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MCN: Ministry of Counter Narcotics

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1 KEY FINDINGS:

1.1 Trends of drug prices.

	By Month			By Year		
	Nov_2018	Dec_2018	Change %	Dec_2017	Dec_2018	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	80	83	+3%	118	83	-30%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	87	89	+2%	126	89	-30%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	61	64	+4%	99	64	-36%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	68	71	+4%	108	71	-34%
Heroin High Quality	2,690	2,814	+5%	3,158	2,814	-11%
Heroin Medium Quality	2,007	2,196	+9%	2,158	2,196	+2%

2 INTRODUCTION:

The Afghanistan Drug Price-monitoring is implemented by the Ministry of Counter Narcotics (MCN) of Afghanistan 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\$ 83 kg** at the end of December 2018 which is 3% higher compared to price reported in November 2018 (US\$ 80/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in December 2018 is 30% lower than the price reported in December 2017 which was US\$ 118/kg.

Figure 1: National average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from (June 2004 to December 2018)



Table 1: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (November 2018 to December 2018)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Nov-18	Dec-18	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	99	103	+4%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	79	79	0%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	110	112	+2%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	45	46	+2%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	57	64	+11%
Average	80	83	+3%

Trader price:

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 89/kg** at the end of December 2018 showing **2%** increase compared to the price reported last month (November 2018) (**US\$ 87/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in December 2018 is **30%** lower than the price reported last year (December 2017) which was **US\$ 126/kg**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 11%, 4% and 1% in Northern, Eastern and Western regions respectively. Price has decreased by 2% in North-eastern region.

Table 2: National average price of dry opium at Trader level US\$/kg (December 2017 to December 2018)

