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## Appendix 1: List of acronyms

AIDS	Acquired Immuno-deficiency Syndrome
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy
ARV	Antiretroviral medicines
CD4	Cluster of Differentiation 4
CT	Counselling and Testing
DA	District Assemblies
DHS	Ghana Demographic and Health Survey
EC	Ethical Clearance
FBO	Faith-Based Organisation
FCUBE	Free Compulsory Universal Basic Education
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
GAC	Ghana AIDS Commission
GDHS	Ghana Demographic and Health Survey
GFATM	Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
GHC	Ghana Cedi(s)
GPHC	Ghana Population and Housing Census
GSS	Ghana Statistical Service
HIV	Human Immune deficiency Virus
HRU	Health Research Unit
KATH	Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital
KBTH	Korle Bu Teaching Hospital
IEC	Information, Education, and Communication
IGA	Income Generating Activities
ISD	Information Services Department
JHS	Junior High School
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MoH	Ministry of Health
NACP	National AIDS Control Programme
NAP+	National Association of People Living with AIDS
NIC	Nurse-in-charge
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PCC	Pentecostal Charismatic Church
PLHIV	Person(s) Living with HIV
PMTCT	Prevention of mother-to-child transmission
PPAG	Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana

SHS	Senior High School
SPH	St. Patrick's Hospital
SPSS	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
UNAIDS	The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS
UNFPA	United Nations Fund for Population Activities
USD	United States Dollar
VCT	Voluntary Counselling and Testing