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# 1 KEY FINDINGS:

## 1.1 Trends of drug prices.

	By Month			By Year		
	November_2017	December_2017	Change %	December_2016	December_2017	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	120	118	-2%	206	118	-43%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	127	126	-1%	214	126	-41%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	99	98	-1%	186	98	-47%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	108	107	-1%	196	107	-45%
Heroin High Quality	3,221	3,158	-2%	3,414	3,158	-7%
Heroin Medium Quality	2,074	2,158	+4%	2,493	2,158	-13%

## **2 INTRODUCTION:**

The Afghanistan Drug Price monitoring is implemented by the Ministry of Counter Narcotics (MCN) of Afghanistan in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) monthly. 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.

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\$ 118/kg** at the end of December 2017 which is 2% lower compared to price reported in November 2017 (**US\$ 120/kg**). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in December 2017 is 43% lower than the price reported in December 2016 which was US\$ 206/kg.

**Figure 1: National average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from (June 2004 to December 2017)**



**Table 1: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (November 2017 to December 2017)**

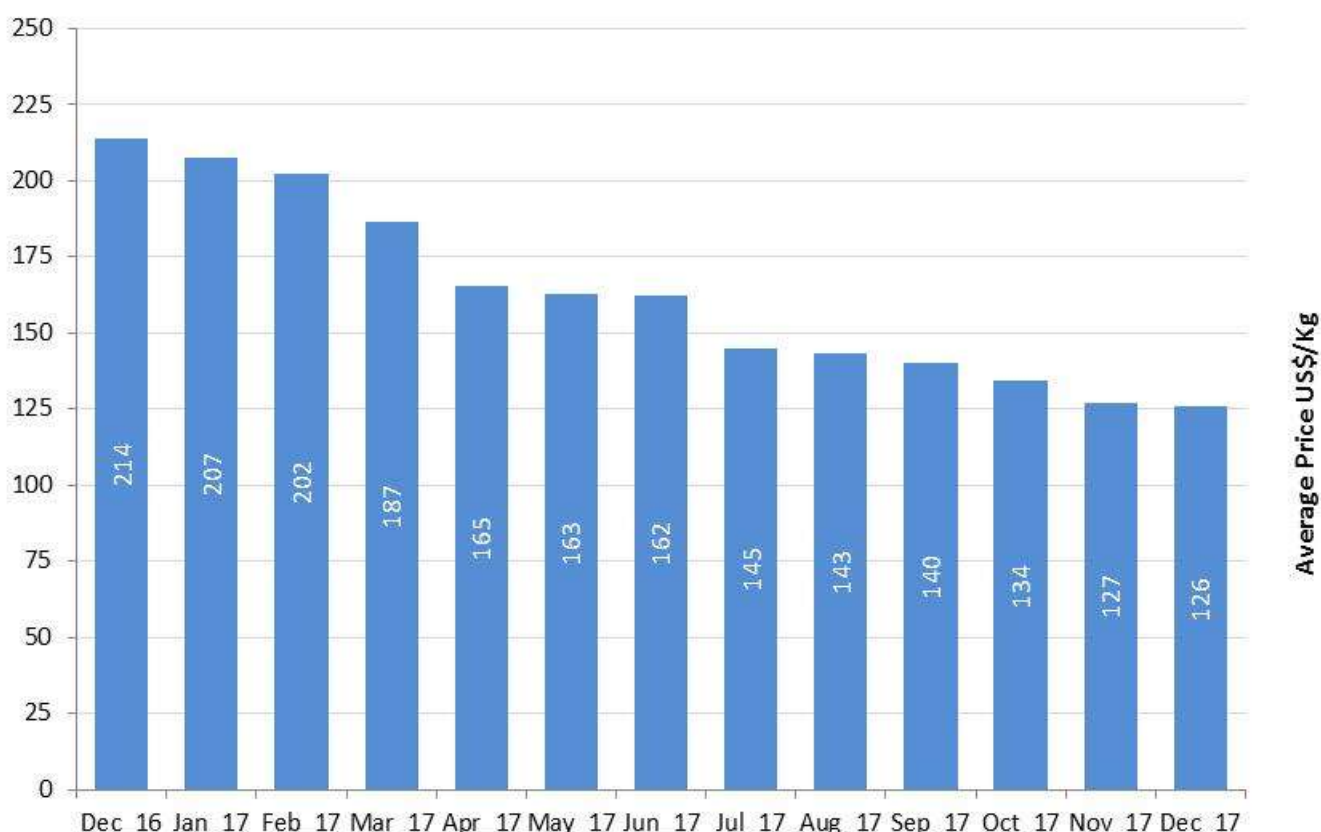
Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Nov-17	Dec-17	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	123	114	-8%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	112	103	-8%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	189	198	+5%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	73	74	+1%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan )	77	74	-5%
<b>Average</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>-2%</b>

