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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		
	Jan_2019	Feb_2019	Change %	Feb_2018	Feb_2019	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	84	79	-6%	113	79	-30%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	90	84	-6%	119	84	-29%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	67	66	-2%	94	66	-30%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	74	72	-2%	103	72	-30%
Heroin High Quality	2,440	2,461	+1%	3,249	2,461	-24%
Heroin Medium Quality	1,921	1,867	-3%	2,119	1,867	-12%

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\$ 79 kg** at the end of February 2019 which is 6% lower compared to price reported in January 2019 (US\$ 84/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in February 2019 is 30% lower than the price reported in February 2018 which was US\$ 113/kg.

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



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

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jan-19	Feb-19	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	107	108	+1%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	86	84	-2%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	102	98	-3%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	51	39	-23%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	62	55	-13%
Average	84	79	-6%

Trader price:

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 84/kg** at the end of February 2019 showing **6%** decrease compared to the price reported last month (January 2019) (**US\$ 90/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in February 2019 is **29%** lower than the price reported last year (February 2018) which was **US\$ 119/kg**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 2% in Eastern region. Price has decreased by 28%, 11%, 3% and 2% in North-eastern, Northern, Western and Southern regions respectively.

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

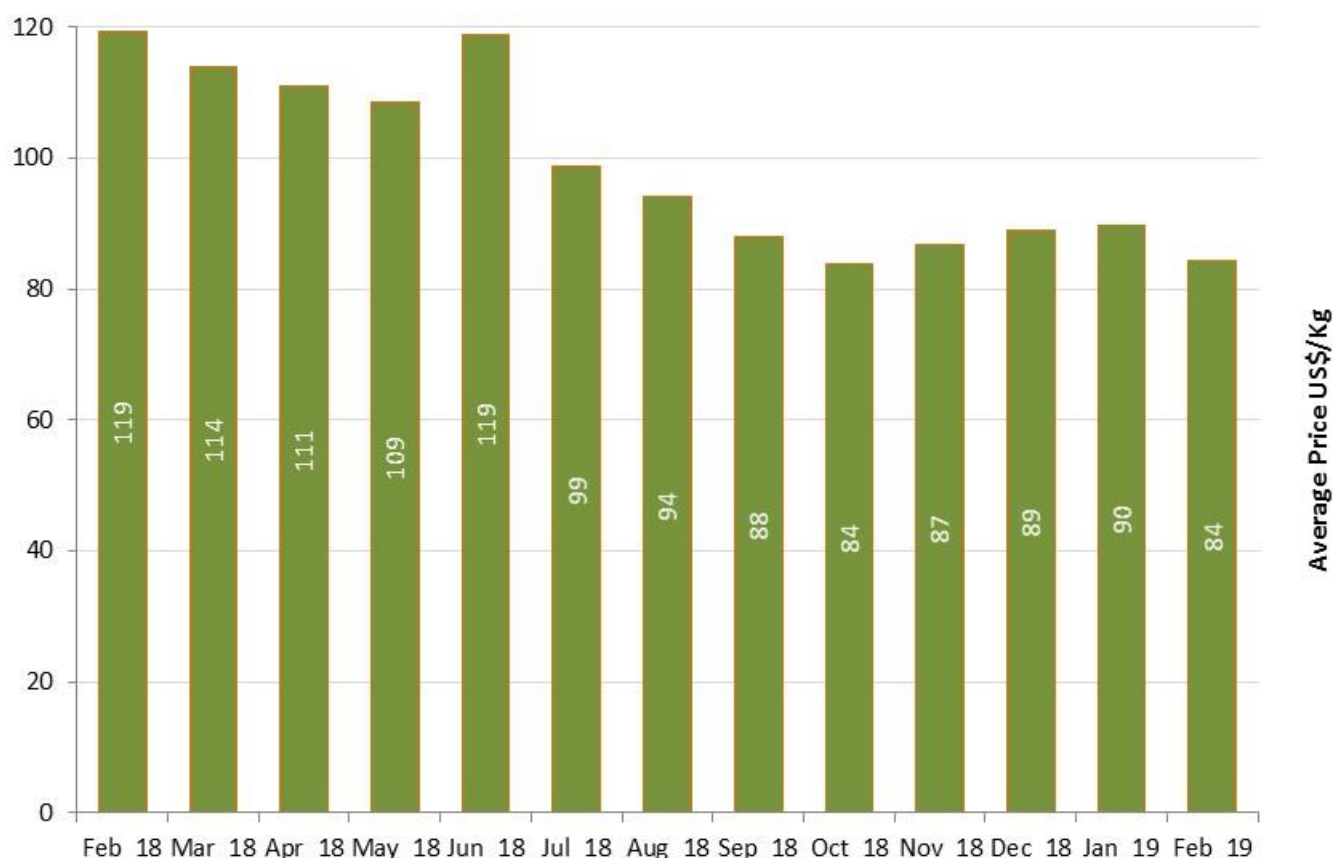


Figure 2: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (January 2019 to February 2018)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jan-19	Feb-19	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	109	111	+2%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	93	91	-2%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	109	106	-3%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	61	44	-28%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	68	60	-11%
