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# 1 KEY FINDINGS:

## 1.1 Trends of drug prices.

	By Month			By Year		
	January_2018	February_2018	Change %	February_2017	February_2018	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	111	113	+2%	195	113	-42%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	117	119	+2%	202	119	-41%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	91	94	+3%	177	94	-47%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	99	103	+4%	186	103	-45%
Heroin High Quality	3,227	3,249	+1%	3,478	3,249	-7%
Heroin Medium Quality	2,142	2,119	-1%	2,509	2,119	-16%

## **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\$ 113/kg** at the end of February 2018 which is 2% higher compared to price reported in January 2018 (**US\$ 111/kg**). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in February 2018 is 42% lower than the price reported in February 2017 which was US\$ 195/kg.

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



**Table 1: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (January 2017 to February 2018)**

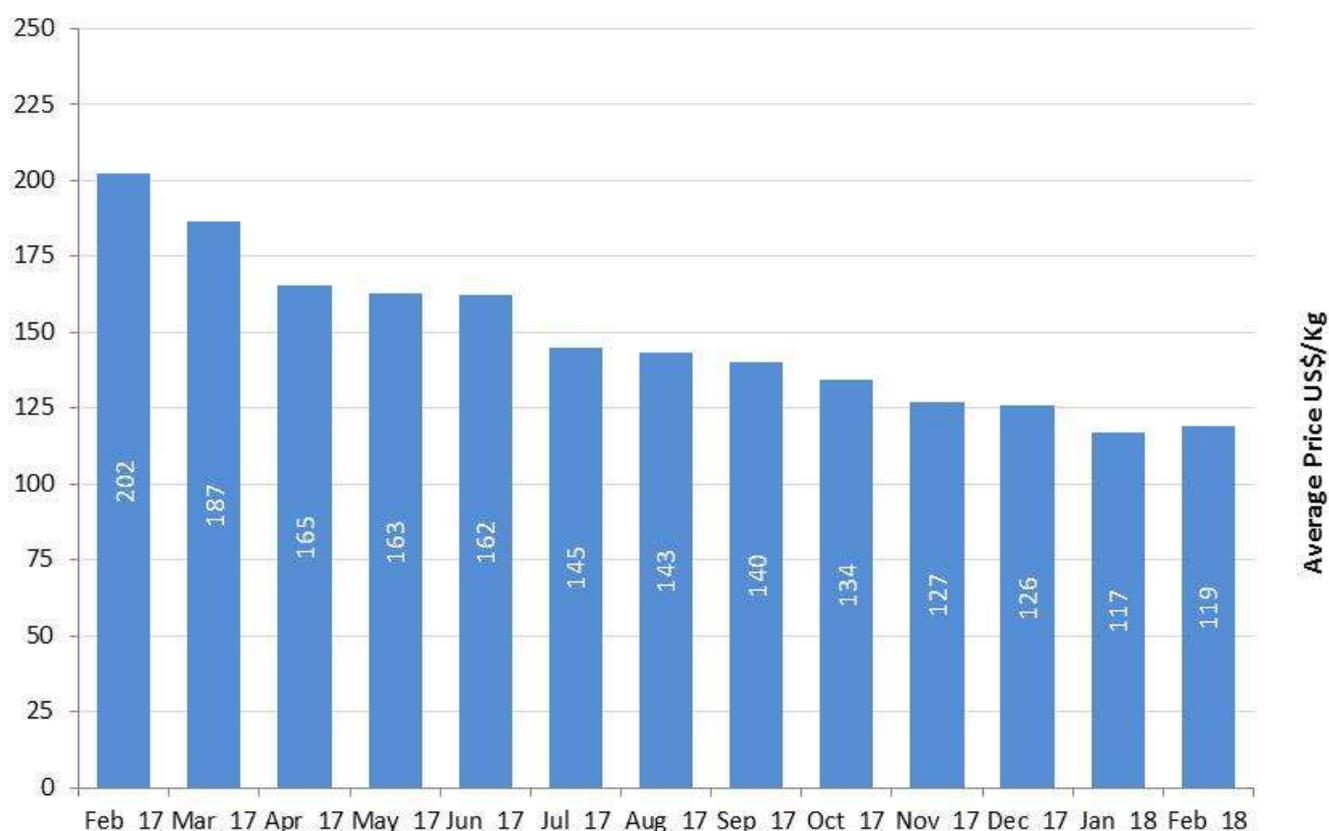
Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jan-18	Feb-18	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	106	104	-3%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	96	95	-2%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	175	194	+11%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	78	72	-8%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan )	77	74	-5%
<b>Average</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>+2%</b>

