

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
(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 combina-
tion 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 Arbeitsstab 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

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

°C Celsius (degree of heat; has replaced the centigrade)
C³ 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
CBC Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
CBJO Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations
CBO Community-based organization

- CBRN** Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, (non-conventional weapons)
- cc** 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
- CICP** 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)
- COVAV** 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)

- CSR** Corporate social responsibility
CSW Commercial sex worker
CTBT Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
CTBTO Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban-Treaty Organization
CTS Communications Technology Satellite
CTV Centre for Torture Victims (Bosnia-Herzegovina)
CUI *Chernobyl Union International
CUSO Canadian University Services Overseas
CVA *Cerebrovascular accident
CVD Cardiovascular disease
CVM Complex of vitamins and minerals
CW *Chemical warfare/chemical weapon
CWC *Chemical Weapons Convention
CWGL Center for Women's Global Leadership
CWS Church World Service
- D**
- DAC** Development Assistance Committee (OECD)
DALE *Disability-adjusted life expectancy
DALY(s) *Disability-adjusted life year(s)
DANIDA Danish International Development Agency
DARA *Development Assistance Research Associates
DART Disaster Assistance Response Team (US/AID and Canada)
DAW Division for the Advancement of Women (UN)
DBS Direct broadcast satellite
DCCP Disaster critical control point
DCI Defence of Children International/DEI: Défense des Enfants International
DCF Development Cooperation Forum
DDA Department of Disarmament Affairs (UN)
DDD Direct distance dialling
DDR Disarmament, demobilization and reintegration
DDT Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (insecticide)
DDW Das Diakonische Werk – German church service
DECAF *Democratic Control of Armed Forces/Geneva
DECIPHer Centre for the Development and Evaluation of Complex Interventions for Public Health Improvement
DELNET Development local network (*ILO)
DESA Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN)
DEW Distant Early Warning (military radar network)
DFCM *Dried full-cream milk
DFID Department for Foreign International Development (UK)
DHA *UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs (see OCHA)
DHD *Disaster health diplomacy
DHS Demographic and health surveys
DIANE Direct Information Access Network for Europe
***DNA** *Deoxyribonucleic acid
DNDi *Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative
DNR Do not resuscitate
DOA/d.o.a. Dead on arrival
DoC Declaration of commitment
DOC Direct operating costs
DoCip Documentation Centre for Indigenous Peoples' Research and Information
DOTS Directly observed treatment short course (for TB, WHO)
DP Displaced person(s)
DPA Department of Political Affairs (UN)
DPI Department of Public Information/UN
Disabled Peoples' International

- DPKO** *UN Department of Peace-keeping 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 Etudes en Sciences Sociales
- EHRP** 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 Niño – 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
- FBF** *Fortified blended food
- FBI** Federal Bureau of Investigation (USA)
- Focal brain ischaemia
- 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/CAFD** 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

ft Foot or feet (measure)

FXBI *Association François-Xavier Bagnoud/FXB International

FYI/f.y.i. For your information

G

g Gram or gramme

G8 Group of eight leading rich industrial countries

G20 *Group of 20 leading rich industrial countries

G77 Group of 77 developing, non-aligned countries

GAA German Agro Action

GACD Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases

GAIN *Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

GAINS Gender Awareness Information and Networking System

gal Gallon

GARP Global Atmosphere Research Programme

GAVI *Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization

GBD Global burden of disease

GBV Gender-based violence

GCCA Global Climate Change Alliance

GCI *Green Cross International

GCIM Global Commission on International Migration

GCS *Glasgow Coma Scale

GCSF Global *Civil Society Forum

GDA Global Development Alliance (USAID)

GDF Global Drug Facility (e.g. against tuberculosis)

GDP/gdp Gross domestic product

GenCap Gender Standby Capacity Project

***GEO** Group on Earth Observations

GFAT *Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (also GF)

GFHR *Global Forum for Health Research

GFMER Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research

GFR General fertility rate

GH *Global health

GHC/WHO *Global Health Cluster/WHO

GHD *Global health diplomacy
*Good Humanitarian Donorship

GHF Geneva Health Forum

GHG (Global) *greenhouse gas

GHP Global Health Partnership (WHO)

GHWA Global Health Workforce Alliance

GIAN Geneva International Academic Network

GIIESC *Global Initiative for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care (WHO)

GIIDS *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Graduate Institute, Geneva)

GINA Geneva International Network on Ageing

GIPRI Geneva International Peace Research Institute

GIS Geographic information systems

GISAH Global Information System on Alcohol and Health

GIVS Global Immunization Vision and Strategy

GLI Global Laboratory Initiative

Global Fund *Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria

GLOBE Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment

GMAD Global Mine Action Directory

GMDS Global Maritime Distress and Safety System

GMEF Global Ministerial Environment Forum

GMF Genetically modified food

GMO Genetically modified organism

GMP/WHO *Good manufacturing practices (WHO model)

GMT Greenwich Mean Time

GNI Gross national income

- 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
- GRIPP** 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

I

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

IANSAs 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)
International Statistical Classification of Diseases (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
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