Average	90	84	-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\$ 88/kg** in February 2019 showing a decrease of 7% compared to the price reported in January 2019 (**US\$ 95**). The average price of 1 kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 162/kg** in February 2019 with a decreased by 1% compared to the price reported in January (**US\$ 164**).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Feb-Jan) %	Hilmand		Price change (Feb-Jan) %
	Jan-19	Feb-19		Jan-19	Feb-19	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	95	88	-7%	164	162	-1%

Trader price:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 95/kg** in February 2019 showing a decrease of 5% compared to the price reported in January 2019 (**US\$ 101/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 168/kg** in February 2019 with a decreased by 2% compared to the price reported in January 2019 (**US\$ 171**).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Feb-Jan) %	Hilmand		Price change (Feb-Jan) %
	Jan-19	Feb-19		Jan-19	Feb-19	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	101	95	-5%	171	168	-2%

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 (Feb- Jan) (%)	Change at trader level (Feb-Jan) (%)
		Jan-19		Feb-19			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	14,838	15,156	15,047	15,405	+1%	+2%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	11,691	12,679	11,599	12,601	-1%	-1%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	5,797	6,905	5,321	6,405	-8%	-7%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	1,371,080	1,398,065	1,443,637	1,521,168	+5%	+9%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	3,846	4,609	2,938	3,257	-24%	-29%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	5,029	5,446	4,074	4,500	-19%	-17%

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

3.2 FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of February 2019, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by **2%** from **US\$ 67/kg** in **January 2019** to **US\$ 66/kg in February 2019** at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by **2%** from **US\$ 74/kg** in January 2019 to **US\$ 72/kg** in February 2019).

