

## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>AIDS</b>	: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
<b>ANM</b>	: Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery
<b>ASHA</b>	: Accredited Social Health Activists
<b>AGC</b>	: Adolescent Girls' Club
<b>AW</b>	: Anganawadi Worker
<b>CHC</b>	: Community Health Centre
<b>FGD</b>	: Focus Group Discussion
<b>GO</b>	: Government Order
<b>GOI</b>	: Government of India
<b>GOK</b>	: Government of Kerala
<b>HDI</b>	: Human Development Index
<b>HIV</b>	: Human Immune Deficiency Virus
<b>IMR</b>	: Infant Mortality Rate
<b>JPHN</b>	: Junior Public Health Nurse
<b>KIRTADS</b>	: Kerala Institute for Research, Training and Development Studies of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes
<b>MDGs</b>	: Millennium Development Goals
<b>MGNREGA</b>	: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
<b>MMR</b>	: Maternal Mortality Rate

<b>NGO</b>	: Non-Government Organization
<b>NFHS</b>	: National Family Health Survey
<b>NRHM</b>	: National Rural Health Mission
<b>NSSO</b>	: National Sample Survey Organization
<b>PHCs</b>	: Primary Health Centers
<b>RTI</b>	: Reproductive Tracts Infections
<b>SHG</b>	: Self Help Group
<b>ST</b>	: Scheduled Tribe
<b>STD</b>	: Sexually Transmitting Diseases
<b>STI</b>	: Sexually Transmitting Infections
<b>STP</b>	: Scheduled Tribe Promoter
<b>TDO</b>	: Tribal Development Office
<b>TFR</b>	: Total Fertility Rate
<b>U<sub>5</sub>MR</b>	: Under Five Mortality Rate
<b>UN</b>	: United Nations
<b>VO</b>	: Voluntary Organization
<b>WHO</b>	: World Health Organization