

# Abbreviations

- ACEI Association for Childhood Education International
- ADEA Association for the Development of Education in Africa
- AIDS Acquired immune deficiency syndrome
- AKF Aga Khan Foundation
- ALL Adult Literacy and Lifeskills Survey
- CENACEP Centros de Aprendizaje Comunitario en Educación Preescolar
- CERI Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (OECD)
- CGECCD Consultative Group on Early Childhood Care and Development
- CIS Commonwealth of Independent States
- CONFENEM Conférence des Ministres de l'Éducation des pays ayant le français en partage
- CRC Convention on the Rights of the Child
- CRS Creditor Reporting System
- CSTC Community Skills Training Center (Ethiopia)
- DAC Development Assistance Committee (OECD)
- DeSeCo Definition and Selection of Key Competencies
- DFID Department for International Development, United Kingdom
- DHS Demographic and Health Surveys
- DVD Digital versatile disc
- E-9 Nine high-population countries (Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan)
- EC European Commission
- ECCD Early childhood care and development
- ECCE Early childhood care and education
- ECD Early childhood development
- ECDVU The Early Child Development Virtual University
- ECE Early childhood education
- ECERS Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale
- EDI Education for All Development Index
- EFA Education for All
- ESD Education for Sustainable Development
- ESDP III Education Sector Development Programme III (Ethiopia)
- EU European Union
- EUROSTAT Statistical Office of the European Communities
- FRESH Focusing Resources on Effective School Health
- FTI Fast Track Initiative
- G8 Group of Eight (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russian Federation, United Kingdom and United States, plus EU representatives)
- GDP Gross domestic product
- GEI Gender-specific EFA Index
- GER Gross enrolment ratio

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GIR	Gross intake rate
GNI	Gross national income
GNP	Gross national product
GPI	Gender parity index
HIPPY	Home Instruction for Parents of Pre-School Youngsters
HIV/AIDS	Human immuno-deficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome
HOME	Home Observation for Measurement of the Environment
HSRC	Human Sciences Research Council
IALS	International Adult Literacy Survey
IBE	International Bureau of Education (UNESCO)
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICDS	Integrated Child Development Services
ICFES	Instituto Colombiano para el Fomento de la Educación Superior
ICT	Information and communication technology
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IDS	International Development Statistics (OECD-DAC)
IEA	International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement
IEA/PPP	IEA Pre-Primary Project
IEQ	Improving Educational Quality
IIEP	International Institute for Educational Planning (UNESCO)
ILI	International Literacy Institute
ILO	International Labour Office/Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INEE	Instituto Nacional para la Evaluación de la Educación
INEP	Instituto Nacional de Estudos e Pesquisas Educacionais Anísio Teixeira
I-PRSP	Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
ISCED	International Standard Classification of Education
JUNJI	Junta Nacional de Jardines Infantiles (National Board of Kindergartens, Chile)
LAMP	Literacy Assessment and Monitoring Programme
LDCs	Least developed countries
LLECE	Laboratorio Latinoamericano de Evaluación de la Calidad de la Educación (Latin American Laboratory for the Assessment of Quality in Education)
LSMS	Living Standard Measurement Surveys
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MICS	Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (UNICEF)
MoE	Ministry of Education (or equivalent national body)
NCERT	National Council of Educational Research and Training
NER	Net enrolment ratio
NFE	Non-formal education
NFE-MIS	Non-Formal Education Management Information System
NGO	Non-governmental organization
NICHD	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

- NIER National Institute for Educational Policy Research
- NIPCCD National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development
- NIR Net intake rate
- OA Official Aid
- OBE Open Basic Education
- ODA Official Development Assistance
- OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- OREALC UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean
- OVC Orphans and vulnerable children
- PASEC Programme d'analyse des systèmes éducatifs de la CONFEMEN  
(Programme of Analysis of Education Systems for Francophone countries)
- PEAK Pursuing Excellence at Kindergartens
- PIDI Proyecto Integral de Desarrollo Infantil (Integrated Child Development Project, Bolivia)
- PILL Pacific Islands Literacy Level
- PIRLS Progress in Reading Literacy Study
- PISA Programme for International Student Assessment
- PROMESA Proyecto de Mejoramiento Educativo, de Salud y del Ambiente  
(Programme for the healthy physical, emotional and intellectual development of young children, Colombia ).
- PRSP Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
- PTR Pupil/teacher ratio
- SACMEQ Southern and Eastern Africa Consortium on Monitoring Educational Quality
- SERVOL Service Volunteered for All (Trinidad and Tobago)
- SNNP Southern Nations, Nationalities and People (Ethiopia)
- STAR Programme Student-Teacher Achievement Ratio Programme
- TIMSS Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
- TVE Technical and Vocational Education
- UIE UNESCO Institute for Education (now UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, UIL)
- UIL UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning
- UIS UNESCO Institute for Statistics
- UNAIDS Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- UNDP United Nations Development Programme
- UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- UNFPA United Nations Population Fund
- UNGEI United Nations Girls' Education Initiative
- UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund
- UOE UIS/OECD/Eurostat
- UPC Universal primary completion
- UPE Universal primary education
- USAID United States Agency for International Development
- USSR Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- WEI World Education Indicators
- WHO World Health Organization