### Trader price:

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 119/kg** at the end of February 2018 showing **2%** increase compared to the price reported last month (January 2018) (**US\$ 117/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in February 2018 is **41%** lower than the price reported last year (February 2017) which was **US\$ 202/kg**.

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

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



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

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jan-18	Feb-18	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	109	107	-2%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	105	102	-2%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	188	207	+10%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	78	76	-2%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan )	84	81	-4%
<b>Average</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>+2%</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\$ 98/kg** in February 2018 showing a decrease of 15% compared to the price reported in January 2018 (**US\$ 115**). The average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 226/kg** in February 2018 with a decreased by 0.4% compared to the price reported in January 2018 (**US\$ 227**).

**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-18	Feb-18		Jan-18	Feb-18	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	115	98	-15%	227	226	-0.4%

#### Trader price:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 107/kg** in February 2018 showing a decrease of 14% compared to the price reported in January 2018 (**US\$ 124/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 233/kg** in February 2018 with a decreased by 0.5% compared to the price reported in January 2018 (**US\$ 234**).

**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-18	Feb-18		Jan-18	Feb-18	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	124	107	-14%	234	233	-0.5%

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

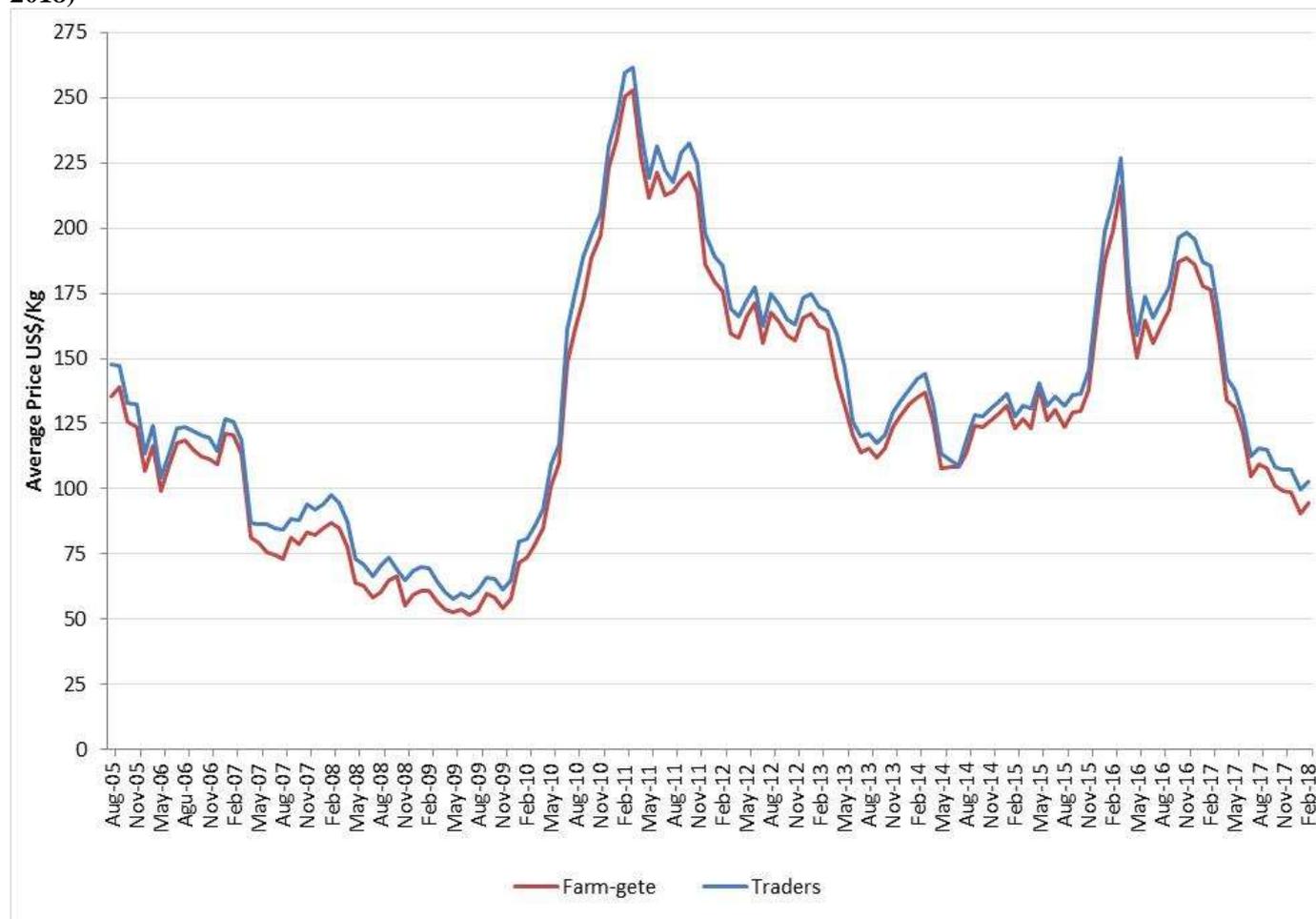
Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Dry Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate level (Feb- Jan) (%)	Change at trader level (Feb-Jan) (%)
		Jan-18		Feb-18			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	11,732	12,068	11,428	11,786	-3%	-2%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	10,659	11,557	10,432	11,283	-2%	-2%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	8,584	9,668	10,489	11,574	+22%	+20%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	790,940	833,000	831,289	868,333	+5%	+4%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	5,433	5,379	4,952	5,233	-9%	-3%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	5,313	5,798	4,772	5,204	-10%	-10%

