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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		
	Dec_2016	Jan_2017	Change %	Jan_2016	Jan_2017	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	206	199	-3%	205	199	-3%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	214	207	-3%	213	207	-3%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	186	178	-4%	188	178	-5%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	196	187	-5%	199	187	-6%
Heroin High Quality	3414	3337	-2%	3622	3337	-8%
Heroin Medium Quality	2493	2738	+10%	2429	2444	+1%

## **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) on a monthly basis. 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\$ 199/kg** at the end of January 2017 which is 3% lower compared to price reported in December 2016 (**US\$ 206/kg**). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in January 2017 is 3% lower than the price reported in January 2016 which was US\$ 205/kg.

**Figure 1: National <sup>1</sup>average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from (July 2004 to January 2017)**



**Table 1: Regional average<sup>2</sup> farm -gate price of dry opium (US\$/Kg)**

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Dec-16	Jan-17	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	235	239	+2%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	181	181	-0.1%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	294	294	-0.1%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	98	94	-4%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan )	149	134	-10%
<b>Average</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>-3%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Simple average of all observations

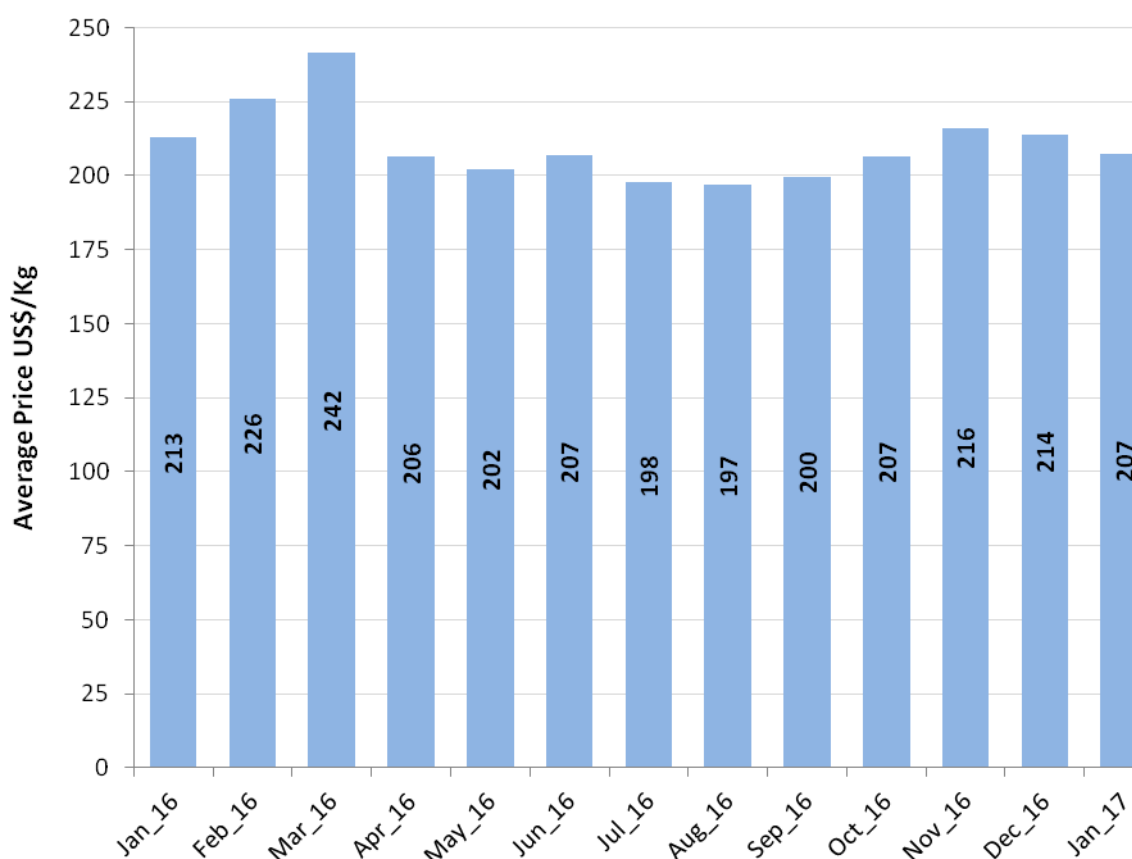
<sup>2</sup> Simple average of all observations

### **Trader price:**

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 207/kg** at the end of January 2017 showing **3%** decrease compared to the price reported last month (December 2016) (**US\$ 214/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in January 2017 is **3%** lower than the price reported last year (January 2016) which was **US\$ 213/kg**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 2% in Eastern region respectively. Price has decreased by 10%, 3%, 0.1% and 0.1% in Northern, North-eastern, Southern and Western regions respectively.

