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1 KEY FINDINGS:

1.1 Trends of drug prices.

	By Month			By Year		
	July_2019	August_2019	Change %	August_2018	August_2019	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	66	70	+6%	88	70	-20%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	70	74	+6%	94	74	-21%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	53	58	+9%	67	58	-13%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	57	62	+9%	73	62	-15%
Heroin High Quality	2025	1961	-3%	2866	1961	-32%
Heroin Medium Quality	1433	1475	+3%	2206	1475	-33%

2 INTRODUCTION:

The Afghanistan drug price-monitoring report is implemented by the Narcotics Survey & Analysis Directorate. The monitoring of drug prices is carried out in selected provinces of Afghanistan since 1994 (18 provinces as of September 2011). The results provide a detailed picture of the prices of opiates on monthly basis.

The price of the opiates contributes towards understanding the opiate economy in Afghanistan and published in the Afghanistan opium survey reports annually.

The price monitoring includes major licit crops and precursor-chemicals. Fresh attempts are made to include the prices of syntactic drugs as well.

3 OPIUM:

3.1. Dry opium

Farm-gate price:

The national average price for one kilogram of dry opium in Afghanistan at the farm-gate level was **US\$ 70 kg** at the end of August 2019 which is 6% higher compared to price reported in July 2019 (US\$ 66/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in August 2019 is 20% lower than the price reported in August 2018 which was US\$ 88/kg.

Figure 1: National average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from (June 2004 to August 2019)



Table 1: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (July 2019 to August 2019)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jul-19	Aug-19	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	87	93	+7%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	65	70	+6%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	78	84	+8%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	45	39	-13%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	49	57	+18%
Average	66	70	+6%

Trader price:

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 74/kg** at the end of August 2019 showing **6%** increase compared to the price reported last month (July 2019) (**US\$ 70/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in August 2019 is **21%** lower than the price reported last year (August 2018) which was **US\$ 94/kg**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 16%, 8%, 7% and 6% in Northern, Western, Eastern and Southern regions respectively. Price has decreased by 9% North-eastern region.

Table 2: National average price of dry opium at Trader level US\$/kg (August 2018 to August 2019)