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

### 3.2 FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of February 2018, the national average price of fresh opium increased by **3%** from **US\$ 111/kg in January 2018** to **US\$ 113/kg in February 2018** at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level increased by **4%** from **US\$ 99/kg in January 2018** to **US\$ 103/kg in February 2018**)

**Figure 3: National average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level, US\$/kg (Jun 2005 to February 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 (Feb-Jan) (%)	Change at trader level (Feb-Jan) (%)
		Jan-18		Feb-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	9,333	10,295	9,040	9,971	-3%	-3%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	5,942	6,705	7,847	8,611	+32%	+28%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	529,170	566,745	590,300	629,911	+12%	+11%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	4,590	5,059	3,877	4,299	-16%	-15%

\* 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 2017 – February 2018**

Province	Types of Heroin	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Change (Feb-Jan) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	1,507	1,425	1,204	1,172	1,011	1,013	1,008	1,007	1,513	710	705	894	900	+1%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	3,013	2,951	2,808	3,606	2,730	3,038	3,023	3,022	3,984	2,841	2,750	2,981	2,999	+1%
Balkh	Best powder	3,448	3,382	3,257	3,111	3,160	3,017	3,128	3,177	3,128	3,156	3,188	3,186	3,167	-1%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,958	3,939	3,850	3,786	3,858	3,753	3,948	4,019	3,984	4,036	4,029	4,037	3,981	-1%
Hirat	Morphine	3,981	3,948	3,978	3,870	4,007	3,860	3,933	3,834	3,912	3,899	3,994	3,803	4,106	+8%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	4,167	4,102	4,317	4,026	4,793	4,148	4,032	3,980	4,049	4,043	4,147	3,939	4,160	+6%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	2,731	2,684	2,596	2,655	2,651	2,449	2,623	2,570	2,027	2,021	2,677	2,538	2,531	-0.3%
Kandahar	Morphine	2,102	2,786	2,717	2,783	2,795	2,646	2,584	2,558	2,587	2,593	2,448	2,356	2,266	-4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,736	1,556	1,553	1,643	1,706	1,636	1,579	1,563	1,569	1,537	1,451	1,359	1,269	-7%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	1,350	1,153	1,116	1,159	1,205	1,155	1,053	1,023	1,046	1,056	997	952	906	-5%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,423	3,170	3,106	3,188	3,229	3,127	3,063	2,884	2,929	2,977	2,811	2,773	2,719	-2%