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

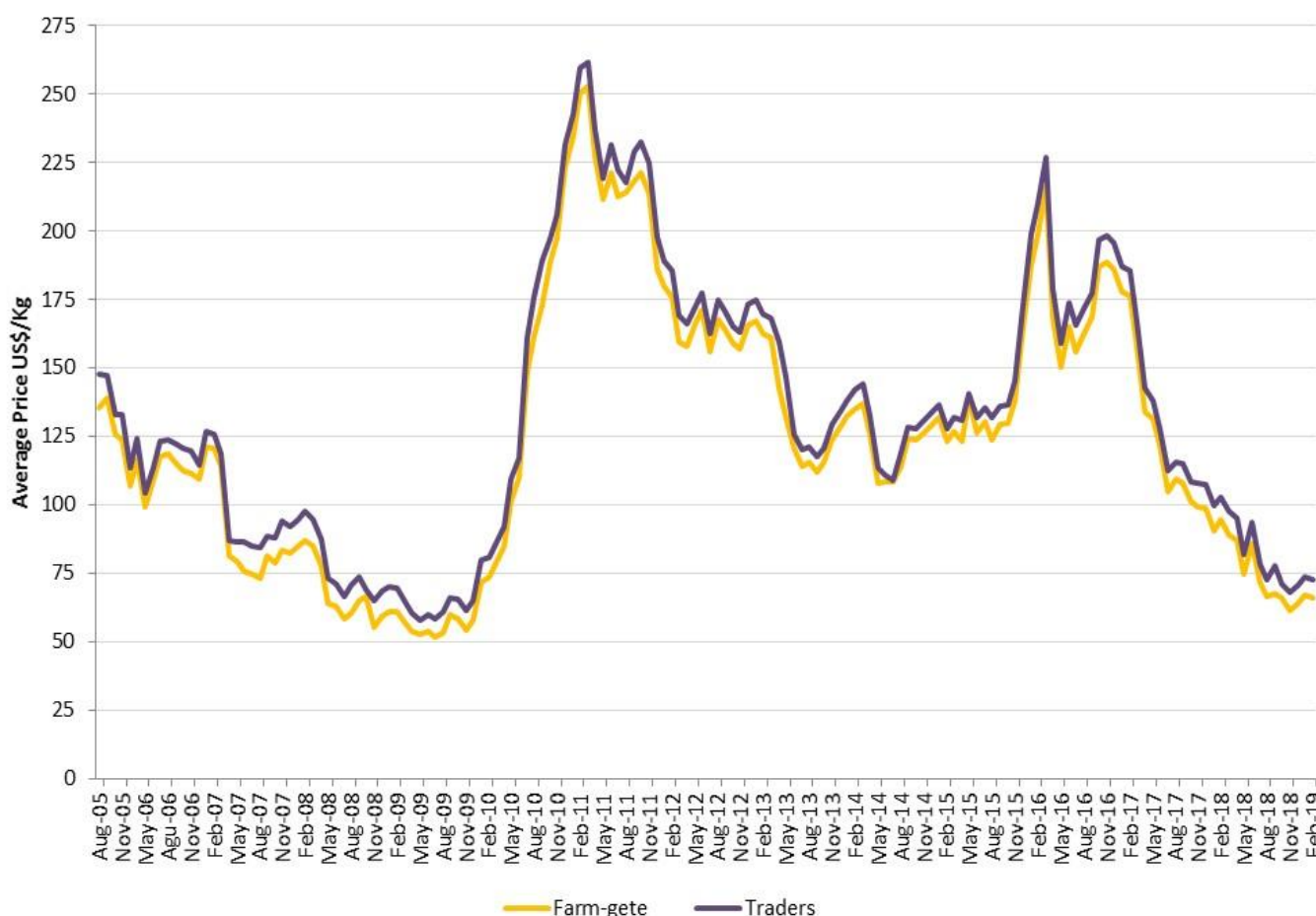


Table 6: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency.

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate level (Feb-Jan) (%)	Change at trader level (Feb-Jan) (%)
		Jan-19		Feb-19			
		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	10,472	11,561	10,034	11,088	-4%	-4%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	3,179	4,205	2,679	3,442	-16%	-18%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	1,132,730	1,143,892	1,227,282	1,266,996	+8%	+11%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Farvab, Suri-Pul, Jawzian Samangan)	Afghani	4,213	4,631	3,295	3,723	-22%	-20%

* 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\$ 54/kg) is called as Khata # 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

