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1. Key Findings

1.1. Trends of Drug prices

Table1: Summary Drug of Prices

	By Month			By Year		
	November_2019	December_2019	Change %	December_2018	December_2019	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	81	79	-3%	83	79	-5%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	87	83	-4%	89	83	-6%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	62	64	+4%	64	64	0%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	66	68	+4%	71	68	-3%
Heroin High Quality	2,105	2,097	-0.4%	2,814	2,097	-25%
Heroin Medium Quality	1,492	1,489	-0.2%	2,196	1,489	-32%
Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	5	6	31%	NA	6	NA
Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	3	3	-19%	NA	3	NA
Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1	1	-38%	NA	1	NA
Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.7	0.7	-8%	NA	0.7	NA
MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	11	12	+9%	NA	12	NA
MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	11	11	-4%	NA	11	NA
MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	9	9	+1%	NA	9	NA
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	3	3	+2%	NA	3	NA

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 a 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, precursor-chemicals, illicit crops and syntactic drugs which are included in the report since October 2019. On the last page, the methodology section explained the method, that we prepared this report.

3. Opium

3.1 Dry opium

3.1.1 Farm-gate price

The national average price for one kilogram of dry opium in Afghanistan at the farm-gate level was **(US\$ 79/kg)** at the end of December 2019 which is 3% lower compared to the price reported in November 2019 **(US\$ 81/kg)**. The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in December 2019 is 5% lower than the price reported in December 2018 which was **(US\$ 83/kg)**.

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



Table 2: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (November 2019 to December 2019)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Nov-19	Dec-19	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	110	104	-5%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	68	69	+2%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	106	99	-7%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	56	57	+1%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	54	56	+3%
Average	81	79	-3%

3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **(US\$ 83/kg)** at the end of December 2019 showing **4%** decrease compared to the price reported last month November 2019 **(US\$ 87/kg)**. The average dry opium price at trader level in December 2019 is stable reported like last year December 2018 which was (US\$ 89/kg).

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by **2%** and **2%** Southern and Northern regions respectively. Price has decreased by **10%** and **4%** in Western and Eastern regions respectively.

Figure 1: National average price of dry opium at trader level US\$/kg (December 2018 to December 2019)