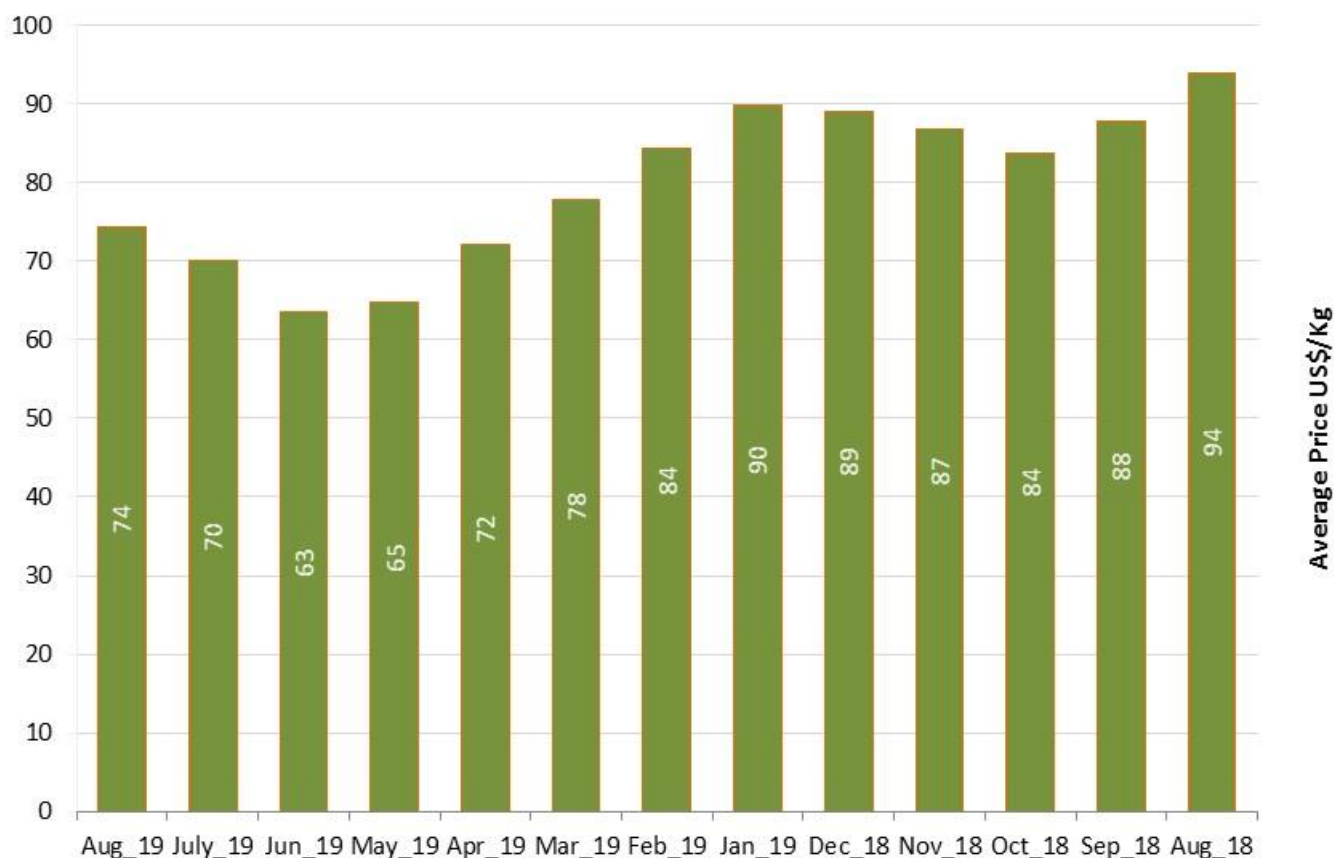


Figure 2: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (July 2019 to August 2019)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jul-19	Aug-19	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	89	95	+7%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	71	76	+6%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	82	89	+8%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	48	43	-9%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	54	63	+16%
Average	70	74	+6%

3.1.1 Dry Opium (Chaynaki Quality)

Farm-gate price:

Price of opium (dry) was not found to be varying with quality in different regions. In Balkh and Hilmand provinces another quality of dry opium by the name of **Chaynaki** is available at the farm-gate and trader level. The **Chaynaki** quality of dry opium is more air dried than other varieties. The average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at farm-gate level in Balkh province is **US\$ 93/kg** in August 2019 showing an increase of 18% compared to the price reported in July 2019 (**US\$ 79**). The average price of 1 kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 130/kg** in August 2019 with an increased by 4% compared to the price reported in July (**US\$ 125**).

Table 3: Average price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at farm-gate level (US\$/Kg)

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Aug-Jul) %	Hilmand		Price change (Aug-Jul) %
	Jul-19	Aug-19		Jul-19	Aug-19	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	79	93	+18%	125	130	+4%

Trader price:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 100/kg** in August 2019 showing an increase of 16% compared to the price reported in July 2019 (**US\$ 86/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 136/kg** in August 2019 with an increased by 3% compared to the price reported in July 2019 (**US\$ 131**).

Table 4: Average price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at trader level (US\$/Kg)

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Aug-Jul) %	Hilmand		Price change (Aug-Jul) %
	Jul-19	Aug-19		Jul-19	Aug-19	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	86	100	+16%	131	136	+3%

Table 5: Regional average price of dry opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD Currency.

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Dry Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate level (Aug-Jul) (%)	Change at trader level (Aug-Jul) (%)
		Jul-19		Aug-19			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	13,947	14,305	14,642	15,000	+5%	+5%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	10,500	11,465	10,994	11,987	+5%	+5%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	5,083	5,536	5,678	6,131	+12%	+11%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Imnianian Tuman	1,033,421	1,086,761	1,071,552	1,113,720	+4%	+2%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	3,604	3,795	3,070	3,386	-15%	-11%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	3,921	4,353	4,492	4,923	+15%	+13%

* Western region is divided into two groups because of prices available in two currencies

3.2 FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of August 2019, the national average price of fresh opium increased by **9%** from **US\$ 53/kg** in **July 2019** to **US\$ 58/kg** in **August 2019** at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level increased by **9%** from **US\$ 57/kg** in July 2019 to **US\$ 62/kg** in August 2019).