Nangarhar	Best powder	1,601	1,594	1,566	1,546	1,565	1,568	1,520	1,512	1,474	1,469	1,381	1,356	1,341	-1%
	Chara # 1	130	126	121	116	116	120	114	105	95	91	84	81	79	-3%
	Chara # 2	72	68	68	68	72	77	76	72	67	67	64	63	62	-3%
	Khata # 1	94	92	87	92	92	91	86	77	71	69	65	65	63	-3%
	Khata # 2	63	61	58	58	63	67	67	64	62	61	56	54	54	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	3,124	3,110	3,094	3,053	3,073	3,069	3,012	3,005	2,957	2,949	2,771	2,731	2,728	0%
	White powder (Injection)	3,597	3,573	3,577	3,527	3,537	3,541	3,468	3,474	3,414	3,400	3,198	3,147	3,136	0%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,712	2,544	2,457	2,855	2,427	2,431	2,419	2,418	2,622	2,030	2,014	2,484	2,499	+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-18	Feb-18	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	61,920	61,920	0%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	206,400	206,400	0%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	221,000	218,000	-1%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	280,000	274,000	-2%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	13,950,000	15,236,000	+9%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	14,450,000	15,439,000	+7%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	9,310,000	9,391,000	+1%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	260,000	250,000	-4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	150,000	140,000	-7%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	105,000	100,000	-5%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	306,000	300,000	-2%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	150,000	148,000	-1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	9,000	8,700	-3%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	6,800	-3%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,200	7,000	-3%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	6,000	6,000	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	302,000	301,000	0%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	348,000	346,000	-1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	172,000	172,000	0%

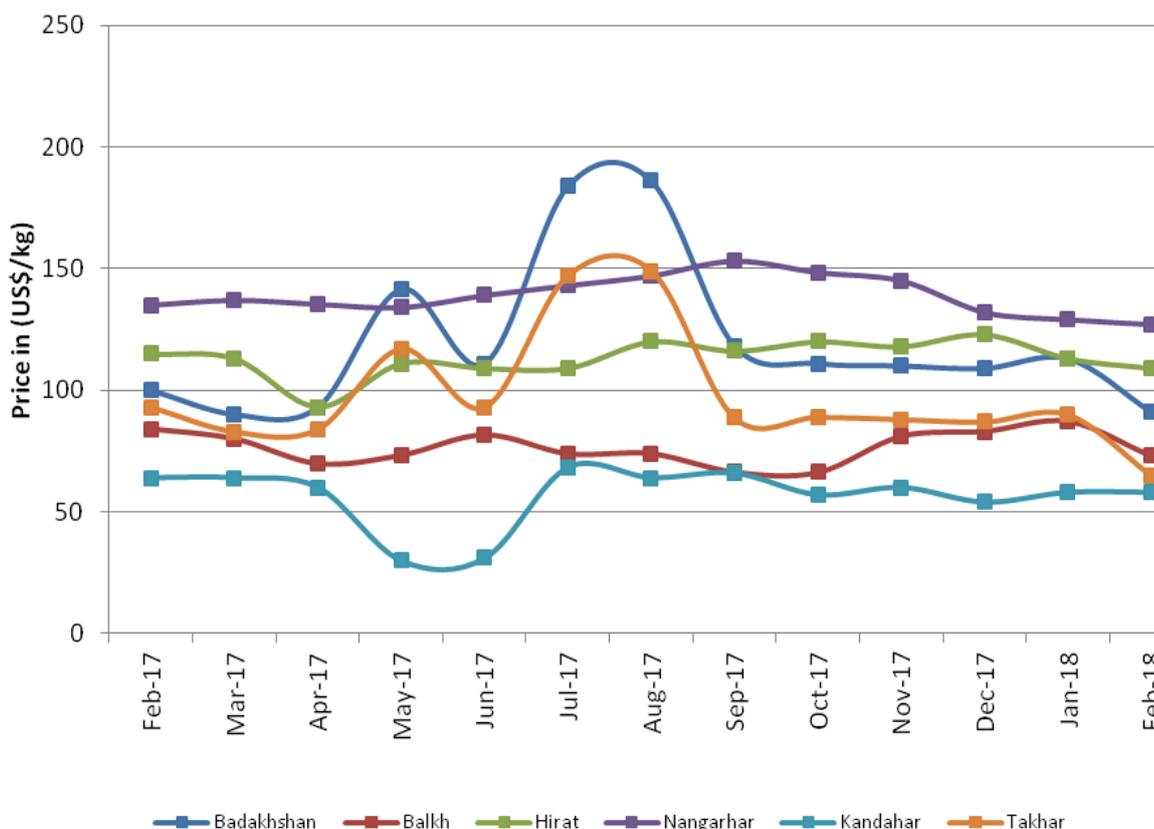
## CANNABIS RESIN:

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.

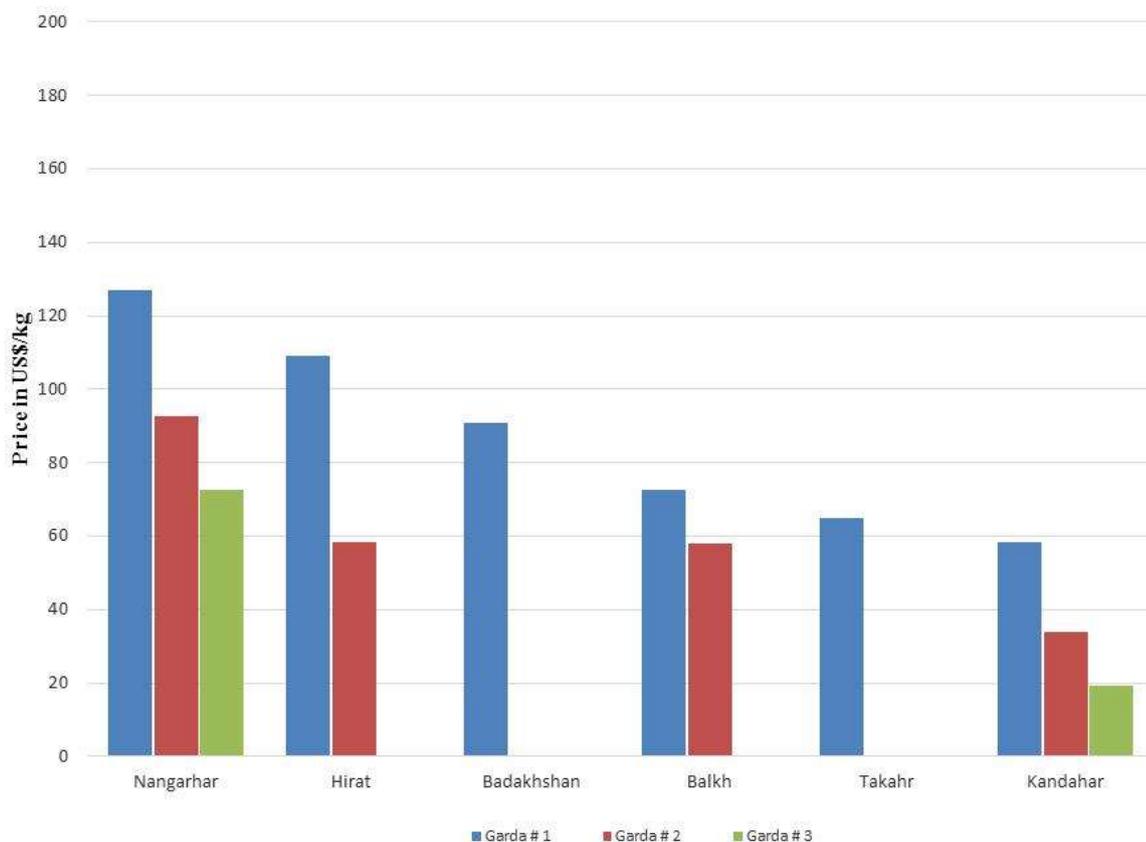
**Table 9: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), February 2017–February 2018**

