Part II
Acronyms and Abbreviations

An asterisk (*) refers to this term in Part I, the Dictionary

A

AAA *Accra Agenda for Action
AAH Action Against Hunger
AAM Air-to-air *missile
AB *Atom bomb, *atomic bomb
ABC Airway, breathing, circulation
(at emergency medicine)
Atomic, biological, chemical (weapons)
ABM *Antiballistic missile
ABU Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union
AC Arctic Council
ACC Administrative Committee on Coordination (United Nations)
ACF Action Contre la Faim (Action Against Hunger: AAH)
ACGHST African Centre for Global Health and Social Transformation
ACHPR African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights
ACLS *Advanced cardiac life support
ACORD Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development
ACS *American College of Surgeons
ACSM Advocacy, communication and social mobilization
ACT Action by Churches Together
ACTED Artemisinin-based combination therapy (against malaria)
Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development
ACUNS *Academic Council on the United Nations System
ADB African Development Bank
AsDB Asian Development Bank
ADI Acceptable daily intake (of toxic substance)
ADP Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (AIT)
ADRA Adventist Development and Relief Agency
AERE Atomic Energy Research Establishment (UK – Harwell)
AEROSAT International Aeronautic Satellite Programme
AFB Acid-fast bacilli
AFP Agence France Presse
AFRO Regional Office for Africa (WHO)
AFY Advocates for Youth
AGBU Armenian General Benevolent Union
AGFUND Arab Gulf Fund for United Nations Development
AGM Air-to-ground *missile
A(H1N1) Porcine influenza virus strain
*Swine influenza virus pandemic 2009
AHCO AIDS Healthcare Organization
AHH Arbeitssttab Humanitäre Hilfe (Germany)
AHPsr Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (WHO)
AI *Amnesty International
AID United States Agency for International Development (also USAID)
AIDES Italian association for health development
*AIDS/Aids *Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (also HIV/AIDS)
AIFOMD Association Internationale de Formateurs en Objectifs du Millénaire pour le Développement / IAMDGT
AIS Abbreviated injury scale
AIT Asian Institute of Technology
AIUTA Association Internationale des Universités du Troisième Age
AKF *Aga Khan Foundation
*ALARA *As low as reasonably achievable (radiation dose)
ALDHU Latin American Human Rights Association
ALITE Augmented Logistics Intervention Team (WFP)
*ALS *Advanced life support (anaesthesia, emergency)
AM Transmission through amplitude modulation
AMA American Medical Association
AMAP Arctic Monitoring Assessment Programme
AMDF AIDS-adjusted PMDF
AMELISAP Association des Médecins Libéraux Sapeurs Pompiers
AMI Acute myocardial infarction
AMP Agence de Médecine Préventive
AMPATH Academic Model for Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS
AmRC/ARC American Red Cross
*AMRO Regional Office for the Americas (WHO)
AMSAT Amateur satellite
AMVER Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue
ANC Antenatal care
African National Congress (South Africa)
AP Associated Press
*APACHE *Acute physiology and chronic health evaluation
APCDM *Asia-Pacific Conference on Disaster Medicine
API Active pharmaceutical ingredient
APM Asociación Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo (Association of Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo – Argentina)
APOC African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control (WHO)
APPS African Partnership for Public Health Safety
APT *Association for the Prevention of Torture
APU *Auxiliary power unit
ARABSAT Arab Satellite Communications Organization
ARC American Refugee Committee
ARCDM All-Russian Centre for Disaster Medicine *Zaschita
ARD *Acute respiratory disease (or distress)
ARI Annual risk of infection
ARPCT Alliance for Restoration of Peace and Counter-Terrorism
ARSI *Association of Rural Surgeons of India
ART Antiretroviral therapy
ARV Antiretrovirus
ASAFED African Association of Education for Development
ASAP As soon as possible
ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASH Action on Smoking and Health
ASI Anti-Slavery International
ATA Actual time of arrival
ATD Actual time of departure
ATLS *Advanced trauma life support
ATOP *Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention
ATTAC *Attac. (French): Association pour une Taxation des Transactions financières pour l’Aide aux Citoyens
Part II  Acronyms and Abbreviations

ATWC  Alaska *Tsunami Warning Center
AU  African Union (previously OAU: Organization of African Unity)
AVPU  *Awake, verbal response, pain response, unresponsive
AVSI  Association of Volunteers in International Service
AWACS  Airborne Warning and Control System
AWRE  Atomic Weapons Research Establishment

B

BAL  British anti-lewisite
BBC  British Broadcasting Corporation
*BCG  *Bacille Calmette-Guérin (anti-TB vaccine)
BCT  (WHO Department of) Blood Safety and Clinical Technology
BDP  Bureau for Development Policy (UNDP)
BDS  *Bradford Disaster Scale
BENELUX  Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg
BHR  Bureau for Humanitarian Response (US-OFDA)
*BLEVE  *Boiling liquid expanded vapour explosion
BLS  *Basic life support
BMA  British Medical Association
BMI  Body mass index
BMR  *Basal metabolic rate
BMS  Breast milk substitute
BOD  *Burden of disease
BP  Medicine: Blood pressure
Industry: British Petroleum
*Bq  *Becquerel (unit of nuclear activity that has replaced the curie)
BRICS  Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (major emerging countries)
*BSA  *Body surface area (of burn injury)

