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Abbreviations

AfDB	African Development Bank
CBO	Community-based organisation
CPAN	Chronic Poverty Action Network
IMF	International Monetary FUN
KSh.	Kenya Shilling
KNBS	Kenya National Bureau of Statistics
LBDA	Lake Basin Development Authority
MSE	Micro and small enterprises
MSEA	Micro and small enterprise authority
MSME	Micro, small and medium enterprises
NGO	Non-governmental organization
ODI	Overseas Development Institute
ODM	Orange Democratic Movement
PNU	Party of National Unity
SAP	Structural adjustment programme
SCI	Solar Cookers International
YEDF	Youth Enterpirse Development Fund

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