Demographic and Health Surveys	ISA	Intersectoral action
ECD	Early child development	ILO	International Labour Organization
ECDKN	Early Childhood Development Knowledge Network of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health	IMCI	Integrated Management of Childhood Illness
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council	IMF	International Monetary Fund
EMCONET	Employment Conditions Knowledge Network of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health	IOM	International Organization for Migration
EMRO	Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (WHO)	IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	KN	Knowledge Network
EU	European Union	KNUS	Knowledge Network on Urban Settings of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health
EURO	European Regional Office (WHO)	LEB	Life expectancy at birth
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	MEKN	Measurement and Evidence Knowledge Network of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health
FCTC	Framework Convention on Tobacco Control	MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
FDI	Foreign direct investment	MTEF	Medium-Term Expenditure Framework
FGM	Female genital mutilation	NGO	Nongovernmental organization
G7/8	Group of Seven/Eight	ODA	Official development assistance
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services	OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade	OHS	Occupational Health and Safety
GBS	General budget support	PAHO	Pan-American Health Organization
GDP	Gross domestic product	PEPFAR	President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
GEGA	Global Equity Gauge Alliance	PHC	Primary Health Care
GHI	Global Health Initiative	PPHCKN	Priority Public Health Conditions Knowledge Network of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health
GKN	Globalization Knowledge Network of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health	PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper

SCN	UN System Standing Committee on Nutrition
SAP	Structural Adjustment Programme
SDH	Social determinants of health
SEARO	South-East Asian Regional Office (WHO)
SEKN	Social Exclusion Knowledge Network of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health
SEWA	Self-Employed Women's Association
STI	Sexually transmitted infection
TRIPS	Trade-related Intellectual Property Rights
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UN-HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNSNA	UN System of National Accounts
UNRISD	United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
WFP	World Food Programme
WGEKN	Women and Gender Equity Knowledge Network of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health
WHO	World Health Organization
WPRO	Western Pacific Regional Office (WHO)
WTO	World Trade Organization

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