- IHEID** Institut de Hautes Etudes Internationales et du Développement / The *Graduate Institute, Geneva
- IHEU** International Humanist and Ethical Union
- IHF** International Hospital Federation
- IHL** *International humanitarian law
- IHR** *International Health Regulations (2005)
- IHL** International Institute of Humanitarian Law
- IISEE** International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering
- IWWF** International Independent Women’s Forum
- ILA** International Law Association
- ILC** International Law Commission
- ILO** *International Labour Organization (UN)
- ILOS** In-patient length of stay (in hospital)
- IMARSAT** International Maritime Satellite Organization (also INMARSAT)
- IMC** International Medical Corps
- IMCO** International Maritime Consultative Organization (UN)
- IMF** *International Monetary Fund
- IMO** International Maritime Organization
- IMPACT** *International Medical Products Anti-Counterfeiting Taskforce
- IMPATT** Impact avalanche transit time
- IMRA** Independent Media Review and Analysis
- IMSAR** International Maritime Search and Rescue Plan
- in** Inch
- INADES** Institut Africain pour le Développement Economique et Social
- INCB** International Narcotics Control Board
- INES** *International Nuclear Event Scale
- INF** Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces
- INFDC** International Nutrition Foundation for Developing Countries
- INFOTERRA** Sources of technical, scientific and decision-oriented information
- INMARSAT** International Maritime Satellite Organization (also IMARSAT)
- INPEA** International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse
- INRUD** International Network for the Rational Use of Drugs
- INSARAG** International Search and Rescue Advisory Group
- INSTRAW** International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (UN)
- INTELSAT** International Telecommunications Satellite Consortium
- Interpol** International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO)
- INTERSPUTNIK** International Organization of Space Communications
- IOM** *International Organization for Migration
- IPA** International Paediatric Association
- IPB** International Peace Bureau (Geneva)
- IPC** International Polar Commission
- IPCC** Intergovernmental Panel on *Climate Change
- IPCS** *International Programme on Chemical Safety (WHO-UNEP)
- IPEC** International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour
- IPI** International Press Institute
- IPO** Indigenous peoples’ organization
- IPPF** International Planned Parenthood Federation
- IPPNW** *International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
- IPRAS** International Confederation for Plastic, Reconstructive, and Aesthetic Surgery

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 Liquefied petroleum gas
LSHTM London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
LTSH Land-side transport, storage and handling
LWR 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 mondiale des Associations pour l'Education 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

- PHR** Physicians for Human Rights
PID Pelvic inflammatory disease
PIK Payment in kind
PIU Policy intelligence unit
PLS Prolonged life support (anaesthesia)
PMDF Proportion of maternal deaths among females of reproductive age
PMSC *Private military and security company
PNND Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament
PNP Private non-profit
p.o. Medicine: per os – by mouth
POMR Problem-oriented medical record
POP Fractures/orthopaedics: Plaster of Paris
POW *Prisoner of war or prisoner-of-war
PPE Personal protective equipment
PPH Post-partum haemorrhage
 *Pro-poor health strategy
PPM Public-private mix
PPP Purchasing power parity
PQMD Partnership for Quality Medical Donations
PRD/S Post-resuscitation disease/syndrome
***PRISM** *Prognostic risk of mortality
PROGRESA Programa de Educaciòn, Salud y Alimentaciòn
PRRO Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (WFP)
PRS *Poverty reduction strategy
PSI *Population Services International
PSR Physicians for Social Responsibility
PTA Travel: prepaid ticket authorization
 Parent-Teacher Association
PTSS Programme and Technical Support Section (UNHCR)
 *Post-traumatic stress syndrome
PTWC Pacific *Tsunami Warning Center (Honolulu)
- PUO** Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin
PVO(s) Private and voluntary organization(s)
- Q**
- QAP** Quick action project
Quake Vernacular abbreviation for earthquake
Quakers Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers)
QALE *Quality-adjusted life expectancy
QALY(s) *Quality-adjusted life year(s)
- R**
- RA** *Radium
RACES Radio Amateur Civil Engineering Service
***rad** Radiation absorbed dose (replaced by gray – Gy)
***Radar** Radio detection and ranging
RAMOS Reproductive age mortality studies
RAP *Rapid Assessment Protocol
R&D Research and development
RBC/rbc Medicine: red blood cells
RBM Roll Back *Malaria Partnership (WHO)
RC *Red Cross
RCPSC *Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
RCRC *Red Cross and Red Crescent (ICRC)
RCT Randomized controlled trial
RDF Rapid Deployment Force (USA)
READI Euro-Arab Network of NGOs for Development and Integration
REC Regional Economic Community
Radda Barnen Swedish Save the Children Organization
Redd Barna Norwegian Save the Children Organization

- *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
SAAGA 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

UNCLOS United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

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

UNESCAP *UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (also ESCAP)

***UNESCO** *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
- UNSCEAR** *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-Sahelian 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 communi-
cations 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
WHA *World Health Assembly (of
WHO)
WHO *World Health Organization
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 Develop-
ment 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)

WR *WHO representative
WRO (w.r.o.) (Commerce/insurance)
 war risks only
WSB *Wheat-soya blend
WSM *Wheat-soya milk
WSSD World Summit on *Sustainable
 Development
WTO World Trade Organization
WUS World University Service
WV *World Vision International
WWF *World Wide Fund for Nature
 International (formerly World
 Wildlife Fund)
WWSSN World-Wide Standard
 Seismography Network
WWW *World Weather Watch
 (WMO)
www World Wide Web

X

XDR Extensively drug-resistant disease

XDR-TB Tuberculosis caused by MDR
 strains also resistant to
 fluoroquinolone

Y

Y Young Men's/Women's Christian
 Association (formerly YMCA, YWCA)

YLDs Year(s) lost due to disability

YOB Year of birth

YPLL Year(s) of potential life lost

Z

ZEG Zero economic growth

ZMK Zentrum für Meeres- und
 Klimaforschung / Centre for Ocean
 and Climate Research, Germany

ZPG Zero population growth

ZT Zulu Time (see *Greenwich Mean
 Time)

ZZ *Zone zero