**Trader price:**

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 126/kg** at the end of December 2017 showing **1%** decrease compared to the price reported last month (November 2017) (**US\$ 127/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in December 2017 is **41%** lower than the price reported last year (December 2016) which was **US\$ 214/kg**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 5% and 2% in Western and North-eastern regions respectively. Price has decreased by 7%, 7% and 5% in Eastern, Southern and Northern regions respectively.

**Table 2: National average price of dry opium at Trader level US\$/kg (December 2016 to December 2017)**



**Figure 2: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (November 2017 to December 2017)**

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Nov-17	Dec-17	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	127	118	-7%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	121	112	-7%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	202	212	+5%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	82	84	+2%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan )	84	80	-5%
<b>Average</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>-1%</b>

### 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 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\$ 114/kg** in December 2017 showing an increase of 1% compared to the price reported in November 2017 (**US\$ 113**). The average price of 1 kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 248/kg** in December 2017 with a decreased by 5% compared to the price reported in November 2017 (**US\$ 260**).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Dec-Nov) %	Hilmand		Price change (Dec-Nov) %
	Nov-17	Dec-17		Nov-17	Dec-17	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	113	114	+1%	260	248	-5%

#### Trader price:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 120.3/kg** in December 2017 showing an increase of 1% compared to the price reported in November 2017 (**US\$ 119.5/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 255/kg** in December 2017 with a decreased by 5% compared to the price reported in November 2017 (**US\$ 268**).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Dec-Nov) %	Hilmand		Price change (Dec-Nov) %
	Nov-17	Dec-17		Nov-17	Dec-17	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	119.5	120.3	+1%	268	255	-5%

**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 (Dec-Nov) (%)	Change at trader level (Dec-Nov) (%)
		Nov-17		Dec-17			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	12,756	13,115	12,514	12,940	-2%	-1%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	11,652	12,552	11,357	12,286	-3%	-2%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	8,989	10,111	9,811	10,895	+9%	+8%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	793,911	827,422	838,044	879,222	+6%	+6%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	4,966	5,595	5,087	5,802	+2%	+4%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Farvab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	5,205	5,657	5,067	5,493	-3%	-3%

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



### 3.2 FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of December 2017, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by **1%** from **US\$ 99/kg in November 2017** to **US\$ 98/kg in December 2017** at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by **1%** from **US\$ 108/kg in November 2017** to **US\$ 107/kg in December 2017**)

**Figure 3: National average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level, US\$/kg (Jun 2005 to December 2017)**



**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 (Dec-Nov) (%)	Change at trader level (Dec-Nov) (%)
		Nov-17		Dec-17			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	10,202	11,131	9,944	10,853	-3%	-2%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	6,347	7,216	7,168	7,932	+13%	+10%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	528,722	564,056	580,522	615,856	+10%	+9%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Farvab, Suri-Pul, Jawzian Samangan)	Afghani	4,466	4,868	4,313	4,720	-3%	-3%

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

## 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\$ 56/kg) is called as Khata # 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

**Table 7: Prices of different types of Heroin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), December 2016 – December 2017**