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Chang (Feb-Jan) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	100	90	93	142	111	184	186	118	111	110	109	113	91	-20%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	84	80	70	73	82	74	74	66	66	81	83	87	73	-17%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	66	60	50	66	70	56	60	47	52	59	65	70	58	-17%
Hirat	Garda # 1	115	113	93	111	109	109	120	116	120	118	123	113	109	-4%
	Garda # 2	62	56	43	58	60	59	68	69	69	66	67	60	58	-3%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	64	64	60	30	31	68	64	66	57	60	54	58	58	0%
	Garda # 2	32	30	28	21	22	36	32	36	32	36	32	34	34	0%
	Garda # 3	17	15	15	16	16	21	19	21	17	21	17	19	19	0%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	135	137	135	134	139	143	147	153	148	145	132	129	127	-1%
	Garda # 2	101	104	102	96	101	105	107	115	110	106	97	95	93	-3%
	Garda # 3	68	67	68	72	72	76	83	86	83	82	73	72	73	+0.11%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	93	83	84	117	93	147	149	89	89	88	87	90	65	-28%

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



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



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

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Feb-Jan) %
			Jan-18	Feb-18	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	7,800	6,250	-20%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	6,000	5,000	-17%
	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Afghani	4,800	4,000	-17%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	415,000	405,000	-2%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	220,000	216,000	-2%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	6,444	6,444	0%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	3,733	3,733	0%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	2,111	2,111	0%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	14,200	14,000	-1%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	10,500	10,200	-3%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	8,000	8,000	0%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6,200	4,500	-27%

## 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 2018 – February 2018**

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Feb-Jan) (%)
			Jan-18	Feb-18	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	70	60	-14%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	60	55	-8%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	170	160	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	12	10	-17%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	180	170	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	15	15	0%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	30	33	+8%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	33	35	+8%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	190	180	-5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	15	15	0%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	84	84	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	69	0%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	38	40	+7%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	48	45	-5%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	60	+20%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	91	91	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	71	71	0%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	40	0%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	45	40	-11%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	48	45	-6%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	80	+14%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	55	50	-9%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	13	12	-8%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	40	-20%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	80	70	-13%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	65	60	-8%
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%

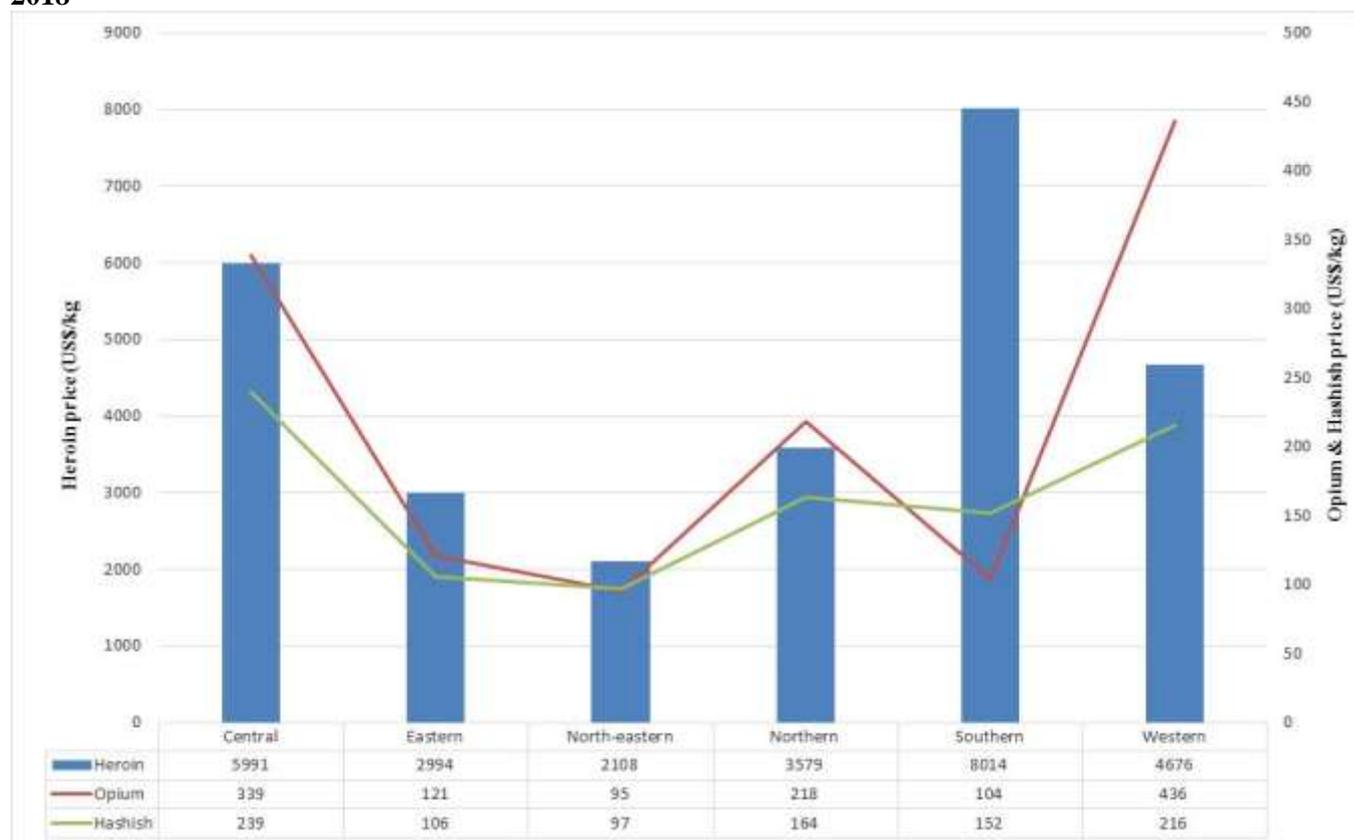
**Table 12: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), January 2017 – February 2018**