BSE  *Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease)
BTS  *Blood transfusion service
BW  *Biological warfare/biological weapon(s)
BWC  *Biological Weapons Convention

°C  Celsius (degree of heat; has replaced the centigrade)
°C ³  Command, control and communications
CAD  Coronary artery disease
CAF  Cost and freight
CAFOD  Catholic Fund for Overseas Development
Cal  Calorie (unit of heat)
CALD  Culturally and linguistically diverse
CARE  Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere
CARICOM  Caribbean Community and Common Market
*CARITAS  *International Confederation of Catholic Organizations for Charitable and Social Action
CARTA  Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa
CAS  Collision avoidance system
CASs  Country assistance strategies
CASA  Coordinating Action on Small Arms
CAT  *Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
CATW  Coalition Against Trafficking in Women
CBC  Community-based care
CBD  Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
CBJO  Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations
CBO  Community-based organization
CBRN Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, (non-conventional weapons)
c Cubic centimetre
CC Corps Consulaire/Consular Corps
CCCF Canadian Child Care Federation (FCSGE)
CCD Convention to Combat Desertification (UN)
CCF Christian Children’s Fund
CCIA Commission of the Churches on International Affairs
CCS *Casualty Clearing Station Country Cooperation Strategy (WHO)
CCW Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects
CD Conference on Disarmament Corps Diplomatique/Diplomatic Corps
CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USA)
CDCIR Community Documentation Centre on Industrial Risk
CDE Centre International de l’Enfance (ICC, Paris)
CE Council of Europe/Conseil de l’Europe
CECP Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy
CEDAW Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CEF Central Emergency Response Fund
CEMD Confidential enquiry into maternal deaths
CEMEC *European Centre for Disaster Medicine/Centro Europeo per la Medicina delle Catastrofi
CEPREDENAC Centro de Prevención para Desastres Naturales en America Central
CERD Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UN)
CERF Central Emergency Response Fund
CERN Centre Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire–European Centre for Nuclear Research
CESCR Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (UN)
CETIM *Centre Europe – Tiers Monde
CFC *Chemistry: chlorofluorocarbons
UN: Common Fund for Commodities
CFR Case fatality rate
CFS Committee on World Food Security
CFSAM Crop and Food Supply Assessment Mission (WFP-FAO)
CGF Calouste *Gulbenkian Foundation
CHAP Common Humanitarian Action Plan
Consolidated Humanitarian Assistance Programme
CHD Child Health and Development (Division of WHO)
CHF Canadian Hunger Foundation
CHH Child-headed household
CHOICE-WHO CHOosing Interventions that are Cost Effective-WHO
CHP Centre for Humanitarian Psychology
CHW *Community health worker
CI *Caritas Internationalis (CARITAS) Conservation International
CIA Central Intelligence Agency (USA)
CICARWS Commission on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service
CICIP Centre for International Crime Prevention
CICR/ICRC *Comité International de la Croix-Rouge – International Committee of the Red Cross
CICRED Committee for International Cooperation in National Research in Demography
CIDA *Canadian International Development Agency
CIHC Center for International Health and Cooperation
CIHR Canadian Institutes of Health Research
CIGLOB International Center for Globalization and Development
CIF Cost, insurance and freight
CILSS Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the *Sahel
CIM Committee for International Migration
CIMIC Civilian-military cooperation
CINDI Children in Distress International
CIOMS Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences
CIPIH Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health (WHO)
CISFAM Consolidated Information System for *Famine Management in Africa
CISP Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli
CISR Center for International Stabilization and Recovery (of *landmines)
CITES Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation
CLAS Culturally and linguistically appropriate health services
cm Centimetre
CMA *Cranfield Mine Action Canadian Medical Association
CMH Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (WHO)
CMI Crop moisture index
CMR Crude mortality rate
CND Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
CNN Cable News Network
CNS Central nervous system
CO₂ *Carbon dioxide
COC Combined oral contraceptive
COD Cash on delivery
COHRED *Council on Health Research for Development
COMPAS Commodity Movement Processing and Analysis System (WFP)
COMSAT Communications Satellite Corporation
CONGO Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council
COPD Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
COR UNUM Coordination of Roman Catholic Relief Agencies
COSECSA College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa
COSME Operational Coordination of Medical Emergencies Surveillance (Italy)
COVAW Coalition on *Violence Against Women
CPI/TI *Corruption Perceptions Index of Transparency International
CpiE Child Protection in Emergencies
CPR *Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CR (E) Casualty rate (estimation)
CRC Committee on the Rights of the Child
*CRED *Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (Belgium)
CRS Catholic Relief Services
CSB *Corn-soya blend
CSD Commission on *Sustainable Development
CSIRO Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (Australia)
CSM *Corn-soya milk
CSO Civil Service Organization
CSOPP Civil Society Organizations and Participation Programme (UNDP)
CSOU *Civil Society and Outreach Unit (UN-DSPD)
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<td>Direct distance dialling</td>
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<td>DDR</td>
<td>Disarmament, demobilization and reintegration</td>
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<td>DDT</td>
<td>Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (insecticide)</td>
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<td>Das Diakonische Werk – German church service</td>
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<td>DECAF</td>
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<td>Centre for the Development and Evaluation of Complex Interventions for Public Health Improvement</td>
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<td>DIANE</td>
<td>Direct Information Access Network for Europe</td>
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<td>*DNA</td>
<td>*Deoxyribonucleic acid</td>
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<td>DNDi</td>
<td>*Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative</td>
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<td>DNR</td>
<td>Do not resuscitate</td>
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<td>DOA/d.o.a.</td>
<td>Dead on arrival</td>
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<td>DoC</td>
<td>Declaration of commitment</td>
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<td>DOC</td>
<td>Direct operating costs</td>
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<td>DoCip</td>
<td>Documentation Centre for Indigenous Peoples’ Research and Information</td>
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<td>DOTS</td>
<td>Directly observed treatment short course (for TB, WHO)</td>
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<td>DP</td>
<td>Displaced person(s)</td>
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<td>DPA</td>
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<td>Department of Public Information/UN</td>
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DPKO *UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations
DPLU Disaster Prevention and Limitation Unit (*Bradford University, UK)
DPT *Diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus (vaccine)
DRC Danish Refugee Council
DRK Deutsches Rotes Kreuz (German Red Cross)
DRS Drug resistance surveillance (or survey)
DRSE Drug-related side effects
DSA Daily subsistence allowance
DSM *Dried skim milk
DSPD Division of Social Policy and Development (UN-DESA)
DWH Deutsche Welthungerhilfe (German hunger aid)
DWM *Dried whole milk

