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# Acronyms

AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ANC	Antenatal care
BEmONC	Basic emergency obstetric and newborn care
EmONC	Emergency obstetric and newborn care
ESMOE	Essential steps in managing obstetric emergency
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
ICM	International Confederation of Midwives
IUD	Intrauterine device
LIC	Low-income country
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MIC	Middle-income country
MMR	Maternal mortality ratios
MoH	Ministry of Health
MSF	Médecins Sans Frontières
NGO	Nongovernmental organization
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (England and Wales)
QoC	Quality of care
RCM	Royal College of Midwives
SANC	South African Nursing Council
SBA	Skilled birth attendant
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WHO	World Health Organization

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