**Table 2: National <sup>3</sup>average price of dry opium at Trader level US\$/kg (January 2016 to January 2017)**



**Figure 2: Regional average<sup>4</sup> price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (January-2016 to January-2017)**

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Dec-16	Jan-17	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	238	242	+2%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	191	191	-0.1%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	309	308	-0.3%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	114	112	-3%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan )	156	141	-10%
<b>Average</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>-3%</b>

<sup>3</sup> Simple average of all observations

### 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 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\$ 165/kg** in January 2017 showing a decrease of 15% compared to the price reported in December 2016 (**US\$ 194**). The average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 400/kg** in January 2017 stable with December 2016.

**Table 3: Average<sup>2</sup> price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at farm-gate level (US\$/Kg)**

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Jan-Dec) %	Hilmand		Price change (Jan-Dec) %
	Dec-16	Jan-17		Dec-16	Jan-17	
Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	194	165	-15%	400	400	+0.0%

#### Trader price:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 173/kg** in January 2017 showing a decrease of 13% compared to the price reported in December 2016 (**US\$ 200/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 411/kg** in January 2017 Stable with December 2016.

**Table 4: Average<sup>3</sup> price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at trader level (US\$/Kg)**

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Jan-Dec) %	Hilmand		Price change (Jan-Dec) %
	Dec-16	Jan-17		Dec-16	Jan-17	
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	200	173	-13%	411	411	+0.0%

**Table 5: Regional average<sup>4</sup> 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 (Jan-Dec) (%)	Change at trader level (Jan-Dec) (%)
		Dec-16		Jan-17			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	24,531	24,821	24,879	25,174	+1%	+1%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	18,814	19,834	18,814	19,834	0%	0%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	13,405	14,000	15,168	15,763	+13%	+13%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	1,083,200	1,136,489	1,103,200	1,156,489	+2%	+2%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	6,534	7,639	6,260	7,391	-4%	-3%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	9,950	10,406	8,975	9,473	-10%	-9%

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

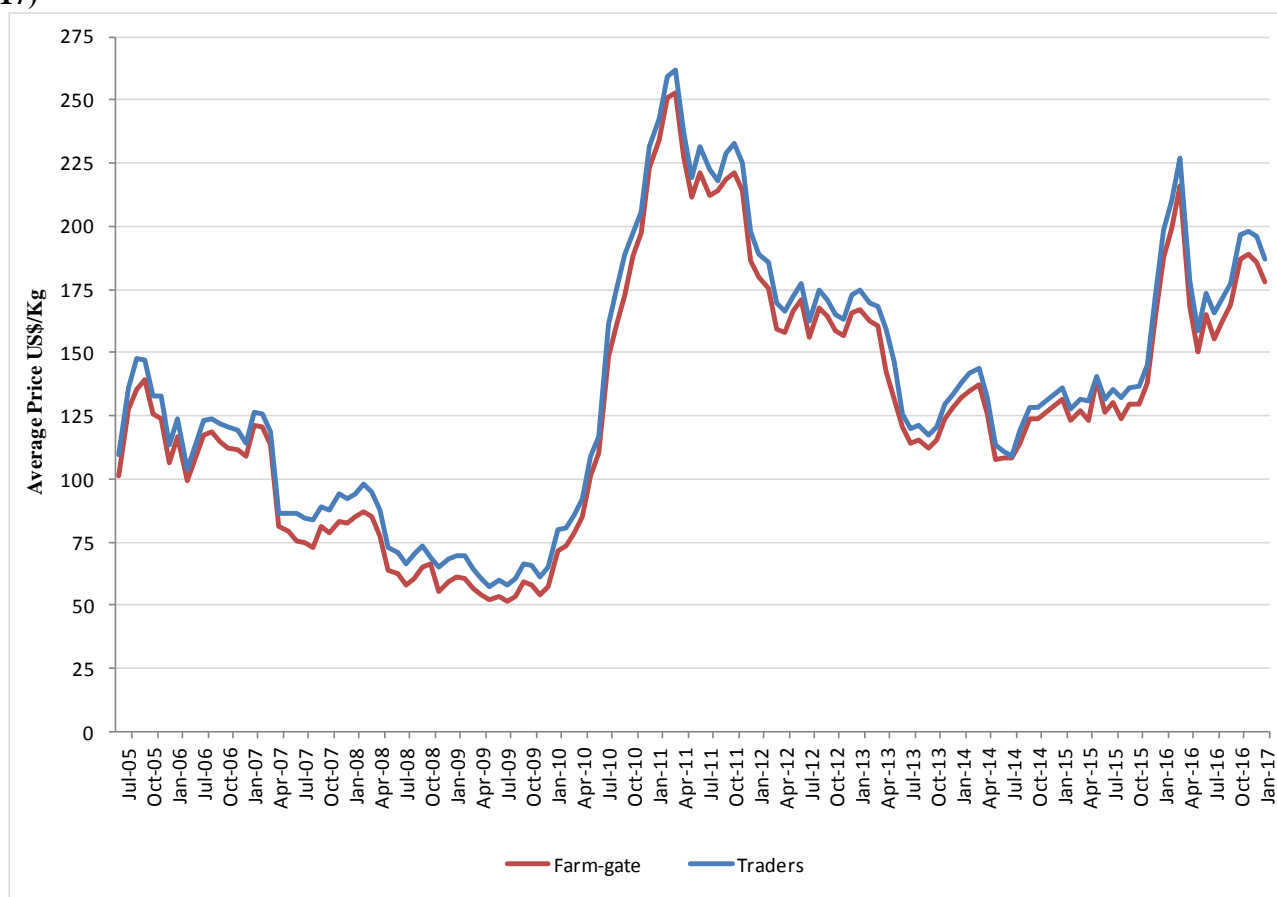
<sup>4</sup> Simple average of all observations