E

EAC East African Community
EAFORD International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
EBM Evidence-based medicine
EBU/UER European Broadcasting Union/Union Européenne de Radiodiffusion
EDM (WHO Department of) Essential Drugs and Medicines Policy
EC European Commission
ECA Economic Commission for Africa
ECB European Central Bank
ECDC European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
ECE Economic Commission for Europe
ECFMG Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates (USA)
ECHO* *European Community Humanitarian Office (EU)
ECHUI Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative

ECLAC Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN)
ECLS Extracorporeal life support
ECOSOC Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States
ECP Essential clinical package
ECPAT End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism International
ECWA Economic Commission for Western Asia
ED/EM Essential drugs/essential medicines
EFA Education for All
EFNA Emergency Food Needs assessment
EHA Emergency and Humanitarian Action (WHO)
*eHealth Electronic health
EHESS L’École de Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
EHHRP Emergency Humanitarian Response Plan
EIA Environmental impact assessment
EMERCOM Emergency Committee (Russia)
EMMIR Emergency military medical assistance (France)
EMOP Emergency operation
EMP *Electromagnetic pulse
EMRIP UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
EMRO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (WHO)
EMS *Emergency medical services
ENEA (Italian Committee for) Nuclear Energy and Alternative Energies
ENSO *El Ninô – Southern Oscillation (meteorology)
EOC Emergency operations centre
EOE Equal opportunity employer
EPA Environmental Protection Agency (USA)
**EPGH** European Partnership in Global Health  
**EPHI** Essential Public Health Interventions  
**EPI** *Expanded Programme on Immunization (WHO-UNICEF)*  
**EPRP** Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan  
**EPSCO** Employment, Social Policy, and Health and Consumer Affairs Council  
**EQA** External quality assessment  
**ERC** Emergency Relief Coordinator – UN New York  
**ER&FS** Early Recovery and Food Security work plan  
**ERM** *Emergency Risk Management and Humanitarian Response (WHO)* (previously HAC and ERO)  
**ERNA** Early Recovery Needs Assessment  
**ERTS** Earth Resources Technology Satellite  
**ESA** European Space Agency  
**ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN)  
**ESPRIT** European Strategic Programme for Research and Development in Information Technology  
**ETA** Expected time of arrival  
**ETD** Expected time of departure  
**ETR** Expected time of return  
**EU** European Union  
**EURO/Euro** Regional Office for Europe (WHO)  
The European currency unit  
**Expat** Expatriate person  