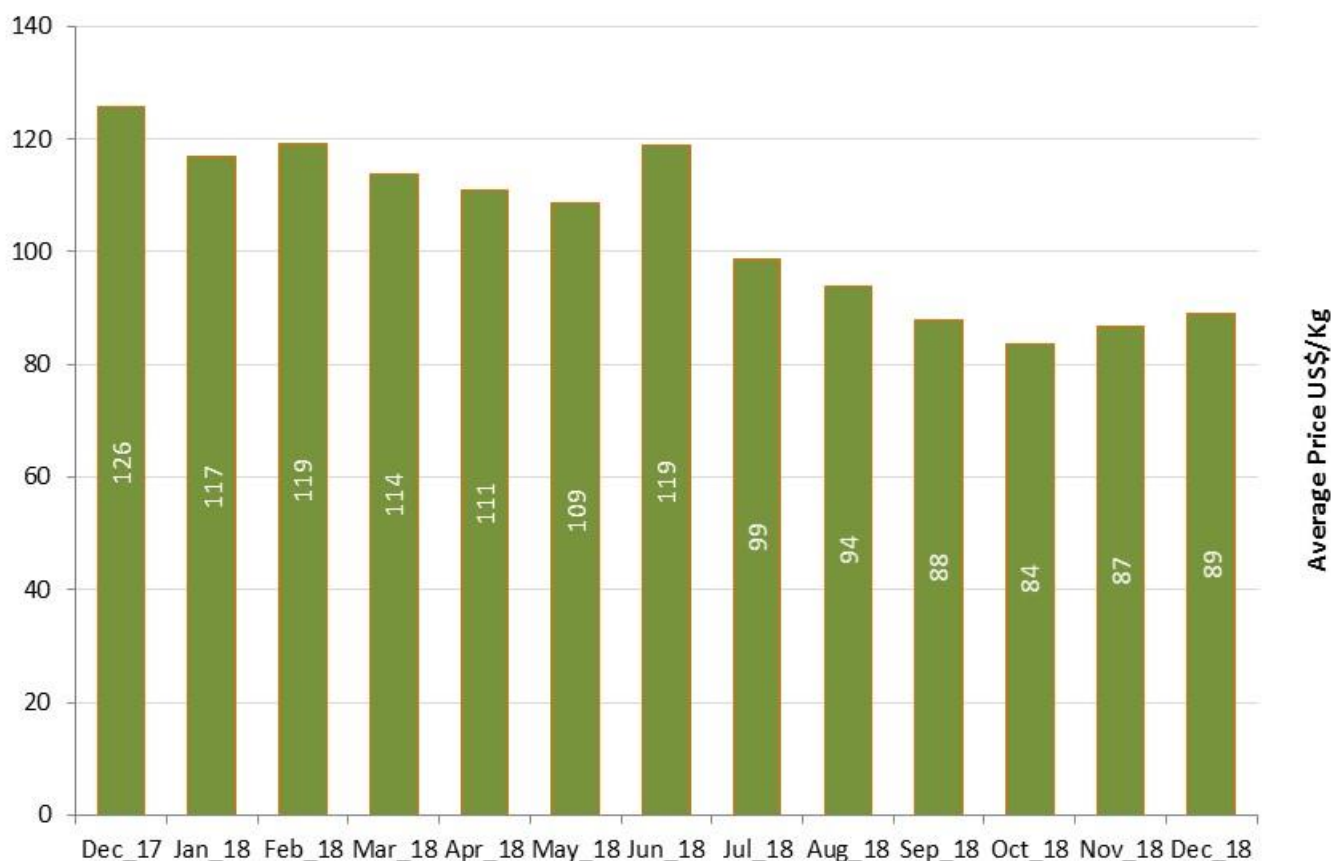


Figure 2: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (November 2018 to December 2018)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Nov-18	Dec-18	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	101	106	+4%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	86	86	0%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	119	120	+1%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	55	54	-2%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	62	69	+11%
Average	87	89	+2%

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\$ 95/kg** in December 2018 showing an increase of 8% compared to the price reported in November 2018 (**US\$ 88**). The average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 159/kg** in December 2018 with a decreased by 3% compared to the price reported in November 2018 (**US\$ 163**).

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-18	Dec-18		Nov-18	Dec-18	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	88	95	+8%	163	159	-3%

Trader price:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 101/kg** in December 2018 showing an increase of 9% compared to the price reported in November 2018 (**US\$ 93/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 167/kg** in December 2018 with a decreased by 3% compared to the price reported in November 2018 (**US\$ 172**).

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-18	Dec-18		Nov-18	Dec-18	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	93	101	+9%	172	167	-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 (Dec- Nov) (%)	Change at trader level (Dec-Nov) (%)
		Nov-18		Dec-18			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	13,214	13,568	13,787	14,145	+4%	+4%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	10,557	11,493	10,965	11,896	+4%	+4%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	5,058	6,142	6,321	7,405	+25%	+21%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	1,273,016	1,314,892	1,314,327	1,356,202	+3%	+3%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	3,421	4,171	3,495	4,092	+2%	-2%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	4,333	4,724	4,810	5,221	+11%	+11%

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

3.2 FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of December 2018, the national average price of fresh opium increased by **4%** from **US\$ 61/kg** in **November 2018** to **US\$ 64/kg** in **December 2018** at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level increased by **4%** from **US\$ 68/kg** in November 2018 to **US\$ 71/kg** in December 2018).

Figure 3: National average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level, US\$/kg (Jun 2005 to December 2018)



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-18		Dec-18			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	9,244	10,206	9,551	10,461	+3%	+2%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	2,416	3,179	3,679	4,442	+52%	+40%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	1,020,006	1,060,720	1,062,316	1,102,030	+4%	+4%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	2,692	3,378	2,692	3,378	0%	0%
Northern region (Baghlian, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	3,539	3,862	4,056	4,400	+15%	+14%

* 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\$ 53/kg) is called as Khata # 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

Table 7: Prices of different types of Heroin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), December 2017 – December 2018