Types of seeds	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.618	0.622	0.77	0.64	0.63	0.65	0.62	0.64	0.63	-1%
Poppy seed	0.99	1.00	0.93	0.92	0.89	0.88	0.86	0.87	0.98	1.05	1.10	1.17	1.13	-3%

## 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 2018**



**Table 13: Average<sup>8</sup> prices of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), February 2017 – February 2018**

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Feb-Jan) (%)
	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	
Heroin	4,943	4,580	4,194	3,874	4,738	4,766	4,923	4,595	4,675	4,520	4,674	4,876	4,501	-8%
Opium	267	260	235	205	215	208	240	185	217	213	220	243	225	-7%
Hashish	195	182	166	167	192	197	173	176	177	182	182	165	169	+2%

## 8 PRICE OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

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

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	372	370	590	591	609	654	711	488	489	534	524	511	506	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	174	173	179	184	179	172	181	187	192	197	191	199	199	0%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	149	144	153	155	148	143	147	153	158	163	154	159	157	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	161	151	167	175	176	165	164	165	165	165	154	142	143	0%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	148	142	148	153	153	146	145	147	148	152	158	154	150	-3%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	454	453	350	354	374	478	479	203	204	236	269	263	245	-7%

## 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 2018**

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	21	0.3
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	93	1.4
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	57	0.8
Balkh	Wheat	-	19	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	45	0.7
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	95	1.4
Balkh	Rice Local	-	71	1.0
Hirat	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	1.3
Hirat	Saffron	-	65,000	944
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	90	1.3
Hirat	Rice Local	-	70	1.0
Kandahar	Wheat	54	-	0.5
Kandahar	Cotton	270	-	2.4
Kandahar	Rice Imported	120	-	1.1
Nangarhar	Wheat	38	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	180	-	1.6
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	160	-	1.5
Nangarhar	Rice Local	47	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	85	1.2
Takhar	Rice Local	-	54	0.8

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

Types of crops	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.42	0.32	0.41	0.38	0.43	0.40	0.40	0.39	0.38	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.33	-11%
Cotton	1.58	1.54	1.62	1.64	1.96	1.59	1.54	1.53	1.51	1.51	1.50	1.50	1.51	+1%
Saffron	1,799	1,802	1,778	1,173	1,186	1,186	1,180	1,180	1,107	1,101	1,039	1,007	944	-6%
Rice (Imported)	1.20	0.97	1.21	1.23	1.34	1.20	1.21	1.19	1.22	1.29	1.26	1.32	1.30	-2%
Rice (Local)	0.73	0.57	0.74	0.76	0.78	0.78	0.80	0.76	0.78	0.74	0.75	0.83	0.82	-1%

## 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>	131	131	15