**F**  
°F Degree Fahrenheit  
**FAAD** Food Aid and Development (WFP policies)  
**F&D/f&d** Commerce: Freight and demurrage  
**FAO** *Food and Agriculture Organization/UN*  
**f.a.q.** Commerce/shipping: Free alongside quay  
**FAR** *Fund for Armenian Relief*  
**FAS** Commerce/shipping: Free alongside ship  
**FAWE** Forum for African Women Educationalists  
**FBO** Faith-based organization  
**FCM** *Full cream milk powder*  
**FDA** Food and Drug Administration (USA)  
**FDC** Fixed-dose combination  
**FDI** Foreign direct investment *Fédération Dentaire Internationale/WDF*  
**FERI** Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute  
**FFH/CAF D** Freedom From Hunger – Campaign Action For Development  
**FFR** Food for recovery  
**FFW** Food for work  
**FGM** *Female genital mutilation*  
**FHI** Food for the Hungry International  
**FHR** Medicine: foetal heart rate  
**FICSA** Former International Civil Servants’ Association (UN)  
**FIDH** International Federation for Human Rights  
**FIGO** Fédération Internationale de Gynécologie et Obstétrique  
**FIND** *Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics*  
**FMEA** Failure mode and effects analysis (also HC-FMEA)  
**FOB** Commerce: free on board  
**f.o.s.** Commerce: free on ship  
**f.o.t.** Commerce: free of tax  
**FPC** Fish protein concentrate  
**FPIC** Free, prior and informed consent
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<td>Foot or feet (measure)</td>
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<td><code>FXBI</code></td>
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<td><code>FYI</code></td>
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<td><code>G</code></td>
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<td><code>G8</code></td>
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<td><code>G20</code></td>
<td>*Group of 20 leading rich industrial countries</td>
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<td><code>GFR</code></td>
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GNP *Gross national product
GO Governmental organization
GOARN Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network
*GOES Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite / *Global-Observing Environmental Satellite
GOS Global Observing System
GPEI Global Polio Eradication Initiative
GPS Global Positioning System
GPSC Global Patient Safety Challenge (WHO)
GRID Global Resource Information Database
GRIIPP Global Review and Inventory of Population Policies
GRT Gross register tonnage
GSO Geostationary satellite orbit
Gy *Gray (Unit of radioactive absorbed dose)

H

H1N1 Swine influenza virus strain (*pandemic)
H5N1 *Avian influenza virus strain (*epidemic)
H2O *Water
HAV *Hepatitis A virus
HABITAT United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS)
HAC Health Action in Crises (WHO) (changed to *ERM)
HACCP Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point system
HALE Health-adjusted life expectancy (see *QALY)
HBC(s) High-burden countries
HBV *Hepatitis B virus
HC-FMEA Health care – failure modes and effects analysis
HCHR *High Commissioner for Human Rights (also OHCHR, UNHCHR)
HCR *High Commissioner for Refugees (also UNHCR)
HDI Human development index
HDR Humanitarian daily *ration
HDS Department of Health Policy, Development and Services (WHO)
HDTC Humanitarian Demining Training Center
HE High energy (food)
HELP Health Emergencies in Large Populations
HEM High-energy milk (feeding mixture)
HFA Hyogo Framework for Action
HHS Health and Human Services Department (USA)
HIC *High-income country
HIID Harvard Institute for International Development
HILAC Heavy-ion linear accelerator
HIPC Heavily indebted poor countries
HiT Health care systems in transition
HIV *Human immunodeficiency virus
HIV/AIDS *Human immunodeficiency disease (also AIDS)
HLF High-Level Forum (on health MDGs)
HPC Hiroshima* Peacebuilders Center (Japan)
HRC Human Rights Council
HRI *Humanitarian Response Index
HRIC UN Office of Human Resources for International Cooperation (DESA)
HRP UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/WB Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction
HRT Hormone replacement therapy
HRW Human Rights Watch
HSP Health sector profile
HSR Health sector reform
HTA Health technology assessment
HUGO Human Genome Organization
HuMA *Humanitarian Medical Assistance (Japan)
HUMV/Humvee  Human military light vehicle
HW  Hazardous *waste