Figure 3: National average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level, US\$/kg (June 2005 to August 2019)

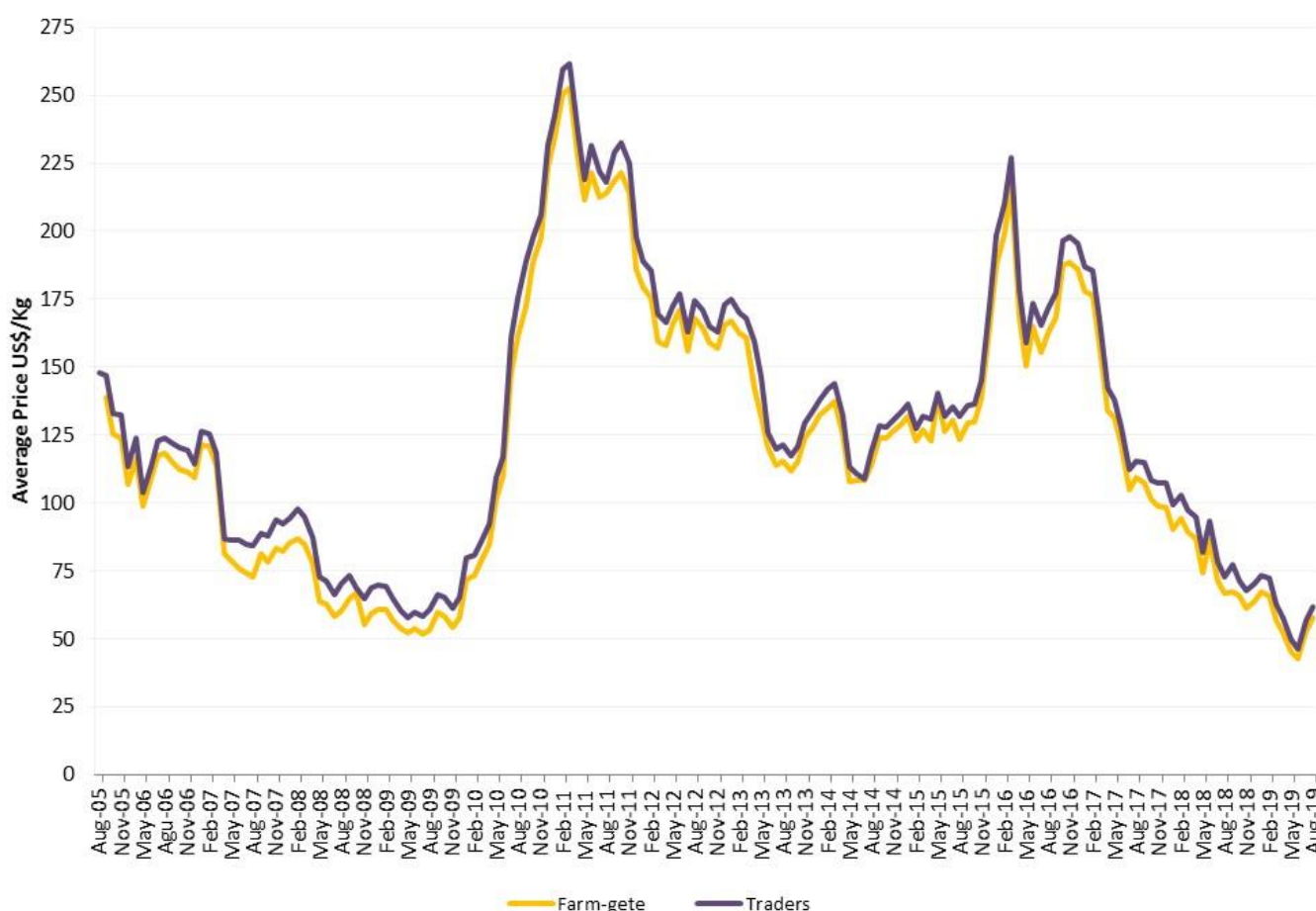


Table 6: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency.

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate level (Aug-Jul) (%)	Change at trader level (Aug-Jul) (%)
		Jul-19		Aug-19			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	11,202	11,560	12,437	12,795	+11%	+11%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	8,822	9,889	9,277	10,350	+5%	+5%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	3,449	3,704	4,033	4,299	+17%	+16%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	781,702	821,220	819,834	859,496	+5%	+5%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	3,181	3,457	2,696	2,866	-15%	-17%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Farvab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	3,260	3,671	3,695	4,125	+13%	+12%

* Western region is divided into two groups because of prices available in two currencies.