Province	Types of Heroin	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Change (Dec-Nov) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	1,146	1,095	1,507	1,425	1,204	1,172	1,011	1,013	1,008	1,007	1,513	710	705	-1%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	2,691	2,595	3,013	2,951	2,808	3,606	2,730	3,038	3,023	3,022	3,984	2,841	2,750	-3%
Balkh	Best powder	3,592	3,515	3,448	3,382	3,257	3,111	3,160	3,017	3,128	3,177	3,128	3,156	3,188	+1%
	White powder (Crystal)	4,092	4,026	3,958	3,939	3,850	3,786	3,858	3,753	3,948	4,019	3,984	4,036	4,029	0%
Hirat	Morphine	4,306	4,017	3,981	3,948	3,978	3,870	4,007	3,860	3,933	3,834	3,912	3,899	3,994	+2%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	4,502	4,234	4,167	4,102	4,317	4,026	4,793	4,148	4,032	3,980	4,049	4,043	4,147	+3%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	2,935	2,763	2,731	2,684	2,596	2,655	2,651	2,449	2,623	2,570	2,027	2,021	2,677	+32%
Kandahar	Morphine	2,082	2,130	2,102	2,786	2,717	2,783	2,795	2,646	2,584	2,558	2,587	2,593	2,448	-6%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,694	1,743	1,736	1,556	1,553	1,643	1,706	1,636	1,579	1,563	1,569	1,537	1,451	-6%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	1,307	1,356	1,350	1,153	1,116	1,159	1,205	1,155	1,053	1,023	1,046	1,056	997	-6%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,340	3,389	3,423	3,170	3,106	3,188	3,229	3,127	3,063	2,884	2,929	2,977	2,811	-6%
Nangarhar	Best powder	1,605	1,616	1,601	1,594	1,566	1,546	1,565	1,568	1,520	1,512	1,474	1,469	1,381	-6%
	Chara # 1	134	139	130	126	121	116	116	120	114	105	95	91	84	-7%
	Chara # 2	76	76	72	68	68	68	72	77	76	72	67	67	64	-5%
	Khata # 1	96	99	94	92	87	92	92	91	86	77	71	69	65	-5%
	Khata # 2	67	67	63	61	58	58	63	67	67	64	62	61	56	-7%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	3,096	3,103	3,124	3,110	3,094	3,053	3,073	3,069	3,012	3,005	2,957	2,949	2,771	-6%
	White powder (Injection)	3,583	3,586	3,597	3,573	3,577	3,527	3,537	3,541	3,468	3,474	3,414	3,400	3,198	-6%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,275	2,190	2,712	2,544	2,457	2,855	2,427	2,431	2,419	2,418	2,622	2,030	2,014	-1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,275	2,190	2,712	2,544	2,457	2,855	2,427	2,431	2,419	2,418	2,622	2,030	2,014	-1%

**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 (Dec-Nov) %
			Nov-17	Dec-17	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	47,950	48,650	+1%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	191,800	189,765	-1%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	215,000	220,000	+2%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	275,000	278,000	+1%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	13,370,000	14,043,200	+5%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	13,865,000	14,580,246	+5%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	6,930,000	9,413,580	+36%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	270,000	270,000	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	160,000	160,000	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	110,000	110,000	0%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	310,000	310,000	0%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	153,000	152,000	-1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	9,500	9,300	-2%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	0%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,200	7,200	0%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	6,300	6,200	-2%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	307,000	305,000	-1%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	354,000	352,000	-1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	137,000	139,000	+1%

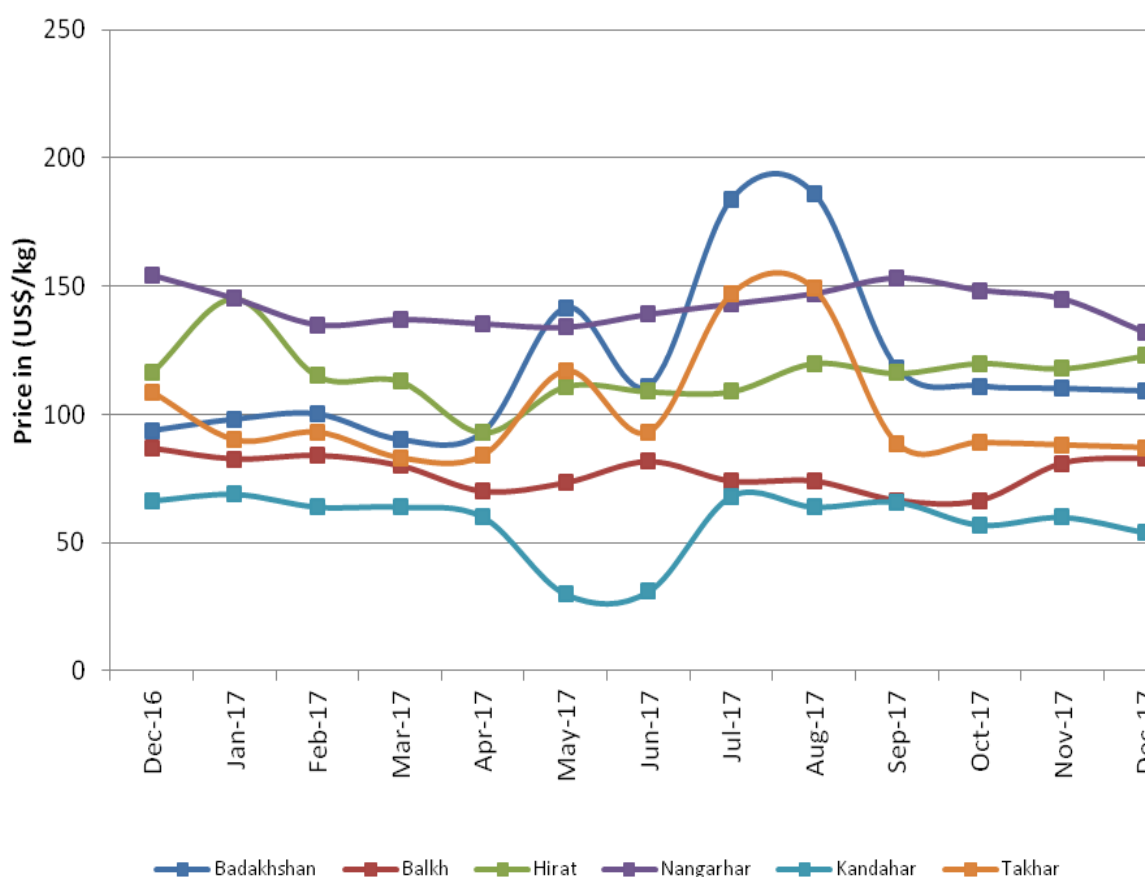
## CANNABIS RESIN:

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.

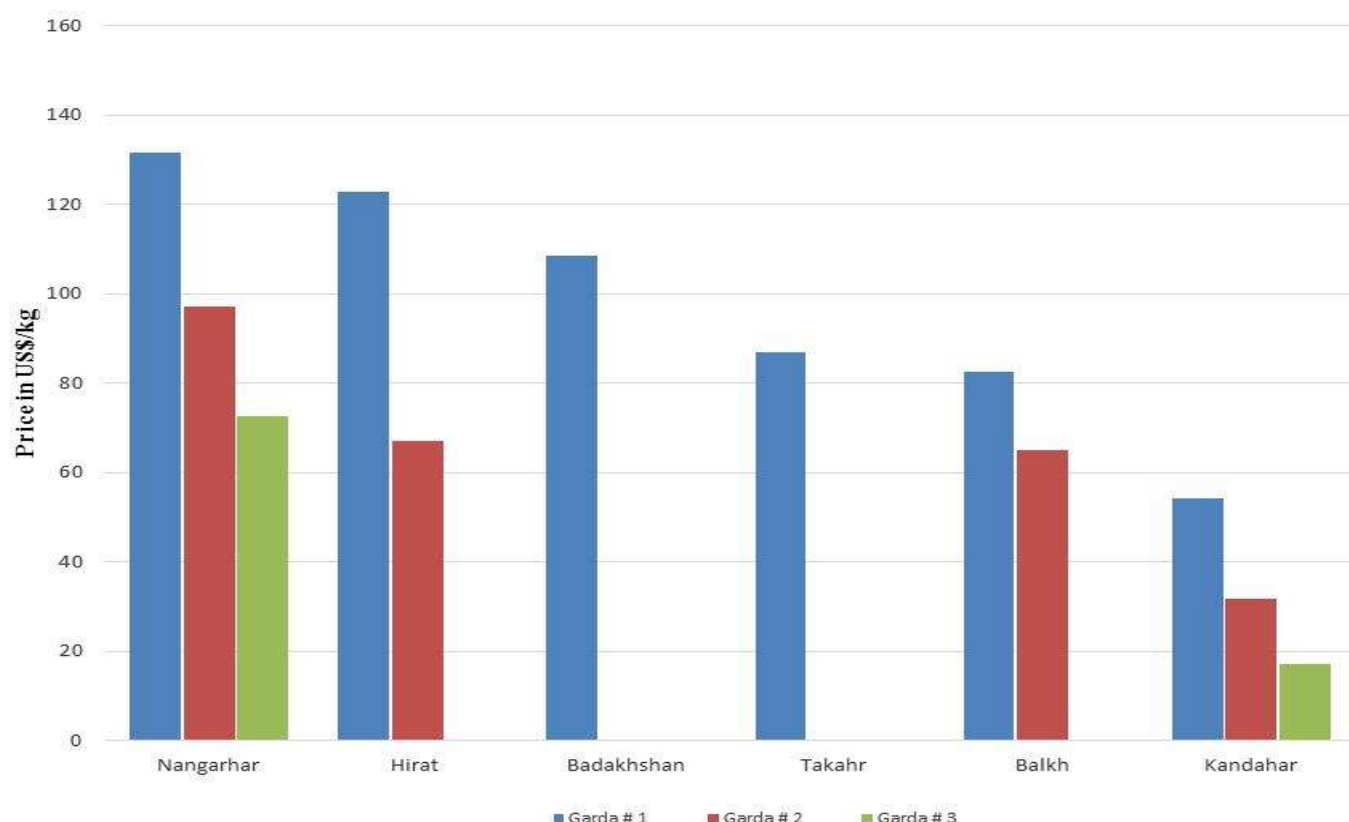
**Table 9: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), December 2016–December 2017**