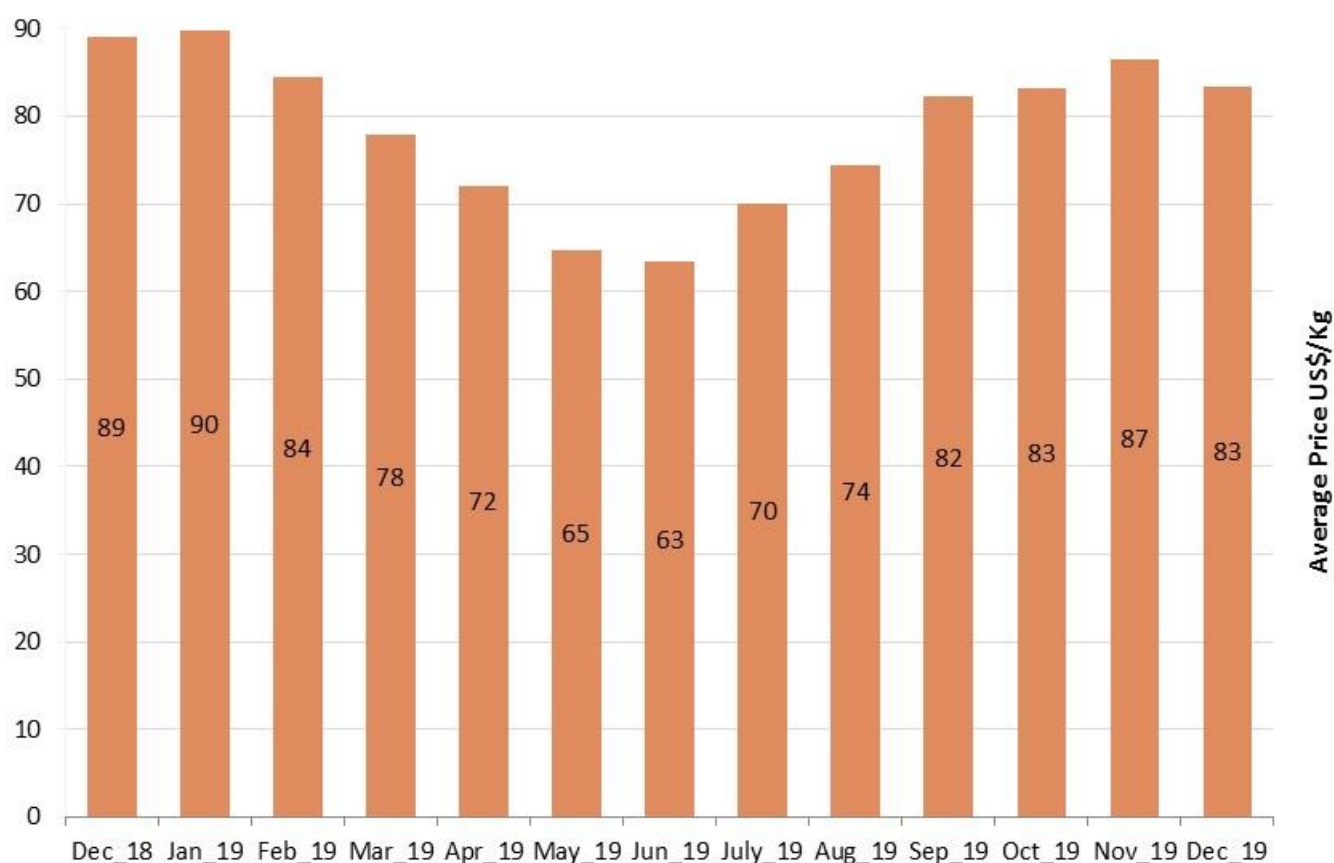


Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (November 2019 to December 2019)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Nov-19	Dec-19	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	112	107	-4%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	75	76	+2%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	110	100	-10%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	66	66	0%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	59	60	+2%
Average	87	83	-4%

3.2. Dry Opium (Chaynaki Quality)

3.2.1. Farm-gate price

The 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 one kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at the farm-gate level in Balkh province is (US\$ 88/kg) in December 2019 showing an increase of 3% compared to the price reported in November 2019 (US\$ 86/kg). The average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is (US\$ 124/kg) in December 2019 with an increased by 1% compared to the price reported in November (US\$ 123/kg).

Table 4: 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-19	Dec-19		Nov-19	Dec-19	
Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	86	88	+3%	123	124	+1%

3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 93/kg) in December 2019 showing an increase of 2% compared to the price reported in October 2019 (US\$ 93kg). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 132/kg) in December 2019 with an increased by 1% compared to the price reported in November 2019 (US\$ 130/kg).

Table 5: 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-19	Dec-19		Nov-19	Dec-19	
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	91	93	+2%	130	132	+1%

Table 6: 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-19		Dec-19			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	18,539	17,428	16,105	16,532	-13%	-5%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	10,514	11,633	10,684	11,760	+2%	+1%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	6,329	6,680	6,729	7,080	+6%	+6%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	1,512,628	1,554,145	1,433,782	1,480,520	-5%	-5%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	4,430	5,180	4,469	5,160	+1%	-0.4%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	4,230	4,623	4,351	4,718	+3%	+2%

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

3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of December 2019, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by **4%** from **(US\$ 62/kg)** in November 2019 to **(US\$ 64/kg)** in December 2019 at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level increased by **4%** from **(US\$ 66/kg)** in November 2019 to **(US\$ 68/kg)** in December 2019.

Figure 2: National average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level, US\$/kg (June 2005 to December 2019)