4. HEROIN:

There are several types of heroin available in Afghanistan with different quality. The prices of White powder (injection) in Nangarhar province, White powder (Crystal) in Kandahar and Balkh provinces, Off-white (Crystal)-100% in Badakhshan province and White powder-high quality (70-80% pure) in Hirat province are the most expensive heroin reported in Afghanistan. The cheapest heroin (US\$ 41/kg) is called as Khata # 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

Table 7: Prices of different types of Heroin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), August 2018 – August 2019

Province	Types of Heroin	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Change (Aug-Jul) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	NA	NA	NA	1,408	2,267	1,504	1,203	1,217	904	751	828	897	780	-13%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	2,621	2,987	2,203	2,011	2,533	1,605	1,603	1,600	1,303	1,126	1,112	1,309	1,114	-15%
Balkh	Best powder	3,244	3,144	3,198	2,844	3,360	2,764	2,740	2,608	2,492	2,249	2,211	1,568	1,701	+8%
	White powder (Crystal)	4,003	4,006	4,064	3,638	4,155	3,328	3,325	3,300	3,184	2,933	2,878	2,186	2,341	+7%
Hirat	Morphine	3,090	2,993	2,991	3,808	3,112	3,090	3,306	3,112	3,102	2,978	2,933	3,002	3,040	+1%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	3,212	3,111	3,110	3,655	3,006	2,960	3,167	2,981	2,971	2,852	2,816	2,901	2,937	+1%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	1,884	1,838	1,826	2,227	1,834	1,799	1,925	1,819	1,813	1,740	1,704	1,748	1,770	+1%
Kandahar	Morphine	2,031	2,063	1,961	1,989	2,020	2,056	2,015	1,827	1,770	1,620	1,579	1,563	1,710	+9%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,218	1,246	1,207	1,260	1,284	1,299	1,223	1,074	991	893	878	875	1,013	+16%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	894	922	905	943	938	974	935	860	779	694	688	688	760	+10%
	White powder (Crystal)	2,559	2,549	2,413	2,431	2,417	2,453	2,374	2,221	2,124	1,984	1,910	1,875	1,994	+6%
Nangarhar	Best powder	1,206	1,208	1,123	1,144	1,096	1,112	1,117	1,091	1,077	1,003	925	947	969	+2%
	Chara # 1	79	81	76	71	78	79	79	78	75	68	62	65	69	+6%
	Chara # 2	57	57	52	52	54	54	58	55	53	48	43	44	44	+1%
	Khata # 1	61	62	60	54	60	61	61	57	57	51	46	48	50	+5%
	Khata # 2	55	55	51	47	53	53	54	51	50	45	41	41	43	+4%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	2,477	2,480	2,306	2,296	2,232	2,237	2,242	2,204	2,176	2,025	1,869	2,075	2,109	+2%
	White powder (Injection)	2,844	2,853	2,650	2,647	2,575	2,591	2,595	2,546	2,516	2,337	2,159	2,206	2,241	+2%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	1,959	1,992	1,803	1,760	2,200	1,705	1,704	1,719	1,704	1,502	1,174	1,672	1,137	-32%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	1,959	1,992	1,803	1,760	2,200	1,705	1,704	1,719	1,704	1,502	1,174	1,672	1,137	-32%

Table 8: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of Heroin in other than USD currency

Province	Types of heroin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of heroin in local currency		Change (Aug-Jul) %
			Jul-19	Aug-19	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	72,000	61,040	-15%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	105,000	87,200	-17%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	125,900	132,700	+5%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	175,500	182,560	+4%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	35,639,000	34,347,000	-4%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	34,436,000	33,188,000	-4%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	20,751,000	20,000,000	-4%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	250,000	270,000	+8%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	140,000	160,000	+14%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	110,000	120,000	+9%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	300,000	315,000	+5%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	152,000	154,000	+1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	10,500	11,000	+5%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	0%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,700	8,000	+4%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	6,600	6,800	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	333,000	335,000	+1%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	354,000	356,000	+1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	134,130	89,000	-34%

5. CANNABIS RESIN:

There are mainly three types of cannabis resin available in Afghanistan namely Garda # 1, # 2 and # 3 with quality as best, moderate and fair respectively. Garda # 1 (Shirak) in Badakhshan province was the most expensive cannabis resin because of its pure quality. Earlier Garda # 1 (Jooshi) of Balkh province was most expensive and popular because of its high quality however it lost its demand due to blending with lower quality hashish.