IAEA  *International Atomic Energy Agency (UN)
IAESCSI  International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS)
IAF  International Abolitionist Federation
IAGS  International Association of *Genocide Scholars
IAHM  *International Association for Humanitarian Medicine Brock Chisholm
IALANA  International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms
IAMANEH  *International Association for Maternal and Neonatal Health
IAMDGT/AIFOMD  International Association of MDG Trainers/Association Internationale de Formateurs pour les Objectifs du Millénaire du Développement – AIFOMD
IANSA  International Action Network on Small Arms
IAPSO  International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans
IAR  International Association for Religious Freedom
IARF  Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office (UNDP)
IAS  International Amateur Radio Union
International AIDS Society
IASC  Inter-Agency Standing Committee for Humanitarian Action
IATA  International Air Transport Association
IAVCEI  International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth’s Interior
IAW  International Alliance of Women
IBE  International Bureau of Education
IBHR  *International Bill of Human Rights
IBRD  *International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (also *World Bank)
ICAA  International Council on Alcohol and Addictions
ICAN  International Campaign to Abolish *Nuclear Weapons
ICAO  International Civil Aviation Organization (UN)
ICARRD  International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development
ICBL  International Campaign to Ban *Landmines
ICBM  Intercontinental ballistic *missile
ICC  *International Criminal Court (for war crimes – The Hague)
ICCPR  International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICD-10  International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision (WHO)
ICDO  *International Civil Defence Organisation
ICECI  International Classification of External Causes of Injury (WHO)
ICESCR  International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICHRN  International Centre for Human Resources in Nursing
ICIDH  International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities, and Handicaps (WHO)
ICJ  *International Court of Justice
ICCMJ  International Commission of Jurists
ICM  Intergovernmental Committee for *Migration
ICMH  *International Centre for Migration and Health
ICMC  International Catholic Migration Commission
ICN  International Council of Nurses  
ICPD  International Conference on Population and Development  
ICPO  “Interpol” – International Criminal Police Organization  
ICR  International Centre of Radiopathology  
ICRC  *International Committee of the Red Cross  
ICR-DC  International Cooperation Research for Developing Countries  
ICRP  International Commission on Radiological Protection / *IAEA  
ICRU  International Commission on Radiation Units and Measurements  
ICS  *Incident Command System  
ICSLS  International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea  
ICSM  *Instant corn-soya milk  
ICSR  International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence  
ICSU  International Council of Scientific Unions  
ICT  Information and communications technology  
ICTAC  International Institute for Counter-Terrorism International Counter-Terrorism Academic Community  
ICTR  *International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda  
ICTY  International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia  
ICU  *Intensive care unit  
ICVA  International Council of Voluntary Agencies  
ID  Identity document  
International dollar (also I$)  
IDA  *International Development Association (World Bank Group) Islamic Democratic Association  
IDB  Inter-American Development Bank  
IDDM  Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus  
IDP  *Internally displaced person  
IDRC  International Development Research Centre (Canada)  
IDRM  International Institute for Disaster Risk Management  
IDRO  International Disaster Relief Operation  
IDTR&M  Identification, documentation, tracing, reunification and mediation  
IDWIP  International Decade of the World’s Indigenous Peoples  
IEA  International Energy Agency  
IEC  International Electrotechnical Commission  
IEDD  Improvised explosive device disposal  
IFAD  International Fund for Agricultural Development (UN)  
IFCT  International Forum for Counter-Terrorism  
IFF  Identification – friend or foe (radar identity system)  
IFFIm  International Finance Facility for Immunisation  
IFHHRO  International Federation of Health and Human Rights Organisations  
IFMSA  *International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations  
IFPMA  International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations  
IFRC  *International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies  
IFSC  *International Federation of Surgical Colleges  
IFUW  International Federation of University Women  
IGCC  Intergovernmental Group on *Climate Change  
IGO  Intergovernmental organization
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IPT  Isoniazid preventive therapy
IPU  Inter-Parliamentary Union
IPV  Inactivated polio vaccine
IRC  International Rescue Committee
IRENE Informal Regional Network of NGOs
IRP *International Recovery Platform
IRPTC International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals
IRR Incidence rate ratio
IRS Indoor residual spraying
ISBI International Society for Burn Injuries
ISDR *International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN)
ISIS International Satellite for Ionospheric Studies
ISO International Organization for Standardization
ISS International Social Service / SSI
ISTC International Standards for Tuberculosis Care
ITACCS International Trauma Anaesthesia Critical Care Society
ITIC International Tsunami Information Center (Honolulu)
ITN Insecticide-treated mosquito net
ITU *International Telecommunication Union (UN)
Intensive therapy unit (also ICU)
IUD Intra-uterine device (for contraception)
IV (i.v.) Medicine: Intravenous
IWGIA International Working Group for Indigenous Affairs
IWTC International Women’s Tribune Centre

J

J joule
JCWI Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants

JDR Japan Disaster Relief
JFAM Joint Food Needs Assessment Mission (WFP/UNHCR)
JICA *Japan International Cooperation Agency
JMTDR *Japan Medical Team for Disaster Relief

K

kcal *Kilocalorie (energy unit)
KCSJ Knight Commander of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem (also KSJ, Knights Hospitaller)
*Kerma Kinetic energy released in matter
KFOR Multinational Kosovo Force
Kg Kilogram (or kilogramme)
KKK Ku Klux Klan (US)
Km *Kilometre or kilometer (also km)
Kt *Kiloton
kw *Kilowatt

L

LA Lead Agency
LANDSAT Earth Resources Technology Satellite
*Laser Light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation
LAV Light armoured vehicle
lb *Pound
LCT Landing craft tank
LDC *Least-developed countries
LD-50 Median lethal dose
LDF Local development fund
LHRD Lawyers for Human Rights and Development
LIFDC Low-income, food-deficit country
LLITN Long-lasting insecticide-treated net (against malaria). Also LLIN
LMIC Low- and middle-income countries
LPG  Liquified petroleum gas
LSHTM  London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
LSHTM  Land-side transport, storage and handling
LWRF  Lutheran World Relief
LWS  Lutheran World Service

