

# Abbreviations

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ADL	adenolymphogitis
ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADF	French Development Agency ( <i>Agence Française de Développement</i> )
AMREF	Africa Medical and Research Foundation
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
BHC	benzene hexa chloride
bp	base pair
BP	British Petroleum
BRA	Brazil
CAFTA	Central American Free Trade Organization
CARE	Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere
CAREC	Caribbean Epidemiology Centre
CARICOM	Caribbean Community and Common Market
CCBi	Center for Biological Sciences ( <i>Centro de Ciências Biológicas</i> ) (BRA)
CCM	Country Coordinating Mechanism
CCSS	Social Security System ( <i>Caja Costarricense del Seguro Social</i> ) (COR)
CD	communicable disease
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USA)
CENCET	National Center for Tropical Disease Control ( <i>Centro Nacional de Control de Enfermedades Tropicales</i> ) (DOR)
CERI	Caribbean Environmental Research Initiative (CERI)
CES	Padre Juan Montalvo Center for Social Research ( <i>Centro Estudios Sociales Padre Juan Montalvo</i> ) (DOR)
CFA	circulating filarial antigenemia
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
CILAD	Iberian-Latin American College of Dermatology ( <i>Colegio Ibero Latino Americano de Dermatología</i> )
CMMB	Catholic Medical Mission Board
CODEM	Municipal Development Committee; <i>Comité de Desarrollo Municipal</i>
COIN	Center for Orientation and Primary Research ( <i>Centro de Orientación e Investigación Integral</i> )
COMBI	Communication for Behavioural Impact Project (WHO)
COR	Costa Rica

CNPq	National Research Council ( <i>Conselho Nacional de Pesquisa</i> ) (BRA)
CPqAM	Aggeu Magalhães Research Center ( <i>Centro de Pesquisas Aggeu Magalhães</i> ) (Fiocruz, BRA)
CPqRR	René Rachou Research Center ( <i>Centro de Pesquisas René Rachon</i> ) (Fiocruz, BRA)
Cq	<i>Culex quinquefasciatus</i>
DAS-S	Short Disability Assessment Schedule (WHO)
DCE	Central Student Office ( <i>Diretório Central de Estudantes</i> ) (BRA)
DDT	dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane
DEC	diethylcarbamazine citrate
DEVS	Department of Health Monitoring ( <i>Departamento de Vigilância em Saúde</i> ) (Brazil)
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)
DIGECITSS	General Directorate Office of the Government Against Sexually Transmitted Infections and AIDS ( <i>Dirección General de Control e Infecciones de Transmisión Sexual y SIDA</i> )
DIGPRES	Office of Health Promotion and Education ( <i>Dirección General de Promoción y Educación en Salud</i> ) (DOR)
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
dNTP	deoxynucleotide-triphosphate
DOR	Dominican Republic
DPC	Disease Prevention and Control (PAHO/WHO)
DPS	Provincial Health Office ( <i>Dirección Provincial de Salud</i> )
EBAIs	Primary Health Care Units ( <i>Equipos Basicos Atencion Integral de Salud</i> ) (COR)
EG	Executive Group (GAELF)
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
ENDESA	Demographic and Health Survey ( <i>Encuesta Demografica y de Salud</i> ) (DOR)
FDD	Food and Drug Department (GUY)
FHCP	Family Health Care Program
FAPEAL	Research Foundation for the State of Alagoas ( <i>Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de Alagoas</i> ) (BRA)
Fiocruz	Oswaldo Cruz Foundation ( <i>Fundação Oswaldo Cruz</i> ) (BRA)
FSGB	Fondation Sogebank
FUNASA	National Health Foundation ( <i>Fundação Nacional da Saúde</i> ) (BRA)
GAELF	Global Alliance for the Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis
GAELF3	GAELF 2003 Annual Meeting (Cairo)
GE	General Electric

GFATM	Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria (Global Fund)
GH	geohelminthiasis
GIS	geographic information system
GLP	Good Laboratory Procedures
GMP	Good Manufacturing Procedures
GPELF	Global Program to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis
GPS	geographic positioning system
GSK	GlaxoSmithKline
GTZ	German Technical Cooperation
GUY	Guyana
HAI	Haiti
HIPC	Highly Indebted Poor Countries Initiative
HJM	Regional Hospital Jaime Moto (DOR)
HFMP	Hospital Francisco Moscoso Puello (DOR)
IADB	Inter-American Development Bank
IBGE	Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics ( <i>Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística</i> )
ICT	immunochromatographic test
ICV	Life Conditions Index ( <i>Indicador Sintético de Condição de Vida</i> )
IDCP	Dermatology Institute ( <i>Instituto Dermatológico de Cirurgia de la Piel</i> ) (DOR)
IEC	information, education, and communication
IEC	Evandro Chagas Institute ( <i>Instituto Evandro Chagas</i> ) (BRA)
ILEP	International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations
INCENSIA	Costa Rican Institute for Research and Education in Nutrition and Health ( <i>Instituto Costarricense de Investigación y Enseñanza en Nutrición y Salud</i> )
IPK	Pedro Kouri Institute of Tropical Medicine ( <i>Instituto de Medicina Tropical Pedro Kouri</i> ) (Cuba)
IU	implementation unit
IVCD	Insect and Vector Control Division (I&V)
JAPDEVA	Port Authority ( <i>Junta Portuaria y de Desarrollo de la Vertiente Atlántica</i> )
JICA	Japanese International Cooperation Agency
JOCV	Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers
LF	lymphatic filariasis
LFSC	Lymphatic Filariasis Support Center (Emory University)
LOI	level of investment
LQA	Lot Quality Assurance