Table 9: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), August 2018 – August 2019

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Chang (Aug-Jul) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	76	74	67	66	83	84	81	116	90	81	86	87	77	-12%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	69	82	80	99	87	93	81	93	97	75	99	106	105	-1%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	44	64	57	73	67	67	54	60	65	56	72	81	77	-5%
Hirat	Garda # 1	91	98	93	113	93	89	98	93	85	75	78	79	79	+1%
	Garda # 2	64	68	66	81	65	65	67	60	56	50	49	51	51	+1%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	60	59	57	58	59	56	51	48	44	40	43	44	48	+8%
	Garda # 2	34	36	35	33	34	32	29	25	22	19	21	24	26	+10%
	Garda # 3	18	20	20	17	18	15	14	13	9.4	8.8	11	13	14	+7%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	127	122	110	109	103	101	97	95	94	86	79	78	76	-3%
	Garda # 2	90	85	75	73	68	66	65	64	62	57	52	50	50	+1%
	Garda # 3	65	65	60	58	54	53	52	50	50	46	43	44	44	+1%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	97	99	80	121	120	121	105	129	129	94	111	112	89	-20%

Figure 4: Average price of cannabis resin (Garda # 1, best quality) in US\$/kg, August 2018–August 2019

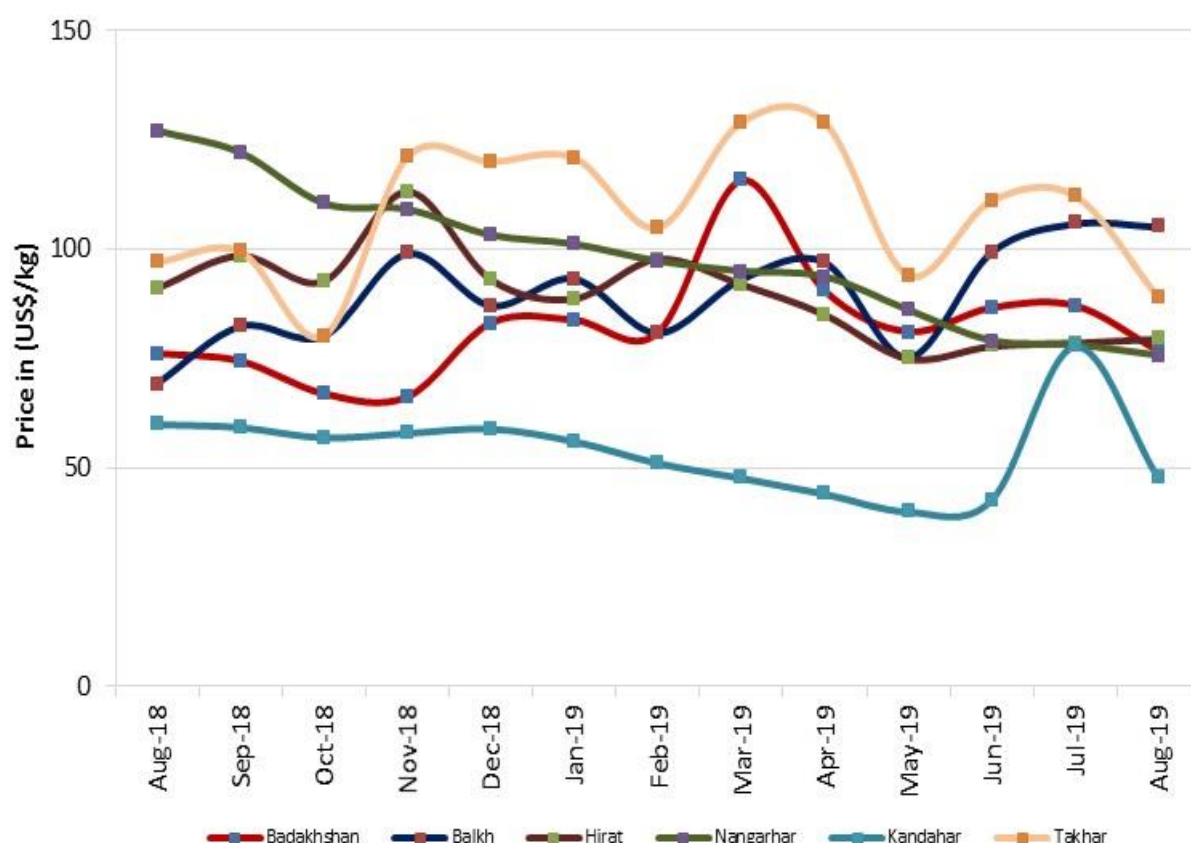


Figure 5: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), August 2019

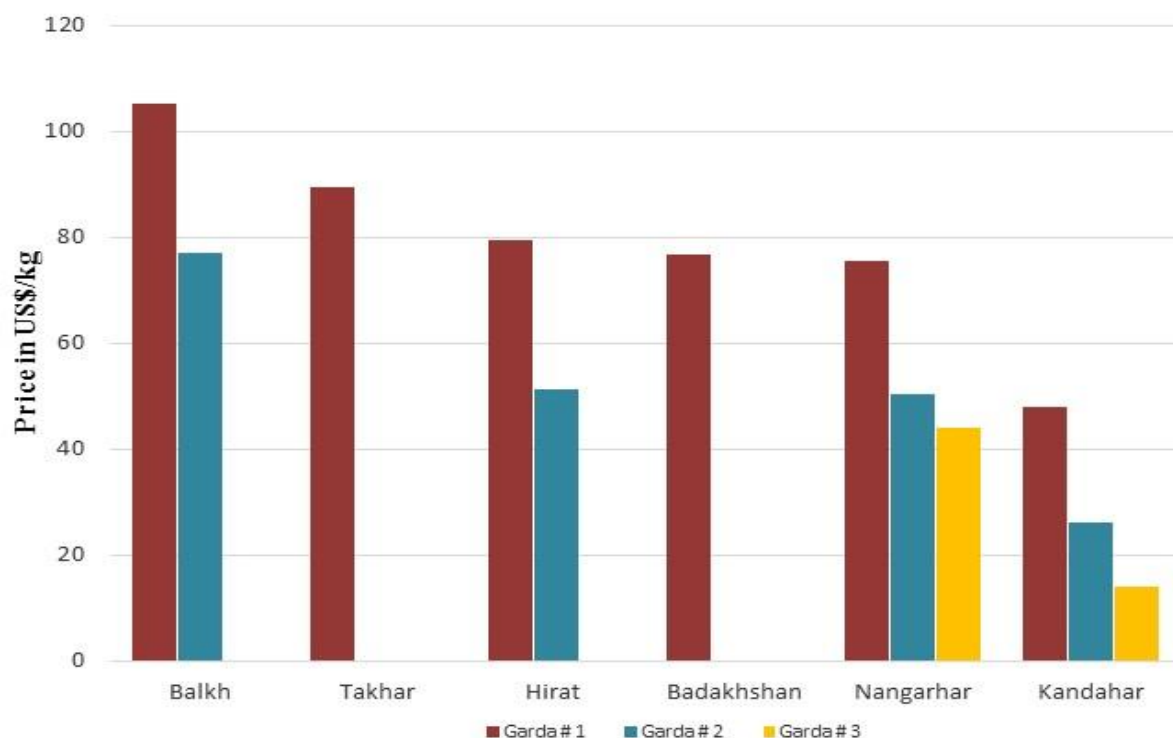


Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in other than USD currency, July 2019 – August 2019

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Aug-Jul) %
			Jul-19	Aug-19	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	7000	6000	-14%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	8,500	8,200	-4%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	6,500	6,000	-8%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	932,330	898,000	-4%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	601,000	579,000	-4%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,111	7,556	+6%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	3,778	4,111	+9%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	2,111	2,222	+5%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	12,500	12,000	-4%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,000	8,000	0%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	0%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	9,000	7,000	-22%

6 SEEDS: CANNABIS AND POPPY

Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds collected from eighteen provinces of Afghanistan are tabulated below.

Table 11: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in other than USD currency, July 2019 – August 2019

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Aug-Jul) (%)
			Jul-19	Aug-19	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	40	-20%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	30	-25%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	110	90	-18%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	10	12	+20%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	85	-15%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	10	10	0%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	55	55	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	73	73	0%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	140	120	-14%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	13	15	+15%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	69	69	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	70	70	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	65	65	0%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	30	-25%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	71	71	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	35	30	-14%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Rupee	58	60	+3%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Rupee	60	62	+3%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	20	-50%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Rupee	66	68	+3%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Rupee	18	18	0%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	45	20	-56%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	60	44	-27%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	35	28	-20%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	89	89	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	71	71	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%

Table 12: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), August 2018 – August 2019

Types of seeds	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.73	0.62	0.63	0.65	0.64	0.63	0.62	0.60	0.58	0.56	0.52	0.542	0.542	0%
Poppy seed	1.03	0.99	1.05	1.07	1.05	1.04	1.02	0.97	0.93	0.82	0.79	0.746	0.710	-5%

7 PRICES OF HEROIN, OPIUM AND HASHISH AT CONSUMER LEVEL:

The consumer prices of heroin, opium and hashish collected from different regions of Afghanistan are as below. The quality of product varies widely in different regions.

