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ACRONYMS AND KEY TERMS

| Term | Definition | Country |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 100% CUP | 100 Percent Condom Use Programme | |
| <i>adhiya</i> | Sex worker who pays the madam a percent of income in exchange for accommodation and food | India |
| ACHIEVE | Action for Health Initiatives | Philippines |
| ACLAB | Alliance for Cooperation and Legal Aid | Bangladesh |
| AIDS | Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome | |
| <i>ainen matawa</i> | Women and girls who board foreign fishing vessels to sell sex to seafarers | Kiribati |
| APNSW | Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers | |
| ART | Antiretroviral therapy | |
| ARV | Antiretroviral drugs | |
| ASEAN | Association of South East Asian Nations | |
| ASEP | AIDS Surveillance and Education Project | Philippines |
| BABSEA CLE | Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative | |
| <i>badis</i> | A sub-caste of people who traditionally worked as entertainers. Most <i>badi</i> women now rely on sex work for income. | Nepal |
| <i>bāopó</i> | Temporary mistress or 'second wife' | China |
| <i>barangay</i> | A <i>barangay</i> is the smallest administrative unit in the Philippines, equivalent to a village, district or ward | Philippines |
| <i>bariwalis</i> | The <i>bariwali</i> are owners of premises that are rented to the brothel managers (<i>sardarnis</i>) | Bangladesh |
| BDS | Blue Diamond Society | |
| <i>bhatta</i> | Protection money | Pakistan |
| BICMA | Bhutan InfoComm and Media Authority | Bhutan |
| CACHA | Cambodian Alliance for Combating HIV/AIDS | Cambodia |
| CEDAW | Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women | |
| <i>chukri</i> | Bonded sex worker | Nepal |
| CNMWD | Cambodian Men Women Development Agency | Cambodia |
| COSWAS | Collective of Sex Workers and Supporters | Taiwan, Province of China |

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