Province	Types of Heroin	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Change (Feb-Jan) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	900	754	561	201	210	202	NA	NA	NA	1,408	2,267	1,504	1,203	-20%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	2,999	2,611	2,807	2,708	2,649	2,016	2,621	2,987	2,203	2,011	2,533	1,605	1,603	-0.1%
Balkh	Best powder	3,167	3,134	3,172	3,152	3,195	3,228	3,244	3,144	3,198	2,844	3,360	2,764	2,740	-1%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,981	3,918	3,915	3,863	3,889	3,949	4,003	4,006	4,064	3,638	4,155	3,328	3,325	-0.1%
Hirat	Morphine	4,106	4,395	4,353	4,881	5,646	3,257	3,090	2,993	2,991	3,808	3,112	3,090	3,306	+7%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	4,160	4,530	4,510	5,076	5,869	3,386	3,212	3,111	3,110	3,655	3,006	2,960	3,167	+7%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	2,531	2,545	2,673	2,981	3,454	1,986	1,884	1,838	1,826	2,227	1,834	1,799	1,925	+7%
Kandahar	Morphine	2,266	2,190	2,123	2,171	2,147	1,991	2,031	2,063	1,961	1,989	2,020	2,056	2,015	-2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,269	1,227	1,196	1,216	1,239	1,210	1,218	1,246	1,207	1,260	1,284	1,299	1,223	-6%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	906	876	867	955	974	937	894	922	905	943	938	974	935	-4%
	White powder (Crystal)	2,719	2,629	2,600	2,692	2,642	2,515	2,559	2,549	2,413	2,431	2,417	2,453	2,374	-3%
Nangarhar	Best powder	1,341	1,278	1,265	1,273	1,228	1,144	1,206	1,208	1,123	1,144	1,096	1,112	1,117	+1%
	Chara # 1	79	74	74	78	78	74	79	81	76	71	78	79	79	0%
	Chara # 2	62	58	56	59	59	54	57	57	52	52	54	54	58	+7%
	Khata # 1	63	61	62	65	62	57	61	62	60	54	60	61	61	0%
	Khata # 2	54	52	55	56	58	53	55	55	51	47	53	53	54	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	2,728	2,609	2,599	2,615	2,513	2,358	2,477	2,480	2,306	2,296	2,232	2,237	2,242	+0.2%
	White powder (Injection)	3,136	3,000	2,998	3,013	2,892	2,700	2,844	2,853	2,650	2,647	2,575	2,591	2,595	+0.1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,499	2,249	1,683	2,105	2,242	1,613	1,959	1,992	1,803	1,760	2,200	1,705	1,704	-0.1%

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 (Feb-Jan) %
			Jan-19	Feb-19	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	113,250	89,520	-21%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	120,800	119,360	-1%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	207,600	204,000	-2%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	250,000	247,500	-1%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	36,461,000	42,321,000	+16%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	34,927,000	40,535,000	+16%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	21,230,000	24,642,000	+16%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	285,000	280,000	-2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	180,000	170,000	-6%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	135,000	130,000	-4%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	340,000	330,000	-3%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	154,000	155,000	+1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	11,000	11,000	0%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,500	8,000	+7%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	8,500	8,500	0%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,300	7,500	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	310,000	311,000	0%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	359,000	360,000	+0.3%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	128,350	126,820	-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), February 2018 – February 2019

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Chang (Feb-Jan) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	91	109	171	132	111	104	76	74	67	66	83	84	81	-4%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	73	55	71	56	56	60	69	82	80	99	87	93	81	-13%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	58	39	51	35	35	36	44	64	57	73	67	67	54	-19%
Hirat	Garda # 1	109	106	115	119	173	100	91	98	93	113	93	89	98	+10%
	Garda # 2	58	58	71	54	85	69	64	68	66	81	65	65	67	+3%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	58	57	54	58	59	57	60	59	57	58	59	56	51	-9%
	Garda # 2	34	33	30	32	33	31	34	36	35	33	34	32	29	-10%
	Garda # 3	19	19	17	19	20	17	18	20	20	17	18	15	14	-11%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	127	124	126	130	127	117	127	122	110	109	103	101	97	-4%
	Garda # 2	93	91	91	93	91	82	90	85	75	73	68	66	65	-2%
	Garda # 3	73	70	69	69	66	62	65	65	60	58	54	53	52	-2%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	65	73	107	98	104	101	97	99	80	121	120	121	105	-13%