Figure 6: Regional average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in (US\$/Kg), August 2019



Table 13: Average prices of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), August 2018 – August 2019

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Aug-Jul) (%)
	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	
Heroin	3,968	4,344	4,129	4,162	4,426	4,205	4,161	3,286	3,741	3,636	3,711	3,316	3,557	+7%
Opium	245	222	206	211	233	206	210	191	202	188	172	175	187	+7%
Hashish	137	152	149	211	150	144	148	143	164	138	144	147	145	-1%

8 PRICE OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

Table 14: Average price of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan, (US\$/Lit) August 2018 – August 2019

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	392	513	375	351	349	343	342	306	295	300	261	255	266	+4%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	161	156	143	142	137	141	140	139	138	127	117	125	126	+1%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	135	131	120	123	123	125	125	121	118	110	102	106	110	+4%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	131	130	128	131	128	128	123	111	103	96	92	90	92	+2%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	130	128	124	124	123	125	122	116	110	104	101	87	106	+21%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	139	391	167	126	139	137	140	129	107	134	98	89	104	+17%

9 LICIT CROPS:

Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, rice (imported) and rice (local) collected in six provinces of Afghanistan are shown in below table.

Table 15: Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan in local currency, August 2019

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	100	1.3
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	57	0.7
Balkh	Wheat	-	21	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	51	0.7
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	90	1.1
Balkh	Rice Local	-	58	0.7
Hirat	Wheat	-	18	0.2
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	1.2
Hirat	Saffron	-	65,000	832
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	84	1.1
Hirat	Rice Local	-	88	1.1
Kandahar	Wheat	53	-	0.3
Kandahar	Cotton	210	-	1.3
Kandahar	Rice Imported	115	-	0.7
Nangarhar	Wheat	45	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	197	-	1.2
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	175	-	1.1
Nangarhar	Rice Local	60	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	19	0.2
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	96	1.2
Takhar	Rice Local	-	55	0.7

Table 16: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), August 2018 – August 2019

Types of crops	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.29	0.30	0.28	0.26	0.27	0.27	-2%
Cotton	1.35	1.32	1.28	1.30	1.25	1.23	1.28	1.25	1.25	1.19	1.12	1.14	1.09	-4%
Saffron	982	796	730	663	642	693	739	757	777	814	871	846	832	-2%
Rice (Imported)	1.17	1.17	1.16	1.19	1.13	1.08	1.07	1.12	1.11	1.08	1.04	1.09	1.09	0%
Rice (Local)	0.77	0.71	0.73	0.78	0.71	0.68	0.68	0.74	0.69	0.70	0.69	0.71	0.74	+4%

