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Abbreviations

AFP	Acute flaccid paralysis
ANC	Antenatal care
BTN	<i>Beyond the Numbers</i>
CBR	Crude birth rate
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CHWs	Community health workers
CoIA	Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health
CR/VS	Civil registration/vital statistics
EmOC	Emergency obstetric care
GIS	Geographical information systems
HMRI	Health Management and Research Institute
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
IDSR	Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response
IMPAC	Integrated Management of Pregnancy and Childbirth
LAC	Latin America and the Caribbean
MCA	Department of Maternal, Newborn Child, and Adolescent Health/WHO
MCH	Maternal and child health
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MDR	Maternal death review
MDSR	Maternal death surveillance and response
MMR	Maternal mortality ratio
MoH	Ministry of Health
NGO	Nongovernmental organization
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
PNC	Postnatal care
RESCUER	Rural Extended Services and Care of Ultimate Emergency Relief
SMS	Short Message Service
TBAs	Traditional birth attendants
VA	Verbal autopsy
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WHO	World Health Organization
WRA	Women of reproductive age

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