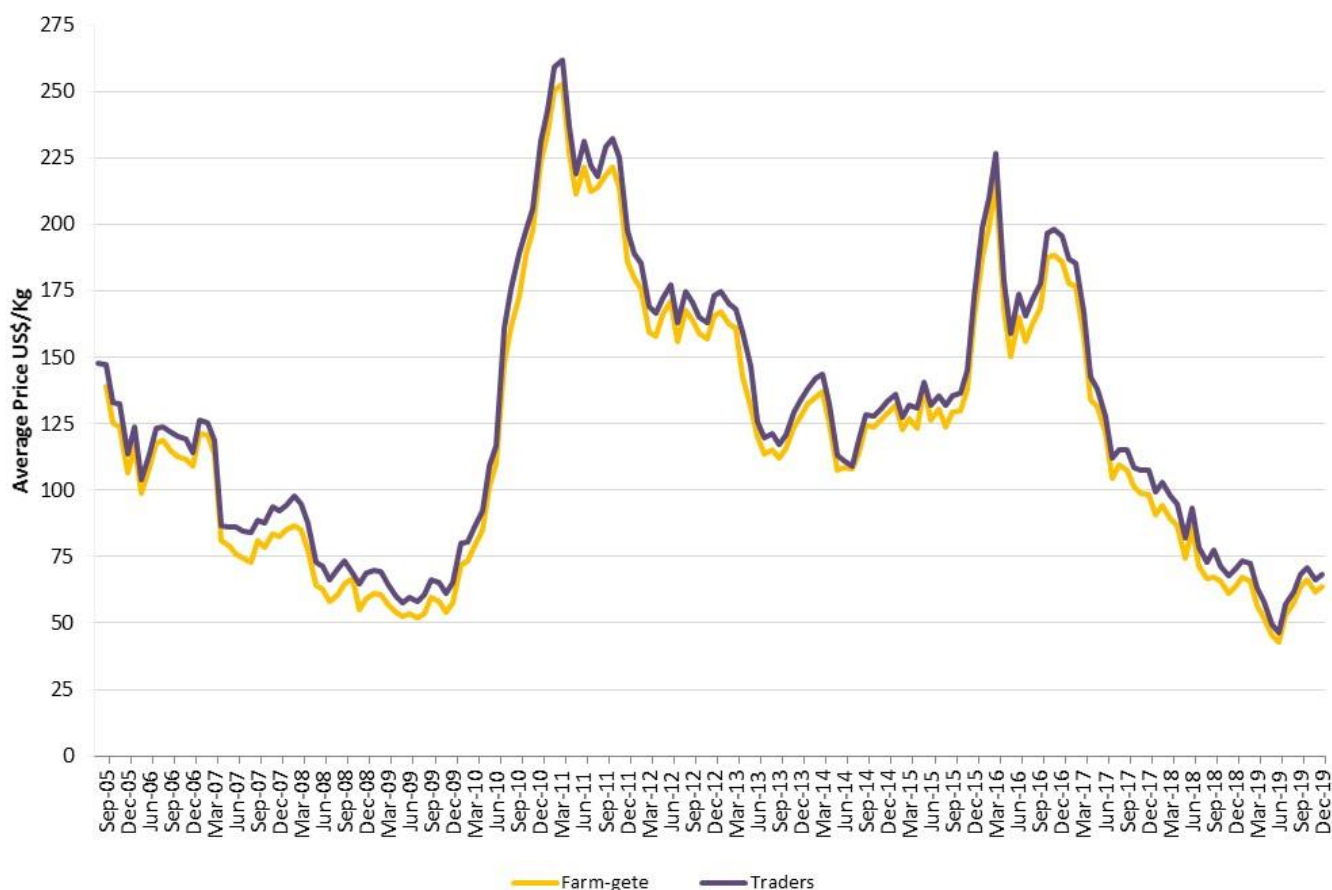


Table 7: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency

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-19		Dec-19			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	8,812	9,984	8,974	10,468	+2%	+5%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	4,521	4,793	4,921	5,193	+9%	+8%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	1,110,869	1,145,564	1,113,509	1,155,484	+0.2%	+1%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	3,248	3,635	3,349	3,711	+3%	+2%

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

4. Heroin

There are several types of heroin¹ available in Afghanistan with different qualities. 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\$ 47/kg) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

Table 8: Prices of different types of Heroin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), December 2018 – December 2019

Province	Types of Heroin	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Change (Dec-Nov) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	2,267	1,504	1,203	1,217	904	751	828	897	780	1,201	1,087	1,006	1,004	-0.2%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	2,533	1,605	1,603	1,600	1,303	1,126	1,112	1,309	1,114	1,502	1,449	1,509	1,707	+13%
Balkh	Best powder	3,360	2,764	2,740	2,608	2,492	2,249	2,211	1,568	1,701	1,662	1,709	1,536	1,569	+2%
	White powder (Crystal)	4,155	3,328	3,325	3,300	3,184	2,933	2,878	2,186	2,341	2,344	2,413	2,368	2,412	+2%
Hirat	Morphine	3,112	3,090	3,306	3,112	3,102	2,978	2,933	3,002	3,040	3,040	3,044	3,045	2,691	-12%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	3,006	2,960	3,167	2,981	2,971	2,852	2,816	2,901	2,937	2,886	2,891	2,559	2,115	-17%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	1,834	1,799	1,925	1,819	1,813	1,740	1,704	1,748	1,770	1,482	1,663	1,609	1,538	-4%
Kandahar	Morphine	2,020	2,056	2,015	1,827	1,770	1,620	1,579	1,563	1,710	1,759	1,799	1,808	1,843	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,284	1,299	1,223	1,074	991	893	878	875	1,013	1,056	1,092	1,097	1,138	+4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	938	974	935	860	779	694	688	688	760	781	771	775	809	+4%
	White powder (Crystal)	2,417	2,453	2,374	2,221	2,124	1,984	1,910	1,875	1,994	2,034	2,056	2,066	2,115	+2%
Nangarhar	Best powder	1,096	1,112	1,117	1,091	1,077	1,003	925	947	969	997	1,009	1,021	1,013	-1%
	Chara # 1	78	79	79	78	75	68	62	65	69	73	77	78	75	-4%
	Chara # 2	54	54	58	55	53	48	43	44	44	48	48	52	52	0%
	Khata # 1	60	61	61	57	57	51	46	48	50	54	58	58	58	0%
	Khata # 2	53	53	54	51	50	45	41	41	43	45	48	52	47	-8%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	2,232	2,237	2,242	2,204	2,176	2,025	1,869	2,075	2,109	2,160	2,185	2,211	2,195	-1%
	White powder (Injection)	2,575	2,591	2,595	2,546	2,516	2,337	2,159	2,206	2,241	2,287	2,314	2,340	2,325	-1%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,200	1,705	1,704	1,719	1,704	1,502	1,174	1,672	1,137	1,802	1,726	1,787	1,908	+7%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,200	1,705	1,704	1,719	1,704	1,502	1,174	1,672	1,137	1,802	1,726	1,787	1,908	+7%

Table 9: 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-19	Dec-19	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	78,800	78,340	-1%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	118,200	133,178	+13%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	120,000	122,400	+2%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	185,000	188,200	+2%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	37,149,000	27,812,250	-25%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	31,219,800	35,386,650	+13%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	19,624,000	20,224,700	+3%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	280,000	285,000	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	170,000	176,000	+4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	120,000	125,000	+4%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	320,000	327,000	+2%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	158,000	156,000	-1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	12,000	11,500	-4%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,000	8,000	0%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	9,000	9,000	0%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,000	7,300	-9%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	342,000	338,000	-1%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	362,000	358,000	-1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	140,000	148,846	+6%

¹ Heroin is an opioid drug made from morphine, a natural substance taken from the seed pod of the various opium poppy plants grown in Southeast and Southwest Asia, Mexico, and Colombia. Heroin can be a white or brown powder, or a black sticky substance known as black tar heroin. Other common names for heroin include *big H*, *horse*, *hell dust*, and *smack*.