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Chang (Dec-Nov) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	94	98	100	90	93	142	111	184	186	118	111	110	109	-1%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	87	83	84	80	70	73	82	74	74	66	66	81	83	+2%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	75	72	66	60	50	66	70	56	60	47	52	59	65	+11%
Hirat	Garda # 1	116	145	115	113	93	111	109	109	120	116	120	118	123	+4%
	Garda # 2	65	73	62	56	43	58	60	59	68	69	69	66	67	+1%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	66	69	64	64	60	30	31	68	64	66	57	60	54	-9%
	Garda # 2	32	34	32	30	28	21	22	36	32	36	32	36	32	-11%
	Garda # 3	17	19	17	15	15	16	16	21	19	21	17	21	17	-19%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	154	145	135	137	135	134	139	143	147	153	148	145	132	-9%
	Garda # 2	111	106	101	104	102	96	101	105	107	115	110	106	97	-9%
	Garda # 3	82	77	68	67	68	72	72	76	83	86	83	82	73	-12%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	109	90	93	83	84	117	93	147	149	89	89	88	87	-1%

**Figure 4: Average price of cannabis resin (Garda # 1, best quality) in US\$/kg, December 2016–December 2017**



**Figure 5: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), December 2017**



**Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in other than USD currency, November 2017 – December 2017**

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Dec-Nov) %
			Nov-17	Dec-17	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	7,500	7,500	0%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	5,500	5,700	+4%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	4,000	4,500	+13%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	406,000	432,000	+6%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	227,000	236,000	+4%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	6,222	6,000	-4%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	3,733	3,511	-6%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	2,200	1,889	-14%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	15,000	14,500	-3%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	11,000	10,700	-3%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	8,500	8,000	-6%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6,000	6,000	0%

## 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, November 2017 – December 2017**

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Dec-Nov) (%)
			Nov-17	Dec-17	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	55	55	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	170	+13%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	15	13	-13%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	160	190	+19%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	15	-25%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	30	30	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	33	33	0%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	180	20%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	12	-40%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	84	84	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	69	0%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	38	38	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	48	48	0%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	40	0%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	91	91	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	71	71	0%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	40	0%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Rupee	48	42	-13%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Rupee	50	45	-10%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	60	+20%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Rupee	53	50	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Rupee	16	15	-6%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	50	+25%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	70	70	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	60	60	0%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	96	96	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	69	0%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	89	89	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%