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

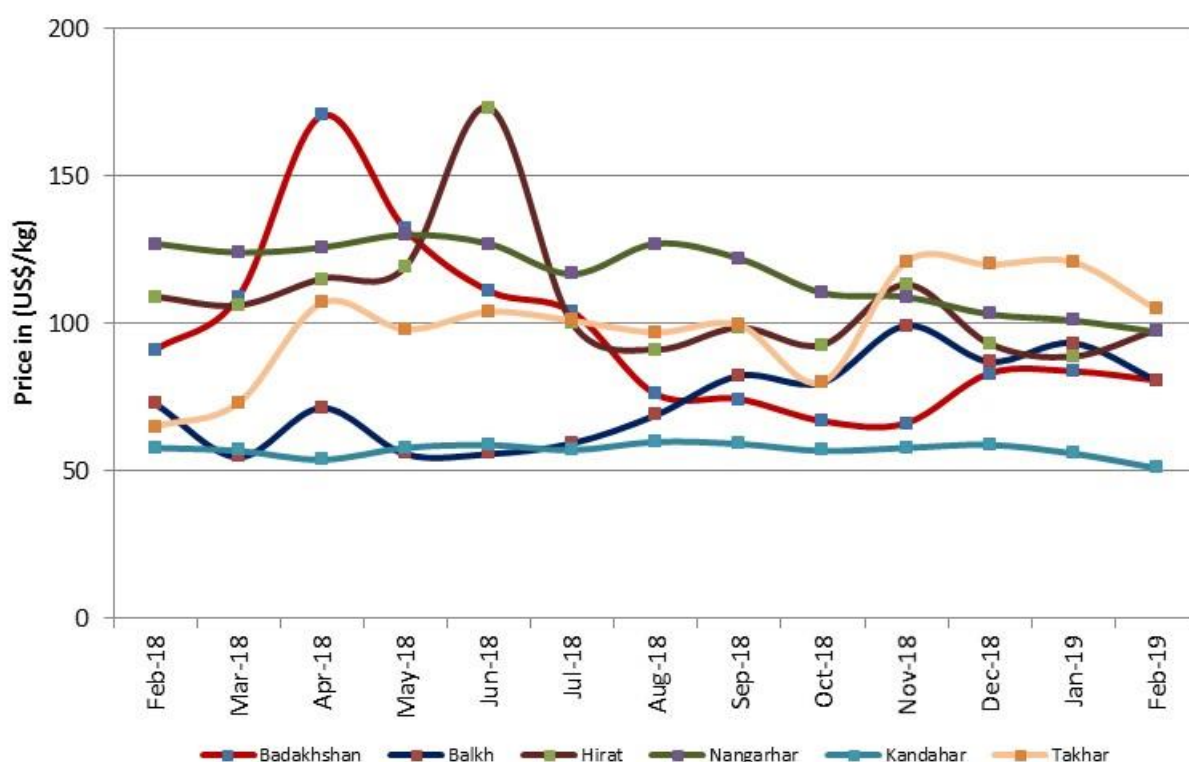


Figure 5: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), February 2019

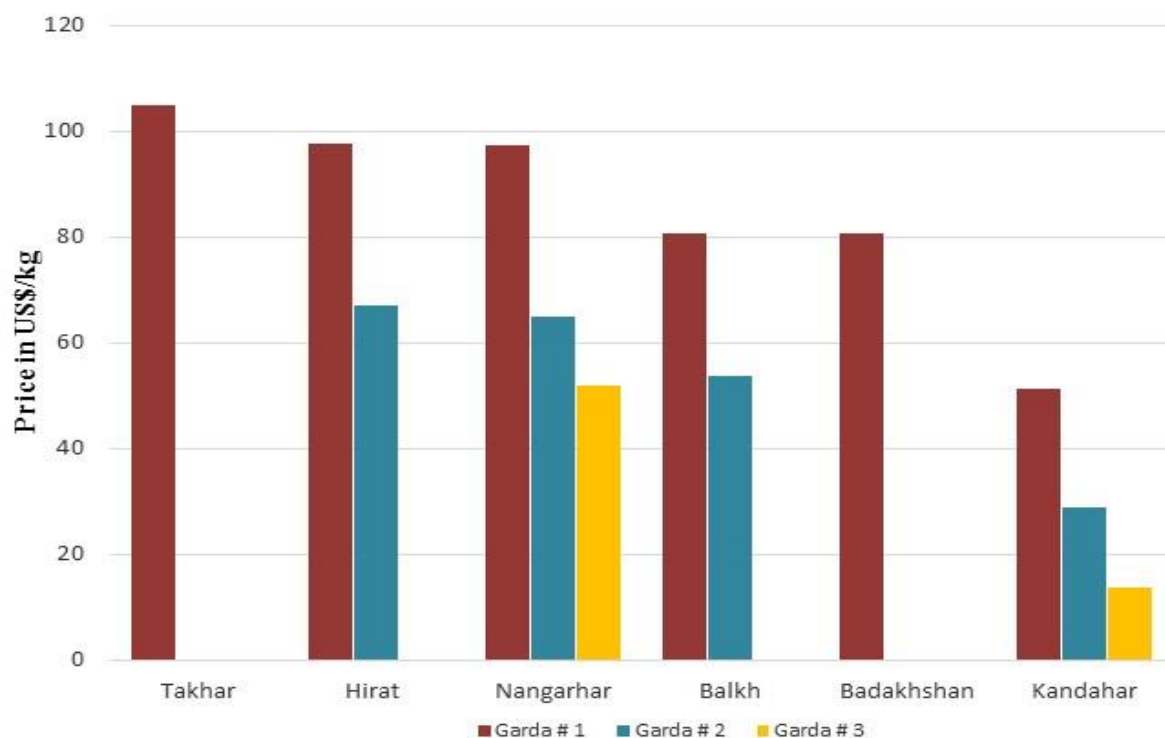


Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in other than USD currency, January 2019 – February 2019

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Feb-Jan) %
			Jan-19	Feb-19	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6300	6000	-5%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	7,000	6,000	-14%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	5,000	4,000	-20%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	1,046,000	1,250,000	+20%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	769,000	857,000	+11%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,778	7,111	-9%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	4,444	4,000	-10%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	2,111	1,889	-11%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	14,000	13,500	-4%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	9,200	9,000	-2%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	7,300	7,200	-1%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	9100	7800	-14%

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, January 2019 – February 2019

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Feb-Jan) (%)
			Jan-19	Feb-19	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	45	40	-11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	25	20	-20%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	175	170	-3%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	21	20	-5%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	160	150	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	17	15	-12%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	63	63	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	75	0%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	190	180	-5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	23	21	-9%
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	50	50	0%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	89	89	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	69	0%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	40	0%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	55	57	+4%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	60	62	+3%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	64	66	+3%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	20	18	-10%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	40	-20%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	45	-10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	23	20	-13%
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), February 2018 – February 2019

Types of seeds	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.63	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.68	0.72	0.73	0.62	0.63	0.65	0.64	0.63	0.62	-2%