5. Synthetic Drugs

Synthetic drugs are a dangerous chemical and it has intensive effects on health, and after a long time it makes consumer addicted, and can be potentially life threatening. Primary users, of these synthetic drugs are youths in Afghanistan; because products are cheap and easily accessible to teenagers everywhere, at stores, smoke shops and party ceremonies.

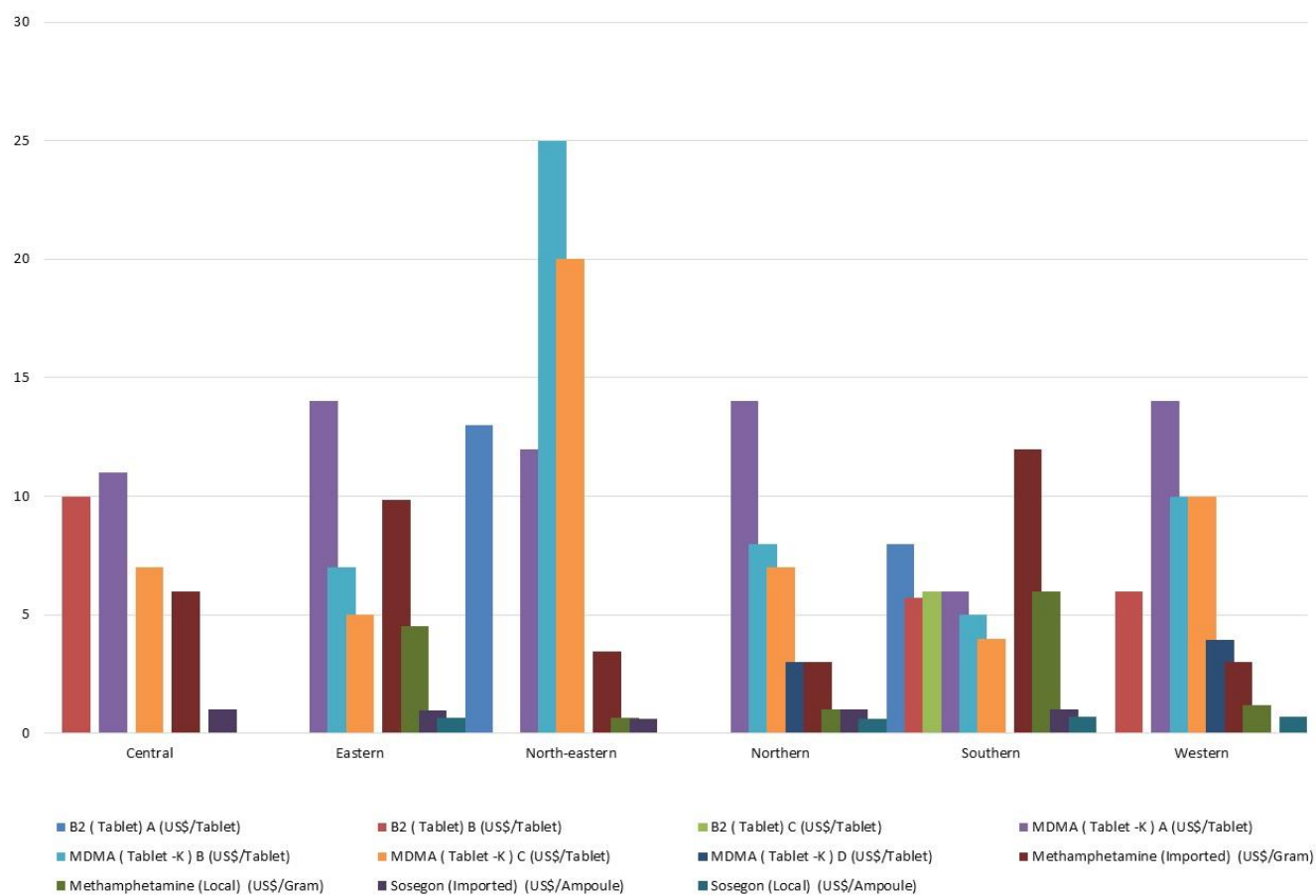
Synthetic drugs, could be addictive and creates a serious threat on the health of every one in daily life. Methamphetamine², Tablet K and Sosegon are available in Afghanistan, which Methamphetamine is sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine, for details of its cheap price and accessible for youth.