Province	Types of Heroin	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Change (Dec-Nov) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	705	894	900	754	561	201	210	202	NA	NA	NA	1,408	2,267	+61%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	2,750	2,981	2,999	2,611	2,807	2,708	2,649	2,016	2,621	2,987	2,203	2,011	2,533	+26%
Balkh	Best powder	3,188	3,186	3,167	3,134	3,172	3,152	3,195	3,228	3,244	3,144	3,198	2,844	3,360	+18%
	White powder (Crystal)	4,029	4,037	3,981	3,918	3,915	3,863	3,889	3,949	4,003	4,006	4,064	3,638	4,155	+14%
Hirat	Morphine	3,994	3,803	4,106	4,395	4,353	4,881	5,646	3,257	3,090	2,993	2,991	3,808	3,112	-18%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	4,147	3,939	4,160	4,530	4,510	5,076	5,869	3,386	3,212	3,111	3,110	3,655	3,006	-18%
Kandahar	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	2,677	2,538	2,531	2,545	2,673	2,981	3,454	1,986	1,884	1,838	1,826	2,227	1,834	-18%
	Morphine	2,448	2,356	2,266	2,190	2,123	2,171	2,147	1,991	2,031	2,063	1,961	1,989	2,020	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,451	1,359	1,269	1,227	1,196	1,216	1,239	1,210	1,218	1,246	1,207	1,260	1,284	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	997	952	906	876	867	955	974	937	894	922	905	943	938	-1%
	White powder (Crystal)	2,811	2,773	2,719	2,629	2,600	2,692	2,642	2,515	2,559	2,549	2,413	2,431	2,417	-1%
Nangarhar	Best powder	1,381	1,356	1,341	1,278	1,265	1,273	1,228	1,144	1,206	1,208	1,123	1,144	1,096	-4%
	Chara # 1	84	81	79	74	74	78	78	74	79	81	76	71	78	+10%
	Chara # 2	64	63	62	58	56	59	59	54	57	57	52	52	54	+3%
	Khata # 1	65	65	63	61	62	65	62	57	61	62	60	54	60	+11%
	Khata # 2	56	54	54	52	55	56	58	53	55	55	51	47	53	+12%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	2,771	2,731	2,728	2,609	2,599	2,615	2,513	2,358	2,477	2,480	2,306	2,296	2,232	-3%
	White powder (Injection)	3,198	3,147	3,136	3,000	2,998	3,013	2,892	2,700	2,844	2,853	2,650	2,647	2,575	-3%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,014	2,484	2,499	2,249	1,683	2,105	2,242	1,613	1,959	1,992	1,803	1,760	2,200	+25%

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-18	Dec-18	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	106,120	170,000	+60%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	151,600	190,000	+25%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	215,000	252,000	+17%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	275,000	311,600	+13%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	34,962,000	31,333,000	-10%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	33,555,000	30,266,000	-10%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	20,444,000	18,466,000	-10%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	270,000	280,000	+4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	171,000	178,000	+4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	128,000	130,000	+2%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	330,000	335,000	+2%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	153,000	152,000	-1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	9,500	10,800	+14%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,500	+7%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,200	8,300	+15%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	6,300	7,300	+16%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	307,000	309,500	+1%
Takhar	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	354,000	357,000	+1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	132,650	165,000	+24%

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 2017–December 2018

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Chang (Dec-Nov) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	109	113	91	109	171	132	111	104	76	74	67	66	83	+25%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	83	87	73	55	71	56	56	60	69	82	80	99	87	-13%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	65	70	58	39	51	35	35	36	44	64	57	73	67	-8%
Hirat	Garda # 1	123	113	109	106	115	119	173	100	91	98	93	113	93	-18%
	Garda # 2	67	60	58	58	71	54	85	69	64	68	66	81	65	-20%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	54	58	58	57	54	58	59	57	60	59	57	58	59	+2%
	Garda # 2	32	34	34	33	30	32	33	31	34	36	35	33	34	+1%
	Garda # 3	17	19	19	19	17	19	20	17	18	20	20	17	18	+11%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	132	129	127	124	126	130	127	117	127	122	110	109	103	-5%
	Garda # 2	97	95	93	91	91	93	91	82	90	85	75	73	68	-7%
	Garda # 3	73	72	73	70	69	69	66	62	65	65	60	58	54	-7%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	87	90	65	73	107	98	104	101	97	99	80	121	120	-1%

Figure 4: Average price of cannabis resin (Garda # 1, best quality) in US\$/kg, December 2017–December 2018