M

m  *Metre or meter
MAD  Military: Mutual assured destruction
M&E  Monitoring and evaluation
MAIC  Mine Action Information Center (see ICBL)
MAROTS  Maritime orbital test satellite
MARS  Major accident reporting system
MASCAL  *Mass casualty
MASH  Mobile army surgical hospital
MBC  *Mediterranean Council for Burns and Fire Disasters / *Euro-Mediterranean Council for Burns and Fire Disasters
MCDA  Military and civil defence assets
MCH  Mother and child health
MCI  *Mass casualty incident
MCO  Managed care organization
MDG(s)  UN Millennium Development Goal(s)
*Millennium Development Goal(s)
MDM  Médecins du Monde / Doctors of the World
MDTF  Multi-donor trust fund
MDR  Multidrug resistant disease (see also XDR)  Multidrug resistant
MDR-TB  Multidrug resistant tuberculosis (with isoniazid and rifampicin resistance)
MDS  Maritime Distress and Safety System
MEDICS  Medical Information and Coordination System
MEDINT  Medical intelligence
MEDLARS  Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System
MEDLINE  Medical Literature Online (NLM)
MERLIN  Medical Emergency Relief International
METEOSAT  Meteorological Satellite, Europe
METTAG  Medical emergency triage tag  Medical Emergency Triage Tag
MFI  *Microfinance institution
*Mg  Milligramme or milligram (also mg)
MHI  *Major hazard installation
MI5  British counter-intelligence agency
MI6  British intelligence and espionage agency
MIC  Methyl isocyanate (*Bhopal disaster of 1984)
MIDAS  Missile Defense Alarm System
MIM  Multilateral Initiative on Malaria (in Africa)
MINURCAT  UN Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad
MINUSTAH  UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti
MIRV  Multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicle
MISP  Minimum initial service package
MMEIG  Maternal Mortality Estimation Inter-agency Group
MMR  Measles-mumps-rubella (vaccine)  Maternal mortality rate/ratio
MMI  *Medicus Mundi International
MMV  Medicines for Malaria Venture
MNT  Maternal and neonatal tetanus
MONUC  Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (UN)
MOF  *Multiple organ failure
MOH  Ministry of Health
MOTAPM  Explosive remnants of war and mines other than anti-personnel landmines
MoU  Memorandum of understanding
MRI Magnetic resonance imaging (body scan)
MRSA Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*
MSAC *Most seriously affected countries
MSF *Médecins sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders
MSH Management sciences for health
MSW Medical social worker
Mt *Megaton
MT Metric tonne
MTA *Medicines Transparency Alliance
MTE Mass toxicological event
MTF Medical treatment facility
MUAC Medicine: Mid-upper-arm circumference
MW Megawatt
N
NAICC National Aborigine and Islander Child Care (Australia)
*Napalm* Aluminium naphthenate – aluminium palmitite (weapon)
NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration (USA)
NATO *North Atlantic Treaty Organization
Nazi (German): Nazional-sozialisten
NC Nuremberg Charter
NCBW Nuclear, chemical and biological warfare (or weapon)
NCD Noncommunicable disease
NCHS National Centre for Health Statistics
NDP National drug policy
NFI Non-food item
NFZ Nuclear-free zone
NGLS *United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service
NGO *Non-governmental organization
NGS Nuclear generating station
NHDP National Health Development Plan
NHS National Health Service
NIH National Institutes of Health
NIS Newly Independent State(s)
NNHT Nuffield Nursing Homes Trust (UK)
NNT Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (also NPT)
NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NORAD Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
North American Air Defense Command
NPA Norwegian Peoples’ Aid
NPC National Programme Coordinator (WHO)
*NPT Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission (US)
NRDS Neonatal respiratory distress syndrome
NRO National Reconnaissance Office (USA)
*NRT Net registered tonnage
NTD *Neglected tropical disease(s)
NTP National tuberculosis control programme (or equivalent)
NWC National WHO Programme Coordinator
NWFZ Nuclear-weapons-free zone
NYD Medicine: Not yet diagnosed
O
OAS Organization of American States
OAU Organization of African Unity. (Changed to AU: African Union)
OCHA *Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN)
ODA Official development assistance
Overseas Development Agency
ODCCP Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention / UN
ODI  Overseas Development Institute (UK)
OECD  Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OFDA  *Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USA)
OHA  Office for Humanitarian Affairs (WFP)
*OHCHR  Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (also HCHR, UNHCHR)
OHRLLS  Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
OIE  Office International des Epizooties (WOAH)
OMAEP  World Organization for Parental Education Associations / Organisation mondiales des Associations pour l’Éducation parentale
OMCT  Organisation mondiale contre la Torture / World Organization Against Torture / SOS Torture
*OPCAT  *Optional Protocol to the UN Convention Against Torture
OPCW  Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
OPEC  Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
OPV  Oral polio vaccine
OR  Surgical: Operating room
ORS  *Oral rehydration salts
ORSEC  Disaster relief organization, France
OSCAL  Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries/DESA
OSCAR  Orbital Satellites Carrying Amateur Radio
OSCC  On-site operations coordinating centre
OSCE  Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
OSRO  Office of Special Relief Operations
OST  Office of Science and Technology (USA)
*Outer Space Treaty
OVC  Orphans and vulnerable children
OWRA  Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (USA)
OXFAM*  *Oxford Committee for Famine Relief International