Table 10: Prices of all types of Synthetic Drugs in (US\$/UNIT)

Region	Types of Synthetic Drugs	Dec-19
Central	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	6
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	11
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	10
Eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	10
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	5
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	7
North-eastern	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	5
	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	3
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	12
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	25
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	20
Northern	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	13
	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	3
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	8
Southern	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	3
	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	12
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	6
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	5
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	4
Western	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	8
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	6
	B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet)	6
	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	3
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	10
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	10
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	4
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	6

² Methamphetamine is a powerful, highly addictive stimulant that affects the central nervous system. Also known as meth, blue, ice, and crystal, among many other terms, it takes the form of a white, odorless, bitter-tasting crystalline powder that easily dissolves in water or alcohol.

Figure 4: Types of Synthetic Drugs in US Dollar



6. 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 11: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Dec 2018 – Dec 2019

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Chang (Dec-Nov) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	83	84	81	116	90	81	86	87	77	120	109	83	86	+3%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	87	93	81	93	97	75	99	106	105	90	102	90	90	0%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	67	67	54	60	65	56	72	81	77	58	77	64	64	0%
Hirat	Garda # 1	93	89	98	93	85	75	78	79	79	77	77	76	83	+10%
	Garda # 2	65	65	67	60	56	50	49	51	51	55	58	57	61	+8%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	59	56	51	48	44	40	43	44	48	47	50	48	50	+5%
	Garda # 2	34	32	29	25	22	19	21	24	26	25	26	25	26	+3%
	Garda # 3	18	15	14	13	9	8.8	11	13	14.1	14	16	14	16	+10%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	103	101	97	95	94	86	79	78	76	77	77	74	71	-4%
	Garda # 2	68	66	65	64	62	57	52	50	50	48	47	45	45	+1%
	Garda # 3	54	53	52	50	50	46	43	44	44	45	45	43	42	-2%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	120	121	105	129	129	94	111	112	89	90	87	77	90	+17%

Figure 3: Average price of cannabis resin (Garda # 1, best quality) in US\$/kg, Dec 2018 - Dec 2019

