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## bbreviations and Acronyms

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ADB	Asian Development Bank
BNPL	basic-needs poverty line
CPI	consumer price index
CVI	composite vulnerability index
FPL	food poverty line
FSM	Federated States of Micronesia
GDP	gross domestic product
GNI	gross national income
HDI	Human Development Index
HDR	Human Development Report
HH	household
HIES	Household Income and Expenditure Survey
HPI	Human Poverty Index
IMF	International Monetary Fund
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
NGO	nongovernment organization
PACER	Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations
PAH	participatory assessment of hardship
PDMC	Pacific developing member country (of ADB)
PHDR	Pacific Human Development Report
PICTA	Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement
PNG	Papua New Guinea
PPP	purchasing power parity
RMI	Republic of Marshall Islands
TLSS	Timor-Leste Living Standards Measurement Survey
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WTO	World Trade Organization