

## Abbreviations and Definitions

Abbreviation	Meaning	Definition / explanation
ADS	Auto Disable Syringe	Syringe that can only be used once
AES	Acute Encephalitis Syndrome	
AFP	Acute Flaccid Paralysis	Syndrome that is used for surveillance of poliomyelitis
ARU	Attack rate in the unvaccinated	Percentage of persons in a given population who are not vaccinated for a particular disease who developed the disease
ARV	Attack rate in the vaccinated	Percentage of persons in a given population who are vaccinated for a particular disease who developed the disease
BCG	Bacillus Calmette Guerrine vaccine	Vaccine for tuberculosis
CDC	Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention	United States government institution that provides epidemiological and technical support to domestic and international agencies, including WHO-IPD
CFR	Case-fatality ratio (or rate)	Percentage of persons with a disease who died as a result
CHD	Child Health Division	
CPE	Cytopathic Effect	Effect caused by polioviruses in cell culture, used in laboratory testing for poliovirus
DHO	District Health Office (Officer)	
DHS	Department of Health Services	Nepal MOH Department
DOR	Drop-out rate	A statistic used to indicate utilization of vaccination services
DPHO	District Public Health Office (Officer)	
DPT	Diphtheria Pertussis Tetanus vaccine	Same as DTP
DTP	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis-Vaccine	Same as DPT
EDCD	Epidemiology and Disease Control Division	Division of the DHS
EPI	Expanded Program on Immunization	MOH Program that delivers vaccines
EPID number	"Epidemiological" number	Unique case identification number for each AFP case and its associated stool specimens
EWARS	Early Warning and Reporting System	
FCHV	Female Community Health Volunteer	
HA	Health Assistant	
HMG	His Majesty's Government	

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HMIS	Health Management Information System	MOH disease reporting system. This is a passive surveillance system in which reportable diseases (including AFP, NT, MSL, and several other diseases), which are identified at government health facilities, are supposed to be tallied and reported to the office of the DHO on a monthly basis.
HP	Health Post	
MNT	Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus	
MNTE	Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus Elimination	
MO	Medical Officer	Medical Officer in charge of a health facility
MOH	Ministry of Health	
MSL	Measles	
NIDs	National Immunization Days	
NPEV	Non-polio enteroviruses	Enteroviruses found in stool that are not polio; isolation of NPEV is in indicator of laboratory sensitivity
NT	Neonatal tetanus	
PEI	Polio Eradication Initiative	
PEN	Polio Eradication Nepal	
RHD	Regional Health Directorate	
RRTd	Rapid Response Team district	
RSO	Regional Surveillance Officer	This term has been replaced with SMO
SHP	Sub-Health Post	
SEARO	SouthEast Asia Regional Organization	The regional office of WHO. Nepal is member of this office.
SIA	Supplemental Immunization Activities	
SMO	Surveillance Medical Officer	PEN employee who is responsible primarily for AFP surveillance in a group of districts in Nepal, and secondarily for MNT and MSL surveillance
SU	Surveillance Unit	Unit at PEN
TT	Tetanus Toxoid	
TT2	2 Doses of Tetanus Toxoid	
UCI	Universal Childhood Immunization	
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund	
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund	
VDC	Village Development Committee	
VE	Vaccine efficacy	Measure of how effective a vaccine is at preventing a disease. Calculated as $(ARU - ARV) / ARU$
VHW	Village Health Worker	

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VPD	Vaccine Preventable Disease	Includes any disease that is preventable through immunization, although in this field guide VPD refers mainly to polio, measles, and MNT
WHO	World Health Organization	United Nations organization responsible for promoting international health. Sets goals and provides technical guidance for achieving international health aims.
WHO-IPD	WHO-Programme for Immunization Preventable Diseases	A WHO supported specialized programme for surveillance of VPD. It supports MOHP in the surveillance and Immunization activities along with strengthening of laboratory.