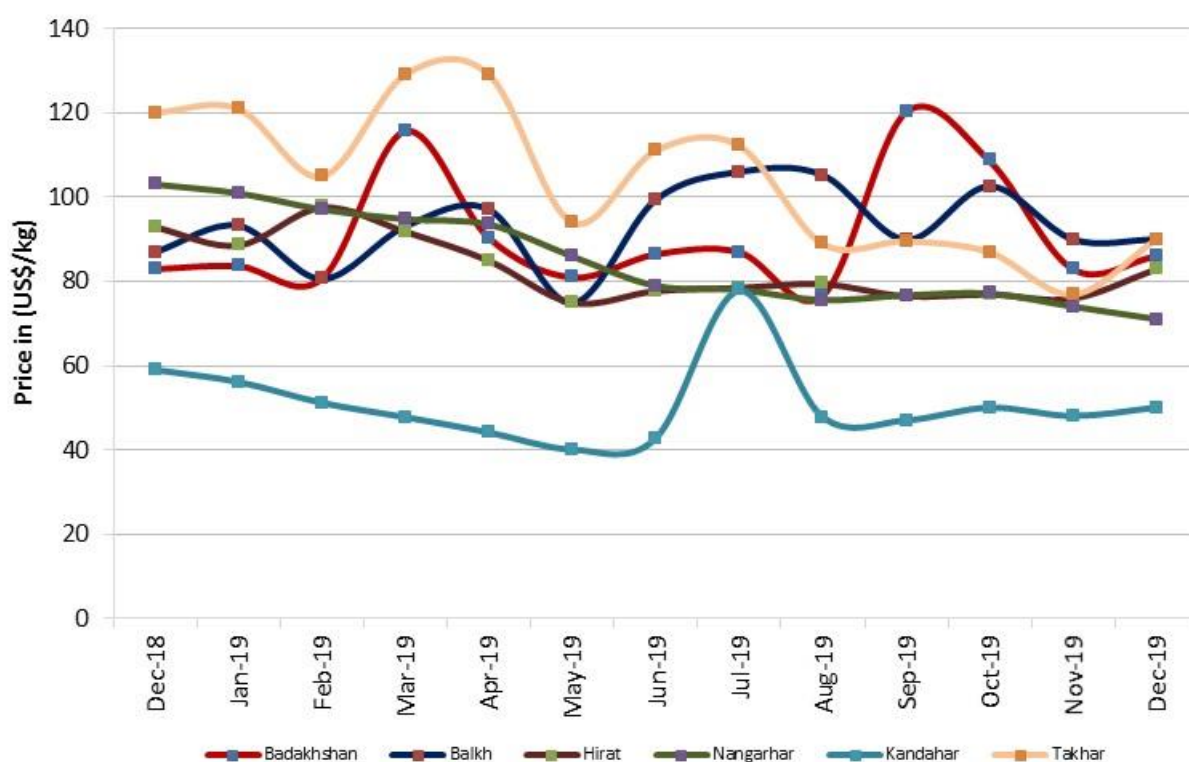


Figure 4: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), December 2019

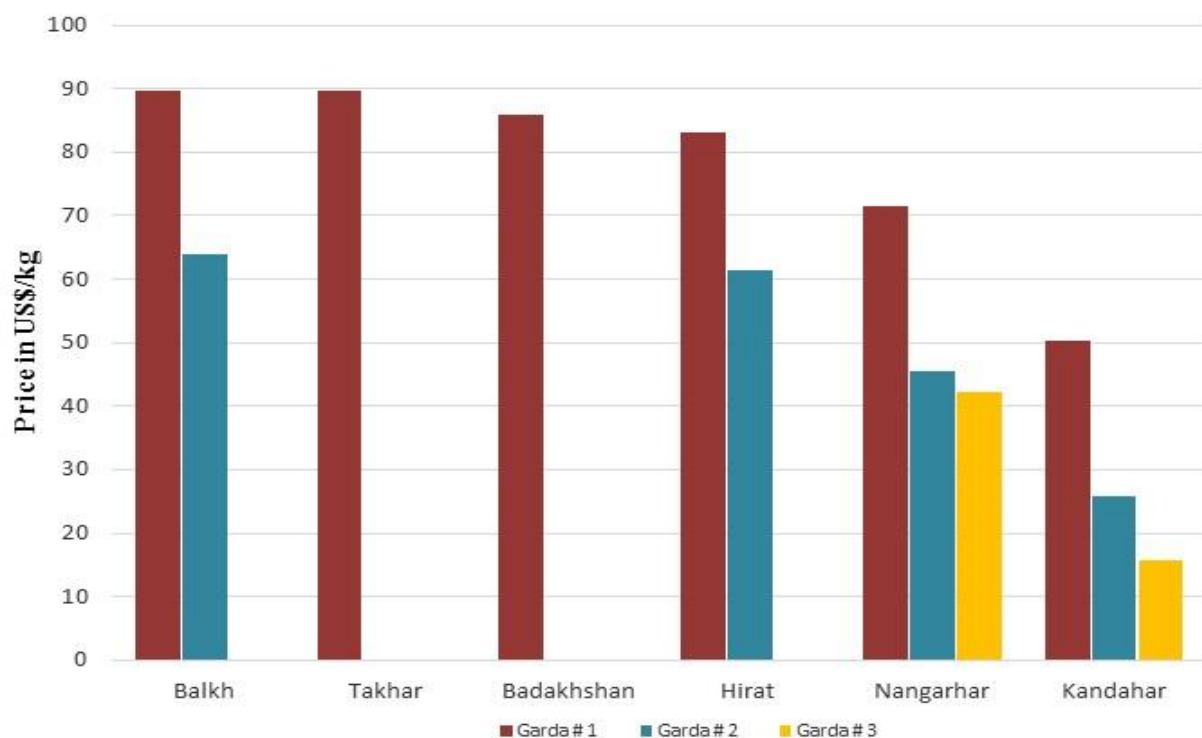


Table 12: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in local currency, Dec 2019 – Dec 2019

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Dec-Nov) %
			Nov-19	Dec-19	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6,500	6,700	+3%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	7,000	7,000	0%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	5,000	5,000	0%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	927,200	1,091,450	+18%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	695,400	802,150	+15%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,444	7,778	+4%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	3,889	4,000	+3%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	2,222	2,444	+10%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	11,500	11,000	-4%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	0%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	6,700	6,500	-3%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6,000	7,000	+17%

7. Seeds: Cannabis and Poppy

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

Table 13: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in other than USD currency, November 2019 – December 2019

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Dec-Nov) (%)
			Nov-19	Dec-19	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	55	+10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	50	+25%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	80	-20%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	30	+50%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	120	120	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	35	+17%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	63	63	0%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	130	-13%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	25	50	+100%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	71	71	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	100	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	75	0%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	70	70	0%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	73	73	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	75	80	+7%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	80	85	+6%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	40	0%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	85	90	+6%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	20	25	+25%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	30	0%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	60	65	+8%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	55	60	+9%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	89	89	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	73	73	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	69	0%

Table 14: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Dec 2018 – Dec 2019

Types of seeds	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.64	0.63	0.62	0.60	0.58	0.56	0.52	0.542	0.542	0.572	0.590	0.652	0.687	+5%
Poppy seed	1.05	1.04	1.02	0.97	0.93	0.82	0.79	0.746	0.710	0.7536	0.8006	0.8872	0.8720	-2%

8. 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 5: Regional average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in (US\$/Kg), Dec 2019