P

Pa  *Pascal
PADCO  Planning and Development Collaborative International
PAHO  Pan American Health Organization *(WHO)
PAM  Programme Alimentaire Mondial – *World Food Programme (UN)
Pap  Medicine: vernacular abbreviation for Papanicolaou cervical test
PAR  Population at risk
PASB  Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PAHO)
PATH  Programme for *Appropriate Technology in Health
PC  Peace Corps
PCI  Project Concern International
PCM  *Protein-calorie malnutrition
PCNA  Post-conflict needs assessment
PEC/WHO  *Polio, Emergencies and Country Collaboration/WHO
PEM  Protein-energy malnutrition
PEPFAR (USA)  President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
PERT  Programme evaluation and review technique
PET  Potential evapotranspiration
Positron emission tomography
P4P  Policy for planning
PFII  Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
PHC  *Primary health care
PHM  *Prehospital medicine
*People’s Health Movement
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<td>*PRISM</td>
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<td>PPP</td>
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*rem  Roentgen equivalent man
REMPAN  Radiation Emergency Medical Preparedness and Assistance Network
Res Rep  Resident Representative (of UNDP)
R2P  Right to *protection
Rh  Medicine: Rhesus factor
RH  Reproductive health
RHIB  Rigid-hulled inflatable boat
RI  *Refugees International
Ro-ro  Roll on/roll off (ferry)
RT  Register ton
RUTF  Ready-to-use therapeutic food

S
s  Second
S&T  Science and technology/scientific and technological
SAA  Small arms ammunition
SAAFA  Special Arab Assistance Fund for Africa
SAARC  Southern African Association for Regional Cooperation
SAB  Skilled attendant at birth (as a proportion of total live births)
SADC  Southern African Development Community
SAFE  Surgery, antibiotics, facial cleanliness and environmental improvement
SAGE  Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (on immunization),(WHO)
SAILD  Service d’Appui aux Initiatives Locales de Développement
SALT  *Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty
SAM  Severe acute malnutrition
Surface-to-air *missile
SAMU  French EMS: Service d’Assistance Médicale d’Urgence
SAR  *Search and rescue
SARAH  Search and rescue and homing (radar system)
SAREC  Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Developing Countries
SARS  *Severe acute respiratory syndrome
SARSAT-COPAS  Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking
SATURN  Specific Antibiotic Therapies on the prevalence of human host-resistant bacteria
SBA  Standby arrangement(s)
SCF(I)  Save the Children Fund (International)
SCHR  Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response
Scuba  Self-contained underwater breathing apparatus
SDC  *Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SDE  Sustainable Development and Healthy Environments Cluster (WHO)
SDI  *Strategic Defense Initiative (“Star Wars”)”
SDR  Swiss Association for Aid to Developing Countries (SWISSAID)
SEA  Sexual exploitation and abuse
SEARO  Regional Office for South-East Asia (WHO)
SEATO  South East Asia Treaty Organization
SEEHN  South-Eastern Europe Health Network
SERPAJ  Servicio Paz y Justicia (Uruguay)
SFB  *Soya-fortified bulgur
SFCM  *Soya-fortified cornmeal
SFP/C  *Supplementary feeding programme / centre
SFSG  *Soya-fortified sorghum grits
SGBV  Sexual and gender-based violence
SHAPE  Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (NATO)
SHARED Scientists for Health and Research for Development
SI Système International d’Unités (International System of Units)
SIAMED WHO model system for computer-assisted drug registration
SID *Society for International Development
SIDA Swedish International Development Authority
SIPRI Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
SITREP Situation report
SIW Self-inflicted wound
SKI Street Kids International (Canada)
SLBM Submarine-launched ballistic missile
SLCM Submarine-launched cruise missile
*SMS/GOES Synchronous Meteorological Satellites / *Global-observing environmental satellites
SOLAS International Conference for the *Safety of Life at Sea
SONAR Sound navigation and ranging
SORT Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty
SOS Save our souls (distress signal) *Surgeons OverSeas
SOST SOS *Torture
Soweto South-Western Townships (South Africa)
SP *The Sphere Project Samaritan’s Purse
SPFS Special Programme for Food Security
SRAM Short-range attack missile
SRS Strategic rotating stockpile
SSSL Safe Surgery Saves Lives (WHO programme)
*START *Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
Simple treatment and rapid transport system
STD *Sexually transmitted disease(s)
SUMA Supply management for disaster relief (PAHO-WHO)
Sv *Sievert – unit of radiation dose
SWApS *Sector-wide approaches
SWAPO South West Africa People’s Organization
SWEAT *Severe weather threat (WMO)
SWISSAID *Swiss association for aid to developing countries (SDC)

T

TA Transnational Authority
TAB Total absorbed dose (of radiation)
TAG Technical Advisory Group
TAT Toxin antitoxin
TB/Tb *Tuberculosis
TB/DOTS Directly observed treatment short course for tuberculosis
TBA *Traditional birth attendant
TBSA Total *body surface area (in burn injury)
TCAM *Traditional, complementary and alternative medicine
TCDC *Technical cooperation among developing countries
TdH Fédération Internationale Terre des Hommes
TDR Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (UNDP/WHO/World Bank)
TEKT *Technology enabled knowledge translation
Telex Teleprinter exchange
TF(s) Trust fund(s)
TFP/C *Therapeutic feeding programme/centre
TFR Total fertility rate
TI *Transparency International
TIR Transport International Routier/International Road Transport
TISS Tata Institute of Social Sciences (India)
TMI *Three Mile Island (nuclear accident, USA)
TNM Tumour (size), node (involvement), metastasis (in cancer classification)
*TNT *2,4,6-Trinitrotoluene (chemical explosive)
TOKTEN Transfer of knowledge through expatriate nationals
TRC *Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa
TRISS *Trauma and injury severity score
TS *Trauma score (AMA) Tidal scale
TSK Transitional shelter kit

