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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

AIDS	:Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
ART	:Anti Retroviral Treatment
CBO	:Community Based Organization
DOTS	:Directly Observed Therapy
IAVI	:International AIDS Vaccine Initiative
ICMR	:Indian Council of Medical Research
IEC	:Information, education, communication
ICTC	:Integrated Counseling & Testing and Centre
HAART	:Highly active anti-retroviral therapy
HIV	:Human Immuno Virus
NACO	:National AIDS Control Organization
NACP	:National AIDS Control Programme
NARI	:National AIDS Research Institute
NGO	:Non Governmental Organization
PLWHA	:People living with HIV/AIDS.
PPTCT	:Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission
RNTCP	:Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program
SPSS	:Statistical Package for Social Sciences
WHO	:World Health Organization

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