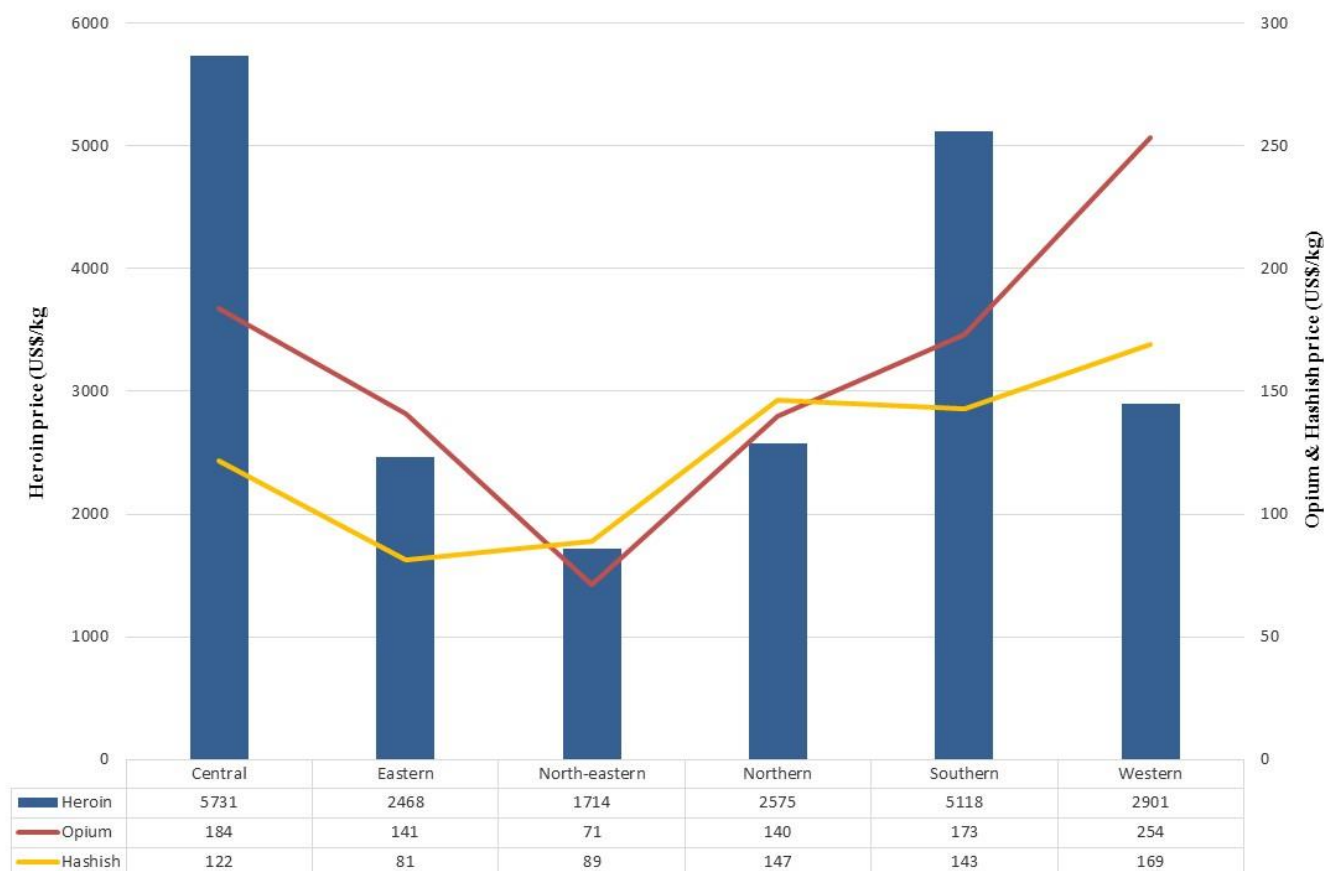


Table 15: Average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Dec 2018 – Dec 2019

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Dec-Nov) (%)
	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	
Heroin	4,426	4,205	4,161	3,286	3,741	3,636	3,711	3,316	3,557	3,739	3,686	3,545	3,579	+1%
Opium	233	206	210	191	202	188	172	175	187	222	236	173	164	-5%
Hashish	150	144	148	143	164	138	144	147	145	145	130	128	130	+1%

9. Price of Acetic Anhydride³

Table 16: Average price of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan, (US\$/Lit) December 2018 – December 2019

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	349	343	342	306	295	300	261	255	266	306	321	311	295	-5%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	137	141	140	139	138	127	117	125	126	128	129	132	130	-2%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	123	125	125	121	118	110	102	106	110	115	119	122	121	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	128	128	123	111	103	96	92	90	92	99	97	99	96	-3%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	123	125	122	116	110	104	101	87	106	106	108	107	104	-3%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	139	137	140	129	107	134	98	89	104	138	170	145	134	-7%

³ Acetic anhydride is the chemical compound with the formula (CH₃CO)₂O. Commonly abbreviated Ac₂O, it is the simplest isolable anhydride of a carboxylic acid and is widely used as a reagent in organic synthesis. It is a colourless liquid that smells strongly of acetic acid, which is formed by its reaction with moisture in the air.

10. Licit Crops

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

Table 17: Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan in local currency, Dec 2019

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	27	0.3
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	95	1.2
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	50	0.6
Balkh	Wheat	-	23	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	50	0.6
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	85	1.1
Balkh	Rice Local	-	50	0.6
Hirat	Wheat	-	24	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	100	1.3
Hirat	Saffron	-	48,000	612
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	75	1.0
Hirat	Rice Local	-	70	0.9
Kandahar	Wheat	57	-	0.4
Kandahar	Cotton	230	-	1.5
Kandahar	Rice Imported	130	-	0.8
Nangarhar	Wheat	45	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	187	-	1.2
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	172	-	1.1
Nangarhar	Rice Local	55	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	25	0.3
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	85	1.1
Takhar	Rice Local	-	45	0.6

Table 18: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Dec 2018 – Dec 2019