Poppy seed	1.13	1.11	1.09	1.07	1.01	1.04	1.03	0.99	1.05	1.07	1.05	1.04	1.02	-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), February 2019



Table 13: Average⁸ prices of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), February 2018 – February 2019

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Feb-Jan) (%)
	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	
Heroin	4,501	4,333	4,442	4,450	3,746	3,694	3,968	4,344	4,129	4,162	4,426	4,205	4,161	-1%
Opium	225	224	230	227	235	228	245	222	206	211	233	206	210	+2%
Hashish	169	167	166	160	140	140	137	152	149	211	150	144	148	+3%

8 PRICE OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

Table 15: Average price of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan, (US\$/Lit) February 2018 – February 2019

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Increase/D decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	506	448	446	440	430	380	392	513	375	351	349	343	342	-0.3%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	199	194	194	191	165	156	161	156	143	142	137	141	140	-0.3%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	157	152	152	147	132	132	135	131	120	123	123	125	125	0%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	143	137	139	137	138	130	131	130	128	131	128	128	123	-4%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	150	144	142	138	135	129	130	128	124	124	123	125	122	-2%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	245	191	185	176	165	146	139	391	167	126	139	137	140	+3%

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, February 2019

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	25	0.3
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	80	1.1
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	40	0.5
Balkh	Wheat	-	21	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	55	0.7
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	85	1.1
Balkh	Rice Local	-	50	0.7
Hirat	Wheat	-	22	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	1.2
Hirat	Saffron	-	55,000	739
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	90	1.2
Hirat	Rice Local	-	88	1.2
Kandahar	Wheat	53	-	0.4
Kandahar	Cotton	255	-	1.8
Kandahar	Rice Imported	105	-	0.8
Nangarhar	Wheat	44	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	188	-	1.4
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	163	-	1.2
Nangarhar	Rice Local	56	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	78	1.0
Takhar	Rice Local	-	45	0.6

Table 17: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), February 2018 – February 2019

Types of crops	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.33	0.36	0.39	0.36	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.31	+5%
Cotton	1.51	1.46	2.04	1.47	1.42	1.37	1.35	1.32	1.28	1.30	1.25	1.23	1.28	+4%
Saffron	944	917	858	914	942	975	982	796	730	663	642	693	739	+7%
Rice (Imported)	1.30	1.30	1.29	1.27	1.21	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.16	1.19	1.13	1.08	1.07	-1%
Rice (Local)	0.82	0.81	0.66	0.77	0.69	0.68	0.77	0.71	0.73	0.78	0.71	0.68	0.68	0%