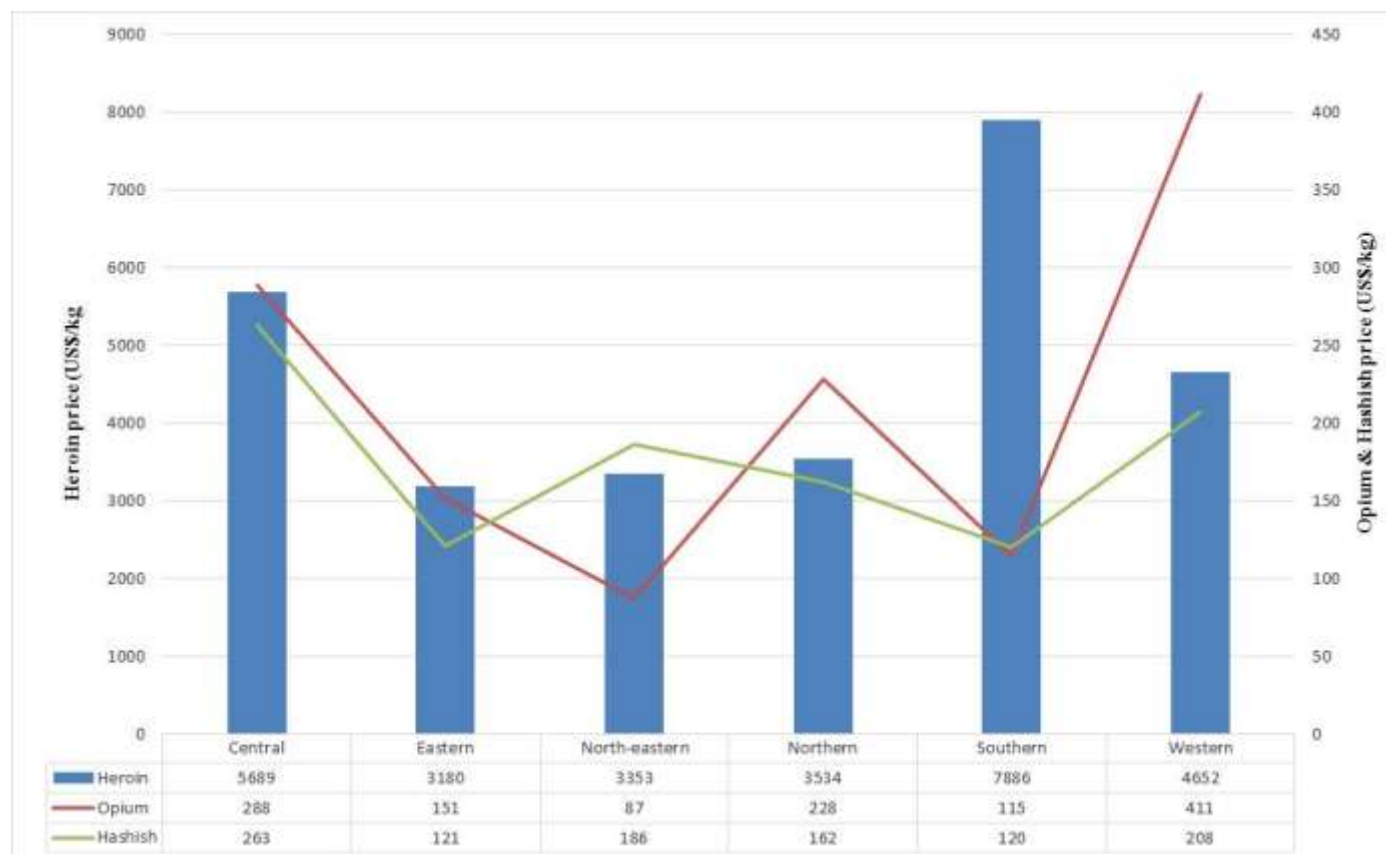
**Table 12: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), December 2016 – December 2017**

Types of seeds	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.52	0.62	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.618	0.622	0.77	0.64	0.63	0.65	0.62	-5%
Poppy seed	0.81	0.92	0.99	1.00	0.93	0.92	0.89	0.88	0.86	0.87	0.98	1.05	1.10	+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), December 2017**



**Table 13: Average<sup>8</sup> prices of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), December 2016 – December 2017**

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Dec-Nov) (%)
	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	
Heroin	4,817	4,866	4,943	4,580	4,194	3,874	4,738	4,766	4,923	4,595	4,675	4,520	4,674	+3%
Opium	265	272	267	260	235	205	215	208	240	185	217	213	220	+3%
Hashish	186	196	195	182	166	167	192	197	173	176	177	182	182	0%

## 8 PRICE OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

**Table 15: Average price of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan, (US\$/Lit) December 2016 – December 2017**

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	####	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	206	215	372	370	590	591	609	654	711	488	489	534	524	-2%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	162	169	174	173	179	184	179	172	181	187	192	197	191	-3%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	148	150	149	144	153	155	148	143	147	153	158	163	154	-5%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	145	152	161	151	167	175	176	165	164	165	165	165	154	-7%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	140	143	148	142	148	153	153	146	145	147	148	152	158	+4%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	202	180	454	453	350	354	374	478	479	203	204	236	269	+14%

## 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 16: Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan in local currency, December 2017**

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	30	0.4
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	90	1.3
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	60	0.9
Balkh	Wheat	-	18	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	51	0.7
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	88	1.3
Balkh	Rice Local	-	54	0.8
Hirat	Wheat	-	22	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	1.3
Hirat	Saffron	-	72,000	1,039
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	90	1.3
Hirat	Rice Local	-	65	0.9
Kandahar	Wheat	53	-	0.5
Kandahar	Cotton	270	-	2.4
Kandahar	Rice Imported	108	-	1.0
Nangarhar	Wheat	38	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	165	-	1.5
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	164	-	1.5
Nangarhar	Rice Local	40	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	25	0.4
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	85	1.2
Takhar	Rice Local	-	55	0.8

