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## Acronyms

<b>ABO</b>	Area Based Organisation
<b>CBO</b>	Community Based Organisation
<b>CDC</b>	Community Development Council
<b>CIDA</b>	Canada International Development Agency
<b>CMC</b>	Colombo Municipal Corporation
<b>DCC</b>	Dhaka City Corporation
<b>DFID</b>	Department for International Development (UK Government)
<b>FAUP</b>	Faisalabad Area Upgrading Project (a DFID funded project)
<b>FDA</b>	Faisalabad Development Authority
<b>ICDDR,B</b>	International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease and Research, Bangladesh
<b>KMC</b>	Karachi Metropolitan Corporation



# Glossary

<b>Activist</b>	Someone who follows the line of vigorous action for a cause.
<b>Bangalee</b>	A person from Bangladesh.
<b>Daily worker</b>	Worker employed on a day-to-day basis.
<b>Dastoori</b>	Traditional payments from sweepers to supervisors.
<b>Filth depot</b>	Transfer point to store waste.
<b>Katchi abadi</b>	Squatter settlement.
<b>Lac</b>	Equal to 100,000 in number.
<b>Marla</b>	An area of about 25m <sup>2</sup> .
<b>Micro-enterprise</b>	A low capital intensive service delivery or production business, consisting of an individual or up to about 20 people. The organisations or individuals are assuming all the risks for the sake of profit.
<b>Mohallah</b>	A group of houses in the same area.
<b>Waste picker</b>	A person who makes a living by extracting valuable elements from waste and selling them.
<b>Punchayat committee</b>	A committee formed at the neighbourhood level to resolve minor conflicts.
<b>Parchee</b>	Written permission from sanitary inspector to sweeper.
<b>Sui gas</b>	Natural gas.
<b>VIP road</b>	Important road.
<b>Ward</b>	The administrative areas into which a city is split.
<b>Ward Commissioner</b>	Political representative of an administrative section of the city
<b>Wigar</b>	Assigning duties for absentees
<b>FMC</b>	Faisalabad Municipal Corporation
<b>MPA</b>	Member of Provincial Assembly
<b>MPCO</b>	Multi-purpose Community Organisation
<b>Rs</b>	Rupees, Currency of Pakistan
<b>Tk</b>	Taka, Currency of Bangladesh
<b>UWEP</b>	Urban Waste Expertise Program
<b>WASA</b>	Water And Sanitation Agency