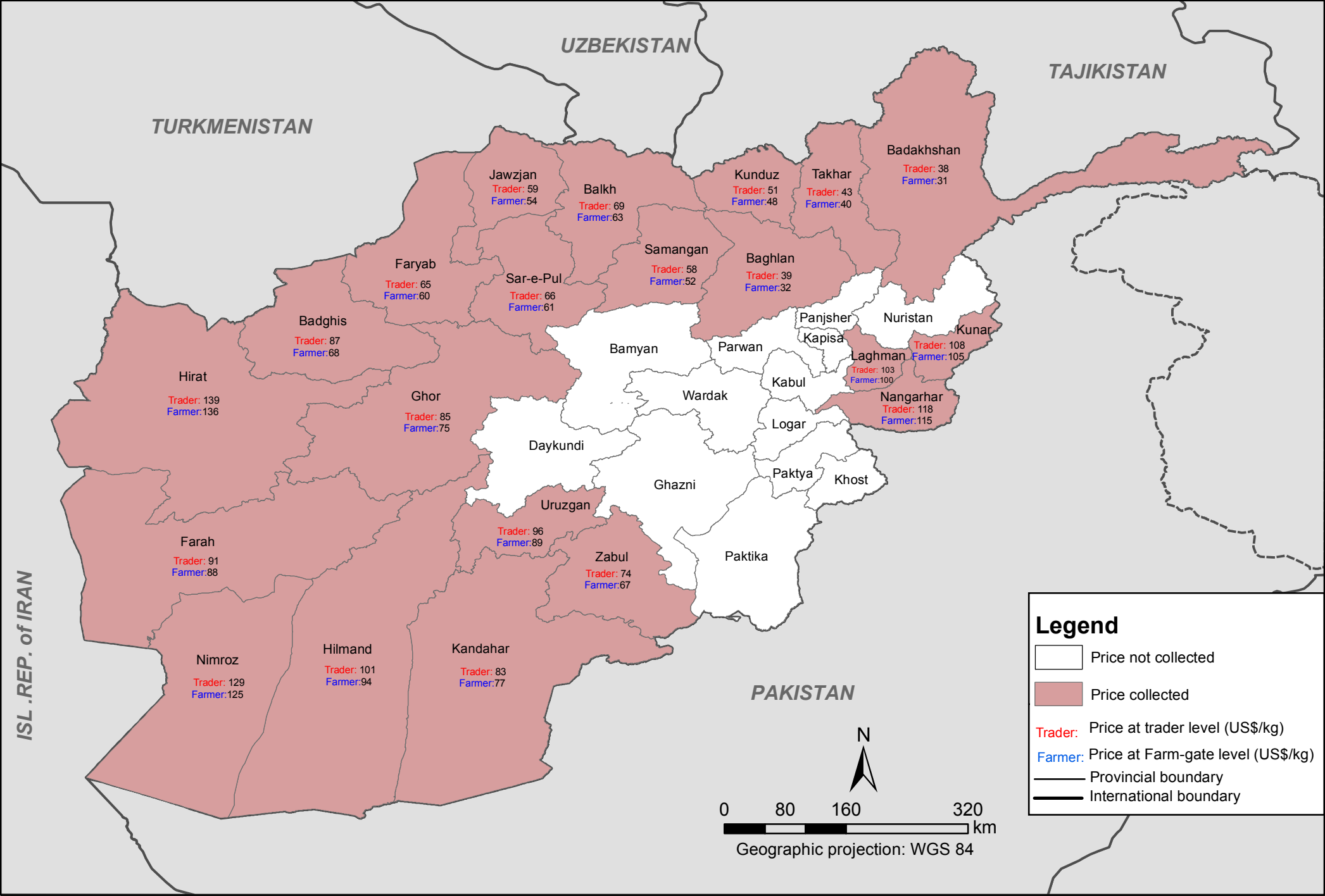
10 METHODOLOGY:

- 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	
Dry Opium	205	205	21
Fresh Opium	129	129	15

Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (February 2019)

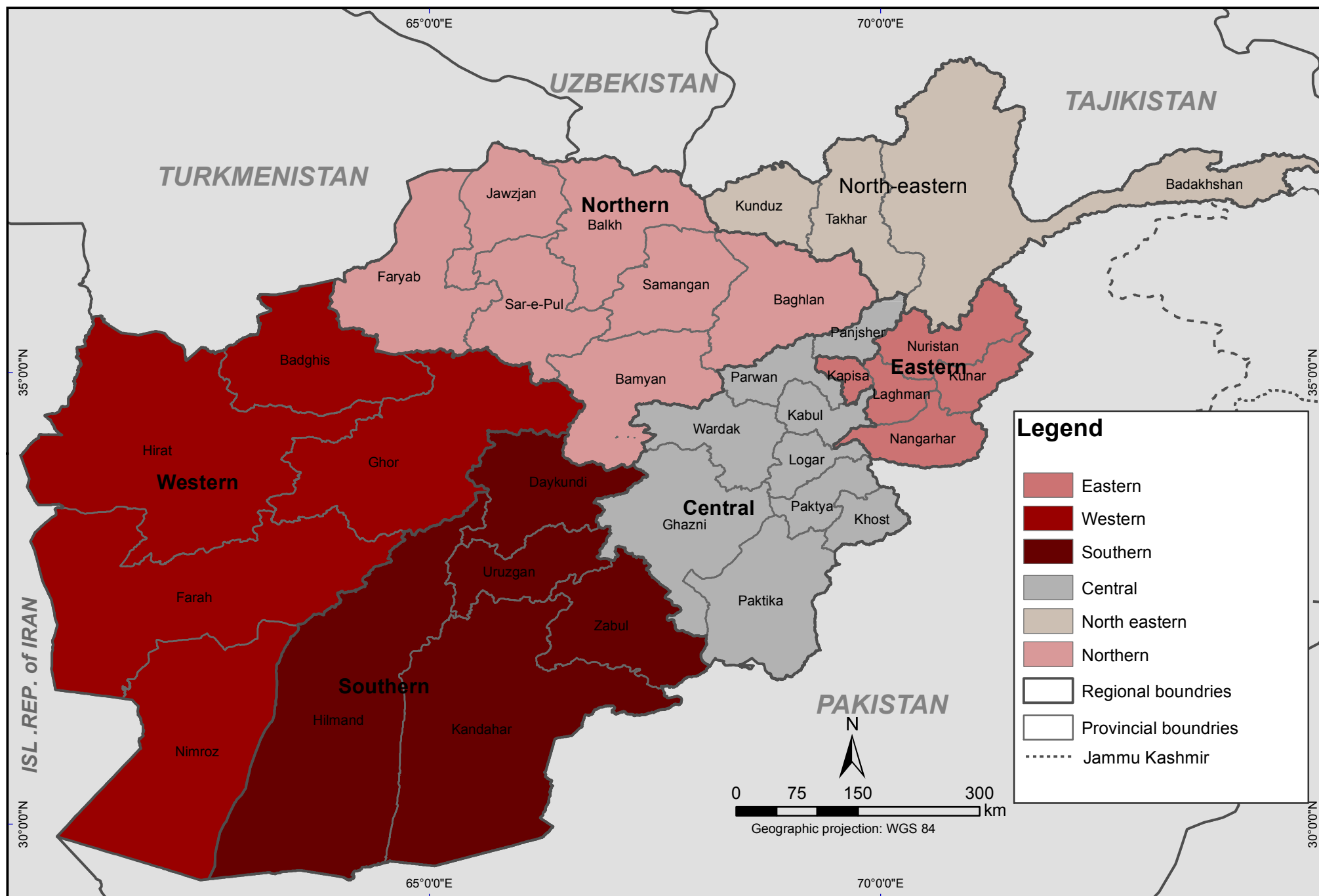


Source: Government of Afghanistan - NSDMCN

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Regional grouping of provinces for the opium poppy survey in Afghanistan



Source: Government of Afghanistan - National monitoring system implemented by UNODC

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