**Table 17: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), December 2016 – December 2017**

Types of crops	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.41	0.39	0.42	0.32	0.41	0.38	0.43	0.40	0.40	0.39	0.38	0.37	0.37	-2%
Cotton	1.57	1.54	1.58	1.54	1.62	1.64	1.96	1.59	1.54	1.53	1.51	1.51	1.50	-1%
Saffron	1,647	1,649	1,799	1,802	1,778	1,173	1,186	1,186	1,180	1,180	1,107	1,101	1,039	-6%
Rice (Imported)	1.15	1.20	1.20	0.97	1.21	1.23	1.34	1.20	1.21	1.19	1.22	1.29	1.26	-2%
Rice (Local)	0.71	0.68	0.73	0.57	0.74	0.76	0.78	0.78	0.80	0.76	0.78	0.74	0.75	0%



## 10 METHODOLOGY:

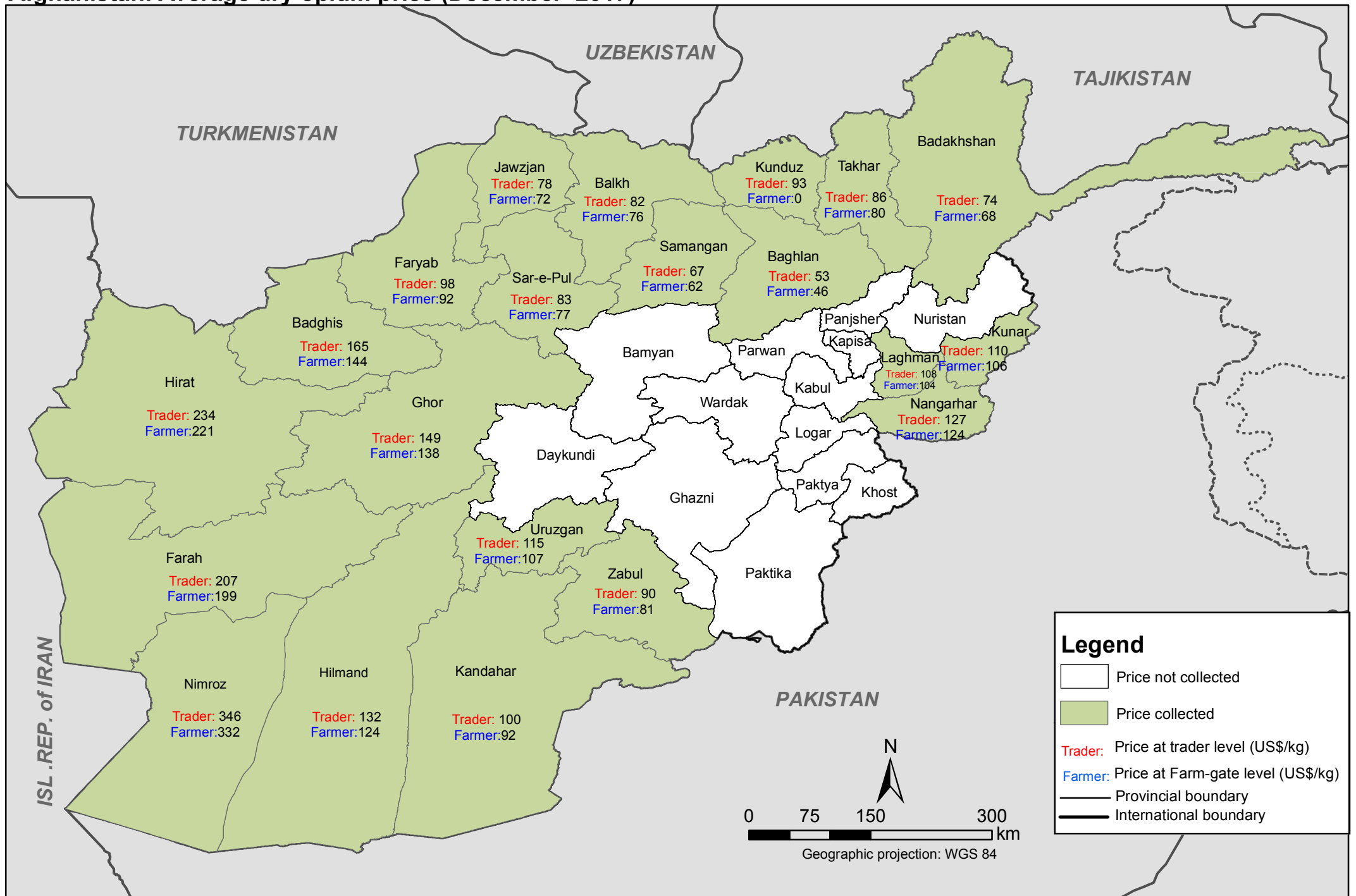
- Prices are collected in the last week of every month from around twenty farmers and equal numbers of trader prices are collected by MCN Survey coordinators generally from different farmers and traders each month; however, the price data collection is sourced from a few known farmers and traders as well.
- Opium prices are collected from 21 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 18:** Number of observations of dry and fresh opium prices