LSTM	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (UK)
MAS	Ministry of Social Affairs ( <i>Ministère des Affaires Sociales</i> ) (HAI)
MDA	mass drug administration
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MDP	Mectizan® Donations Program (Merck)
Mectizan®	Merck & Co. product name for ivermectin
MENJS	Ministry of National Education, Youth, and Sports ( <i>Ministère d'Éducation Nationale de la Jeunesse et des Sports</i> ) (HAI)
mf	microfilaria
ml	microliter
MICT	(Ministry of Interior and Regional and Local Development ( <i>Ministère de l'Intérieur et des Collectivités Territoriales</i> )) (HAI)
MoD	Ministry of Defense
MoH	Ministry of Health
MoU	Memo of Understanding
MPM	Modified Parker Medium
MSPP	Ministry of Public Health and Population ( <i>Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population</i> ) (HAI)
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Treaty
NGO	nongovernmental organization
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NORAD	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
OEPA	Onchocerciasis Elimination Program for the Americas
Og4C3	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) that detects circulating <i>Wuchereria bancrofti</i> antigen
OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
OSI	Open Society Initiative (Soros Foundation)
PacELF	Pacific Programme to Eliminate LF
PAHEF	Pan American Health and Education Foundation
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
PELF	Program to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis
PHC	primary health care
PI	Plan International (international NGO)
PMB	Belém City Hall ( <i>Prefeitura Municipal de Belém</i> )(Brazil)
PSA	public service announcement

RCG	Representative Contact Group (GAELF)
RPELF	Regional Program to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis
RPMM	Regional Program Managers Meeting (GPELF)
RPRG	Regional Program Review Group
SAE	severe adverse experiences
SAGA	Strategies and Analyses for Growth and Access
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SEMEC	Municipal Department of Education ( <i>Departamento Municipal de Educación</i> ) (BRA)
SeNaSa	National Health Insurance; <i>Seguro Nacional de Salud</i> (DOR)
SESAN	Municipal Health Secretariat ( <i>Secretaria Municipal de Saneamento</i> ) (BRA)
SESMA	Metropolitan Environmental Health Service ( <i>Servicio de Salud Metropolitano del Ambiente</i> ) (BRA)
SESPAS	Municipal Secretariat of Public Health and Social Assistance ( <i>Secretaría de Estado de Salud Pública y Asistencia Social</i> ) (DOR)
SF/Fontilles	Sanatorio San Francisco de Borja/Fontilles (Spain)
SGU	St. Georges University (Grenada)
SIGEPI	System of Information for Geographic Epidemiological Evaluation
SIH-SUS	Hospital Information System of the Unified Health System ( <i>Sistema de Informações Hospitalares do Sistema Único de Saúde</i> ) (BRA)
SIMON	Simulation Model of Onchocerciasis
SINAN	Infectious Disease Reporting System [ <i>Sistema de Informacao de Agravos de Notificacao</i> ] (Brazil)
SMS	Municipal Health Department ( <i>Secretaria Municipal de Saúde</i> ) (BRA)
SPS	Secretariat of Health (BRA)
Ssp1	protein of <i>Schizosaccharomyces pombe</i> (fission yeast) involved in actin localization and thus polarized cell growth
SUCAM	Supervisory Office of Public Health ( <i>Superintendencia de Campanhas de Saúde Pública</i> ) (BRA)
SUR	Suriname
SVS	Secretariat for Health Surveillance ( <i>Secretaria de Vigilância em Saúde</i> ) (Brazil)
SWAp	Ghana Sector-Wide Approach for Health Development
TAES	Directly Observed Treatment ( <i>Tratamiento Acortado Estrictamente Supervisado</i> )
TAG	Technical Advisory Group
Taq	<i>Thermus aquaticus</i>
TB	tuberculosis

TF-ECD	Grant Transfer for Health Surveillance ( <i>Teto Financeiro de Epidemiologia e Controle de Doenças</i> ) (BRA)
TPE	tropical pulmonary eosinophilia syndrome
TPTC	Ministry of Public Works ( <i>Travaux Publics, Transports et Communications</i> ) (HAI)
T&T	Trinidad & Tobago
UFAL	University of Alagoas ( <i>Universidade Federal de Alagoas</i> ) (Brazil)
UFPE	Federal University of Pernambuco ( <i>Universidade Federal de Pernambuco</i> ) (BRA)
UG	University of Guyana
UNAP	Primary Health Care Unit ( <i>Unidad de Atencion Primaria</i> ) (DOR)
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
USAD	Santa Domingo Autonomous University ( <i>Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo</i> ) (COR)
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USG	United States Government
VSO	Voluntary Service Overseas
WHA	World Health Assembly
WHO	World Health Organization
WINDREF	Windward Islands Research & Education Foundation