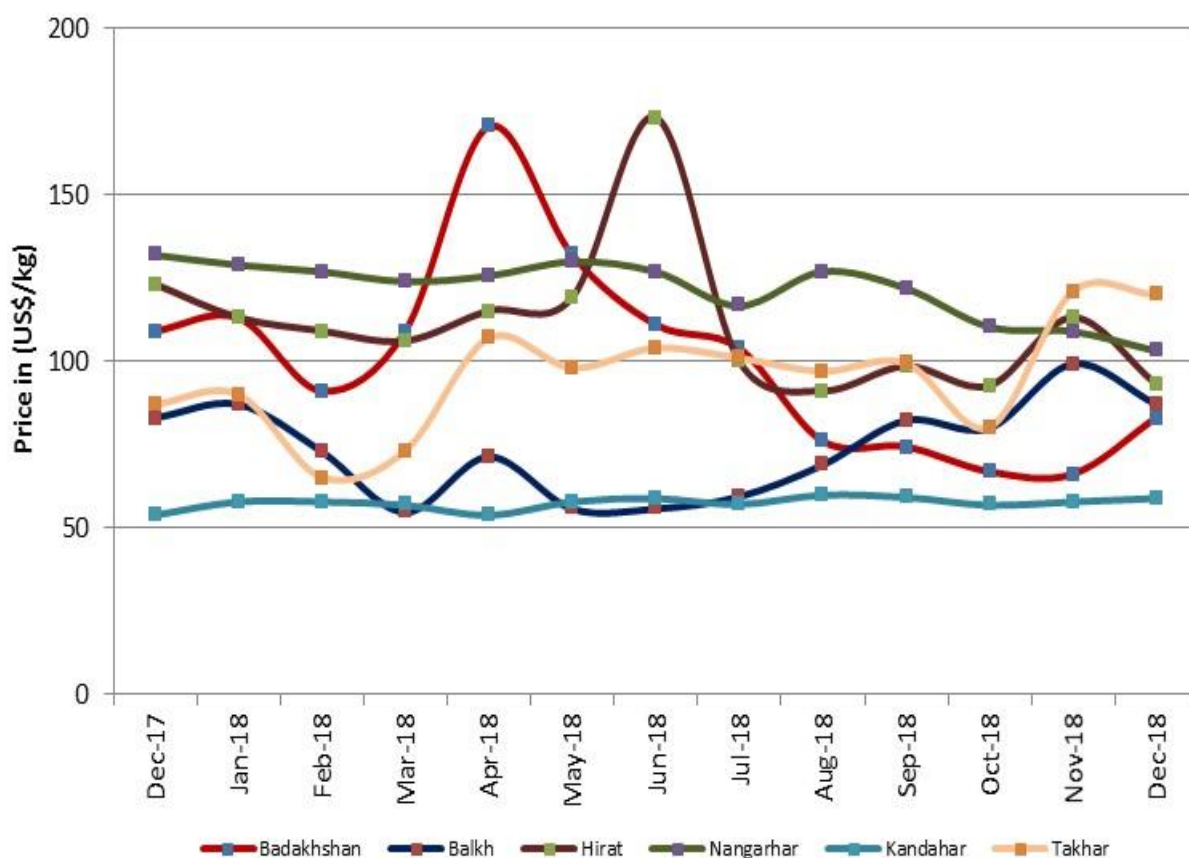


Figure 5: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), December 2018

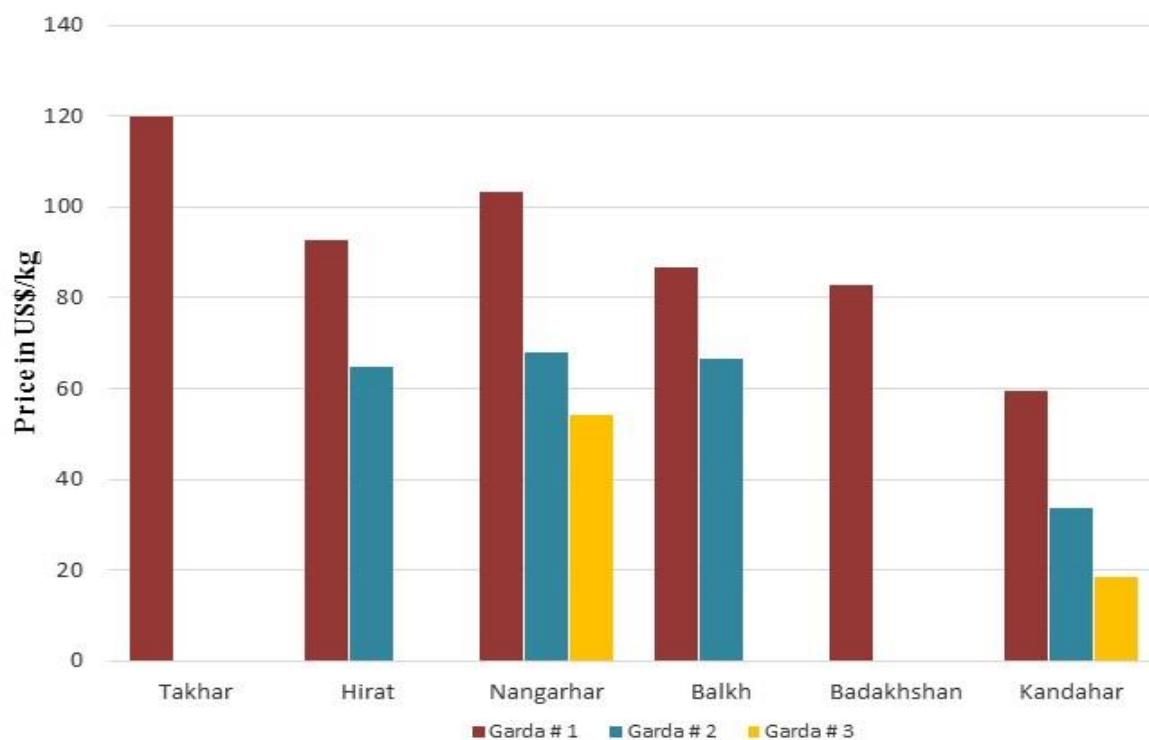


Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in other than USD currency, November 2018 – December 2018