	Number of observations (n)		Number of provinces price collected
	Farm-gate price	Trader price	
<b>Dry Opium</b>	196	199	21
<b>Fresh Opium</b>	133	131	15



# Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (December 2017)

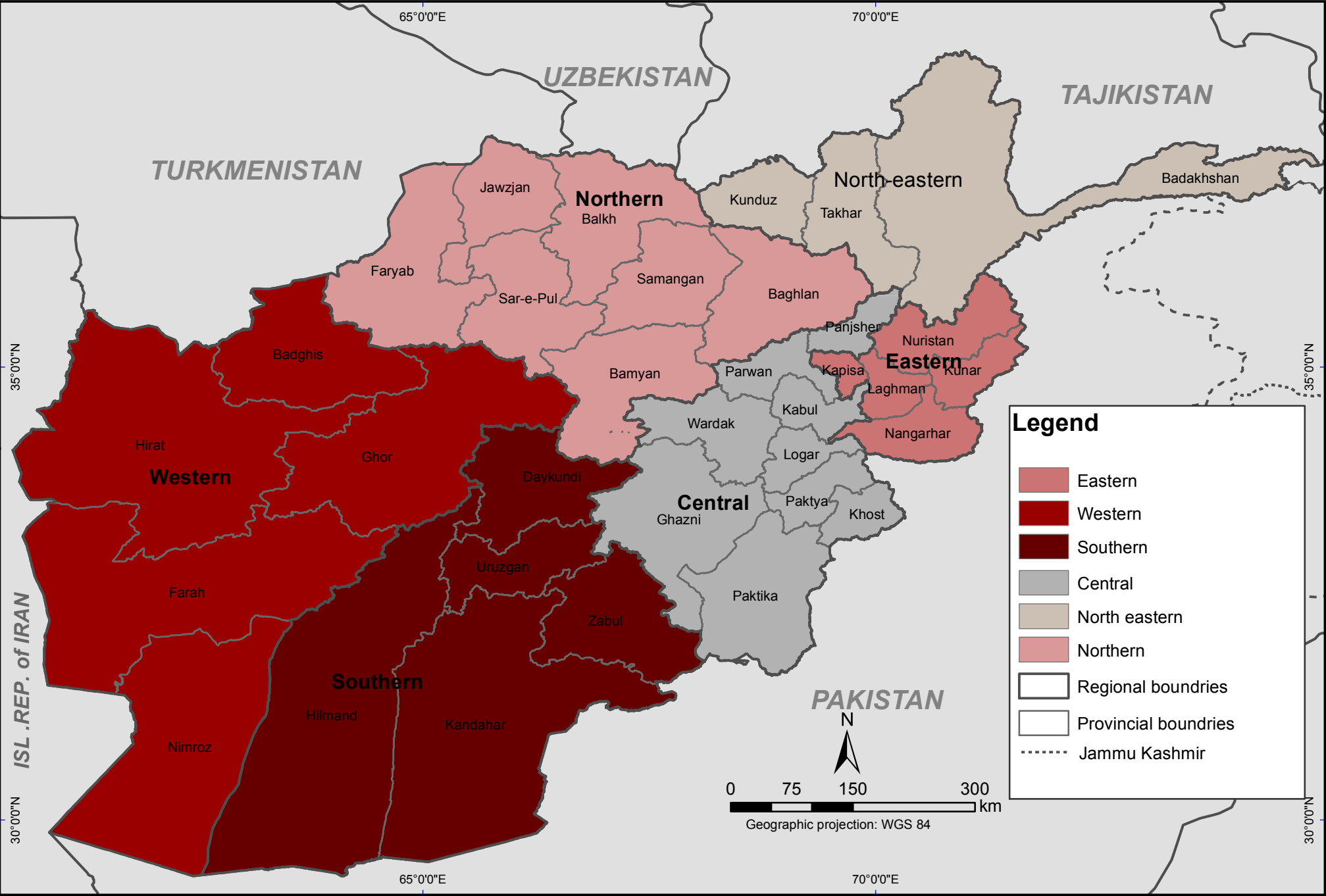


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Regional grouping of provinces for the opium poppy survey in Afghanistan



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