Types of crops	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.29	0.30	0.28	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.31	0.32	+4%
Cotton	1.25	1.23	1.28	1.25	1.25	1.19	1.12	1.14	1.09	1.11	1.18	1.15	1.16	+0.4%
Saffron	642	693	739	757	777	814	871	846	832	870	705	641	612	-4%
Rice (Imported)	1.13	1.08	1.07	1.12	1.11	1.08	1.04	1.09	1.09	1.05	1.03	1.06	1.05	-1%
Rice (Local)	0.71	0.68	0.68	0.74	0.69	0.70	0.69	0.71	0.74	0.69	0.58	0.65	0.62	-4%

11. Methodology

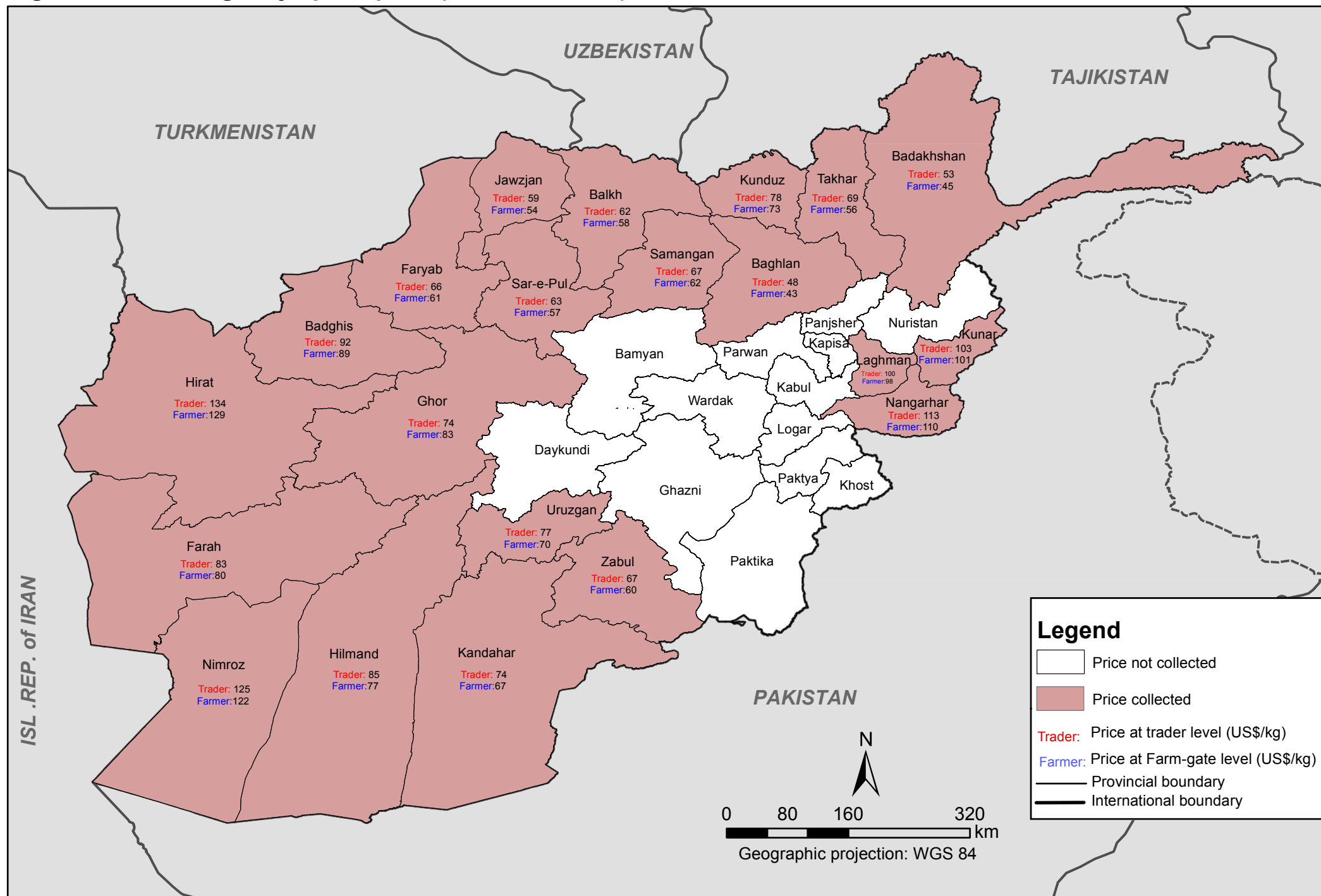
- ❖ Prices are collected in the last week of every month from around twenty farmers and equal numbers of traders by NSAD Survey coordinators generally from different farmers and traders each month. The price data collection is sourced from a few known farmers and traders as well.
- ❖ Opium prices are 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, morphine⁴ 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 19: 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	195	195	21
Fresh Opium	113	113	15

⁴ This medication is used to help relieve moderate to severe pain. Morphine belongs to a class of drugs known as opioid (narcotic) analgesics. It works in the brain to change how your body feels and responds to pain.

Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (December 2019)



Source: Government of Afghanistan - NSAD/DM-CN/MoIA

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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.