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Dec-Nov) %
			Nov-18	Dec-18	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	5000	6200	+24%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	7,500	6,500	-13%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	5,500	5,000	-9%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	1,037,000	933,000	-10%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	741,000	653,000	-12%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,778	8,222	+6%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	4,444	4,667	+5%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	2,222	2,556	+15%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	14,500	14,300	+1%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	9,700	9,400	-3%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	7,800	7,500	-4%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	9096	9000	-1%

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 2018 – December 2018

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Dec-Nov) (%)
			Nov-18	Dec-18	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	43	+8%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	19	21	+11%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	180	170	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	25	20	-20%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	200	180	-10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	25	-17%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	63	63	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	75	0%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	200	190	-5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	25	-17%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	84	84	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	71	71	0%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	88	88	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	100	100	0%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	48	50	+4%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	89	89	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	69	0%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	50	+25%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	50	52	+4%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	52	55	+6%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	55	50	-9%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	56	60	+7%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	28	22	-21%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	48	40	-17%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	45	47	+4%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	17	18	+6%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	93	93	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	89	89	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	69	0%

Table 12: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), December 2017 – December 2018

Types of seeds	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Increase/D decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.62	0.64	0.63	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.68	0.72	0.73	0.62	0.63	0.65	0.64	-2%
Poppy seed	1.10	1.17	1.13	1.11	1.09	1.07	1.01	1.04	1.03	0.99	1.05	1.07	1.05	-2%

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 2018



Table 13: Average⁸ prices of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), December 2017 – December 2018

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Dec-Nov) (%)
	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	
Heroin	4,674	4,876	4,501	4,333	4,442	4,450	3,746	3,694	3,968	4,344	4,129	4,162	4,426	+6%
Opium	220	243	225	224	230	227	235	228	245	222	206	211	233	+10%
Hashish	182	165	169	167	166	160	140	140	137	152	149	211	150	-29%

8 PRICE OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

Table 15: Average price of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan, (US\$/Lit) December 2017 – December 2018

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	524	511	506	448	446	440	430	380	392	513	375	351	349	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	191	199	199	194	194	191	165	156	161	156	143	142	137	-4%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	154	159	157	152	152	147	132	132	135	131	120	123	123	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	154	142	143	137	139	137	138	130	131	130	128	131	128	-2%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	158	154	150	144	142	138	135	129	130	128	124	124	123	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	269	263	245	191	185	176	165	146	139	391	167	126	139	+10%

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 2018

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	-	90	1.2
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	42	0.6
Balkh	Wheat	-	22	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	46	0.6
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	95	1.3
Balkh	Rice Local	-	60	0.8
Hirat	Wheat	-	25	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	1.2
Hirat	Saffron	-	48,000	642
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	95	1.3
Hirat	Rice Local	-	90	1.2
Kandahar	Wheat	50	-	0.4
Kandahar	Cotton	255	-	1.8
Kandahar	Rice Imported	105	-	0.8
Nangarhar	Wheat	42	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	185	-	1.3
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	160	-	1.2
Nangarhar	Rice Local	53	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	18	0.2
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	85	1.1
Takhar	Rice Local	-	45	0.6

Table 17: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), December 2017 – December 2018

Types of crops	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.37	0.37	0.33	0.36	0.39	0.36	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.31	0.30	-3%
Cotton	1.50	1.50	1.51	1.46	2.04	1.47	1.42	1.37	1.35	1.32	1.28	1.30	1.25	-4%
Saffron	1,039	1,007	944	917	858	914	942	975	982	796	730	663	642	-3%
Rice (Imported)	1.26	1.32	1.30	1.30	1.29	1.27	1.21	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.16	1.19	1.13	-5%
Rice (Local)	0.75	0.83	0.82	0.81	0.66	0.77	0.69	0.68	0.77	0.71	0.73	0.78	0.71	-9%

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	
Dry Opium	206	206	21
Fresh Opium	154	154	17