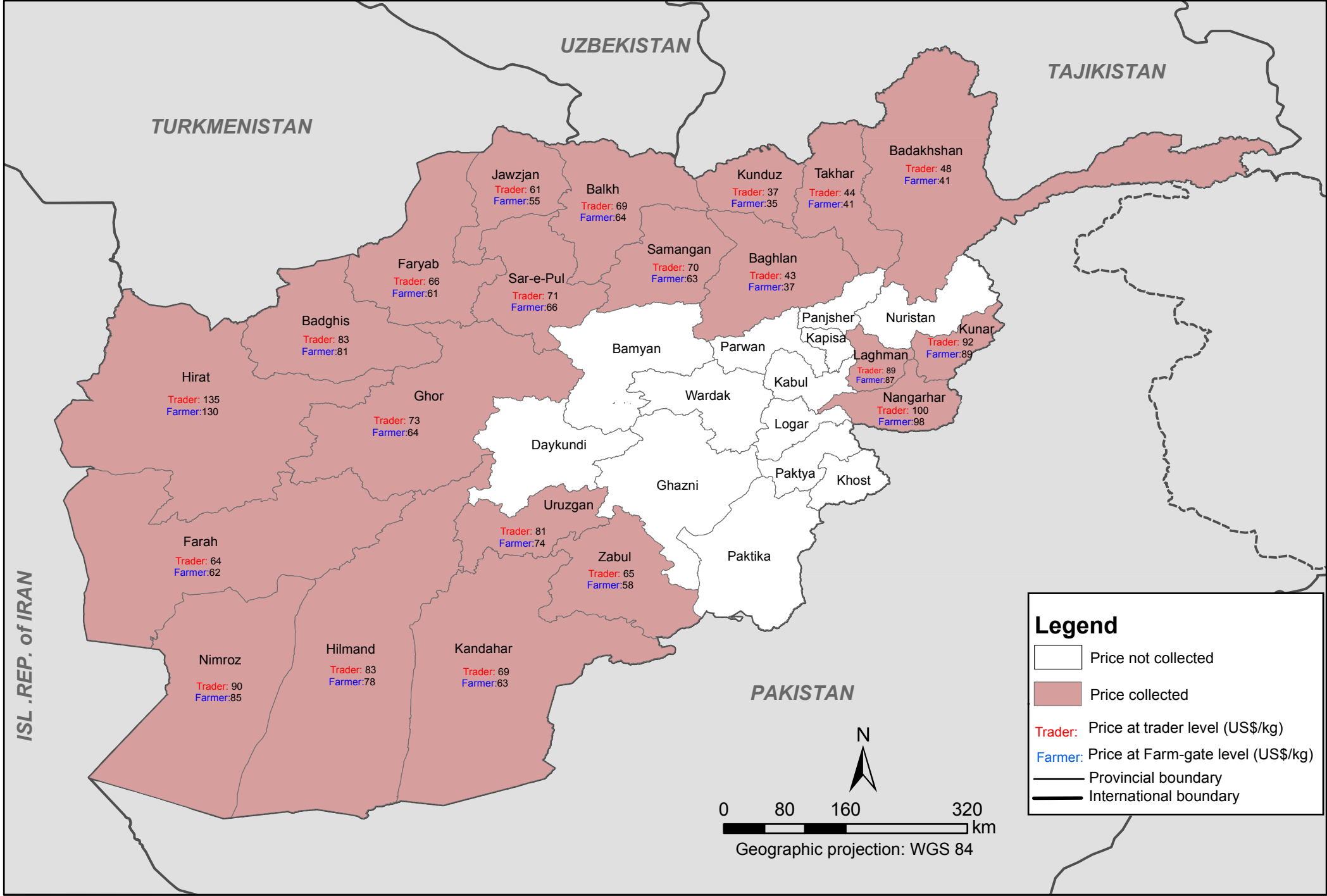
10 METHODOLOGY:

- Prices are collected in the last week of every month from around twenty farmers and equal numbers of traders by NSAD Survey coordinators generally from different farmers and traders each month. The price data collection is sourced from a few known farmers and traders as well.
- Opium prices are collected from 21 out of 34 provinces namely Badakhshan, Baghlan, Badghis, Balkh, Farah, Faryab, Ghor, Hilmand, Hirat, Kandahar, Kunar, Kunduz, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nimroz, Uruzgan, Takhar, Sur-Pul, Samangan, Jawzjan and Zabul. The prices of dry and fresh opium are collected from farmers (at farm-gate level) and traders (at trader level).
- Different varieties of heroin, morphine and cannabis resin prices are collected from six provinces of Afghanistan namely Badakhshan, Balkh, Hirat, Nangarhar, Kandahar and Takhar.
- Prices of some licit crops such as wheat, saffron, imported and local rice is also collected from six provinces of Afghanistan and included in this report.
- Prices of poppy seeds, cannabis seeds and acetic anhydride are included in the report as well.
- The prices are also presented in local currency for convenience of certain analysis; however, the national average prices are presented in USD. At the regional level, average prices are reflected in local currency with exception of the Western region since prices are reported in two different currencies.
- Prices are reported in different currencies in different regions. The prices in Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar) and Southern region (Kandahar, Hilmand, Uruzgan and Zabul) are reported in Pakistani rupees. In Northern (Balkh, Baghlan, Farayb, Sur-Pul, Samangan and Jawzjan) and North-eastern (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar) regions, the prices are reported in Afghani. However, prices are reported in two different currencies namely Afghani and Iranian Tuman in Western (Hirat, Nimroz, Farah, Badghis and Ghor) region. The prices are converted in US\$ using the exchange rate from oanda.com site considering the rates on the same date the observation is made.

Table 17: Number of observations of dry and fresh opium prices

	Number of observations (n)		Number of provinces price collected
	Farm-gate price	Trader price	
Dry Opium	203	203	21
Fresh Opium	207	207	21

Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (August 2019)



Source: Government of Afghanistan - NSAD/DM-CN/MoIA
Note: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.
The dotted line represents approximately the line of control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.