U
U *Uranium
U3A University of the Third Age
UAM *Unaccompanied minor
UCI Universal child immunization
UER/EBU Union Européenne de Radiodiffusion / European Broadcasting Union
UFO Unidentified flying object
UHS Uncontrolled haemorrhagic shock
UHT Ultra-high heat treated (e.g. milk)
UMCOR United Methodist Committee on Relief
*UN *United Nations, United Nations Organization
UNA(s) United Nations Association(s)
UNAIDS United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCAC United Nations Convention Against *Corruption
UNCAST United Nations Conference on the Applications of Science and Technology
UNCCD United Nations Convention to Combat *Desertification
UNCED United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNCHR *United Nations Council on Human Rights (previously Commission)
UNCHS *United Nations Centre for Human Settlements – HABITAT
UNCIVPOL *United Nations Civil Police
UNCT United Nations Country Team
UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNCSTD United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development
UNDAF United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDEF *United Nations Democracy Fund
UNDHR *Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UNDP *United Nations Development Programme
UNDPKO *United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations
UNDRO Office of the UN Disaster Relief Coordinator (superseded by *OCHA)
UNEP *United Nations Environment Programme
UNERC *United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator
UNESCO *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNESCAP *UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (also ESCAP)
*UNESG *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFICYP United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
UNFPA *United Nations Fund for Population Activities/UN Population Fund
UN-HABITAT *United Nations Centre for Human Settlements
UNHCHR *United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (also OHCHR)
UNHCR *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNHMH United Nations Humanitarian Mission in Haiti
UNHRD United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (Brindisi)
UNIC(s) United Nations Information Centre(s)
UNICEF *United Nations Children’s Fund
UNICRI United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
UNIDIR *United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNIFEM United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNIFIL United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon
UNIMAS United Nations *Mine Action Service
UNIPAC *UNICEF Procurement and Assembly Centre (Copenhagen *stockpile)
UNIRENE United Nations Informal Regional Network of NGOs
UNISDR *UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (OCHA)
UNITAID *UN International facility for purchase of diagnostics and drugs for tuberculosis, AIDS and malaria
UNITAR United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNMIK United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
UNODC *United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNOG *United Nations Office at Geneva
UNON *United Nations Office at Nairobi
UNOOSA United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
UNOV *United Nations Office at Vienna
UNPFII United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
UNPROFOR United Nations Protection Force
UNRCA United Nations Registry of Conventional Arms
UNRISD United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
UNRWA *United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNSCAR *United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation
UNSCP United Nations Special Committee on Palestine
UNSECOORD UN Security Coordinator (New York)
UNSO *United Nations Sudano-Saharan Office
UN-SPIDER United Nations Platform for Space-Based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response
UNU *United Nations University
UNV United Nations Volunteers
UNVFVT UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture
UNW United Nations Women
UNWGIP UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations
UP United Press
UPI United Press International
URI/URTI Upper respiratory (tract) infection
USAID United States Agency for International Development (also AID)
UTC *Universal Time Consolidated
UXO/UXB Unexploded ordnance/unexploded bomb
UXOCE UXO Center of Excellence

V

VD *Venereal disease(s)
VDRL Venereal Disease Research Laboratory (for syphilis test)
VECTOR State Research Centre of Virology and Biotechnology (Russia, variola)
VHF Very high frequency (radio)
VITA Volunteers in Technical Assistance Inc.
VLBW Very low birth weight
VNGOC Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs
VOICE Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation for Emergencies
VOLAG *Voluntary agency
VR Vital registration

W

W *Watt
WADEM *World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine
WAPS World Alliance for *Patient Safety (WHO)
WASH *Water, sanitation and hygiene
WBC White blood cells
WCC *World Council of Churches
WCED *World Commission on Environment and Development
WCRWC Women’s Commission for Refugee Women and Children
WEFAX Weather facsimile communications system
WES Water and environmental sanitation
WFC World Food Council
WFH Weight for height (nutrition survey)
WFNS World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies
WFP *World Food Programme (UN)
WFSOS World Federation of Surgical Oncology Societies
WFSW World Federation of Scientific Workers
WHAN World Health Assembly (of WHO)
WHODAS WHO Disability Assessment Schedule
*WHOPAX WHO Committee on the role of physicians in the preservation and promotion of peace
WIA Wounded in action
WIDER *World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU)
WILPF Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
WINGS WFP Information Network and Global System
WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization (UN)
WJC World Jewish Congress
WLM Women’s Liberation Movement
WMA *World Medical Association
WMD(s) *Weapon(s) of mass destruction
WMO *World Meteorological Organization (UN)
WOAH World Association for Animal Health (OIE)
WOAT World Organisation Against *Torture (SOS Torture)
WOFAPS World Federation of Associations of Paediatric Surgeons
WOH *World Open Hospital (*IAHM)
WOSM World Organization of the *Scout Movement (boy scouts/girl guides)
WPA World Psychiatric Association
WPC WHO Programme Coordinator
WPRO Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WHO)
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