### 3.2 FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of January 2017, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by **4%** from **US\$ 186/kg** in December 2016 to **US\$ 178/kg in January 2017** at the farm-gate level. Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by **5%** from **US\$ 196/kg** in December 2016 to **US\$ 187/kg** this month (January 2017).

**Figure 3: National average<sup>5</sup> price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level, US\$/kg (Jun 2005 to January 2017)**



**Table 6: Regional average<sup>5</sup> 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 (Jan-Dec) (%)	Change at trader level (Jan-Dec) (%)
		Dec-16		Jan-17			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	17,324	18,207	17,324	18,207	0%	0%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	11,905	12,405	13,668	14,168	+15%	+14%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	849,600	900,156	872,378	920,156	+3%	+2%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	8,154	7,800	7,746	7,800	-5%	0%

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

<sup>5</sup> Simple average of all observations

## 4 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\$ 67/kg) is called as Khata # 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

Province	Types of Heroin	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Change (Jan-Dec) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	1,812	1,269	1,825	1,204	1,505	1,109	1,206	1,226	1,561	1,601	1,139	1,146	1,095	-4%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	4,025	2,961	4,058	1,799	2,709	2,521	2,815	2,840	2,914	2,948	2,675	2,691	2,595	-4%
Balkh	Best powder	3,515	3,536	3,580	3,524	3,412	3,469	3,511	3,625	3,617	3,672	3,649	3,592	3,515	-2%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,967	4,019	4,064	3,982	3,857	3,964	4,007	4,145	4,105	4,160	4,144	4,092	4,026	-2%
Hirat	Morphine	3,066	3,143	3,189	3,226	3,196	3,785	3,583	3,546	4,137	4,203	3,968	4,306	4,017	-7%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	3,925	4,005	4,100	4,105	4,067	4,878	3,923	3,723	4,493	4,569	4,205	4,502	4,234	-6%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	1,752	1,783	1,830	1,830	1,816	2,173	2,558	2,287	2,516	2,559	2,724	2,935	2,763	-6%
Kandahar	Morphine	2,308	2,428	2,408	2,124	2,214	2,121	2,020	2,006	2,074	2,109	2,200	2,082	2,130	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,823	1,842	1,793	1,738	1,829	1,735	1,635	1,671	1,640	1,693	1,785	1,694	1,743	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	1,343	1,454	1,357	1,255	1,347	1,253	1,154	1,194	1,225	1,239	1,331	1,307	1,356	+4%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,070	3,296	3,247	3,089	3,272	3,181	3,078	3,104	3,183	3,193	3,473	3,340	3,389	+1%
Nangarhar	Best powder	1,698	1,745	1,745	1,678	1,627	1,619	1,643	1,602	1,588	1,616	1,624	1,605	1,616	+1%
	Chara # 1	144	155	160	149	144	140	145	134	125	135	143	134	139	+4%
	Chara # 2	96	97	97	92	86	87	87	82	77	77	76	76	76	0%
	Khata # 1	109	111	116	106	105	101	106	101	96	106	105	96	99	+4%
	Khata # 2	67	68	68	68	67	67	68	67	67	68	67	67	67	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	3,243	3,296	3,315	3,231	3,158	3,132	3,161	3,107	3,080	3,115	3,114	3,096	3,103	0%
	White powder (Injection)	3,771	3,819	3,828	3,742	3,684	3,682	3,722	3,644	3,609	3,647	3,629	3,583	3,586	0%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,975	2,369	3,007	2,399	3,037	2,773	2,513	2,541	2,602	2,632	2,477	2,275	2,190	-4%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,975	2,369	3,007	2,399	3,037	2,773	2,513	2,541	2,602	2,632	2,477	2,275	2,190	-4%

**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 (Jan-Dec) %
			Dec-16	Jan-17	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	76,475	73,000	-5%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	179,550	173,000	-4%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	240,000	234,000	-3%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	273,400	268,000	-2%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	12,940,000	13,000,000	+0.5%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	13,529,000	13,700,000	+1%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	8,820,000	8,940,000	+1%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	215,000	220,000	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	175,000	180,000	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	135,000	140,000	+4%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	345,000	350,000	+1%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	168,000	169,000	+1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	14,000	14,500	+4%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,000	8,000	0%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	10,000	10,400	+4%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	324,000	324,500	0%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	375,000	375,000	0%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	151,800	146,000	-4%

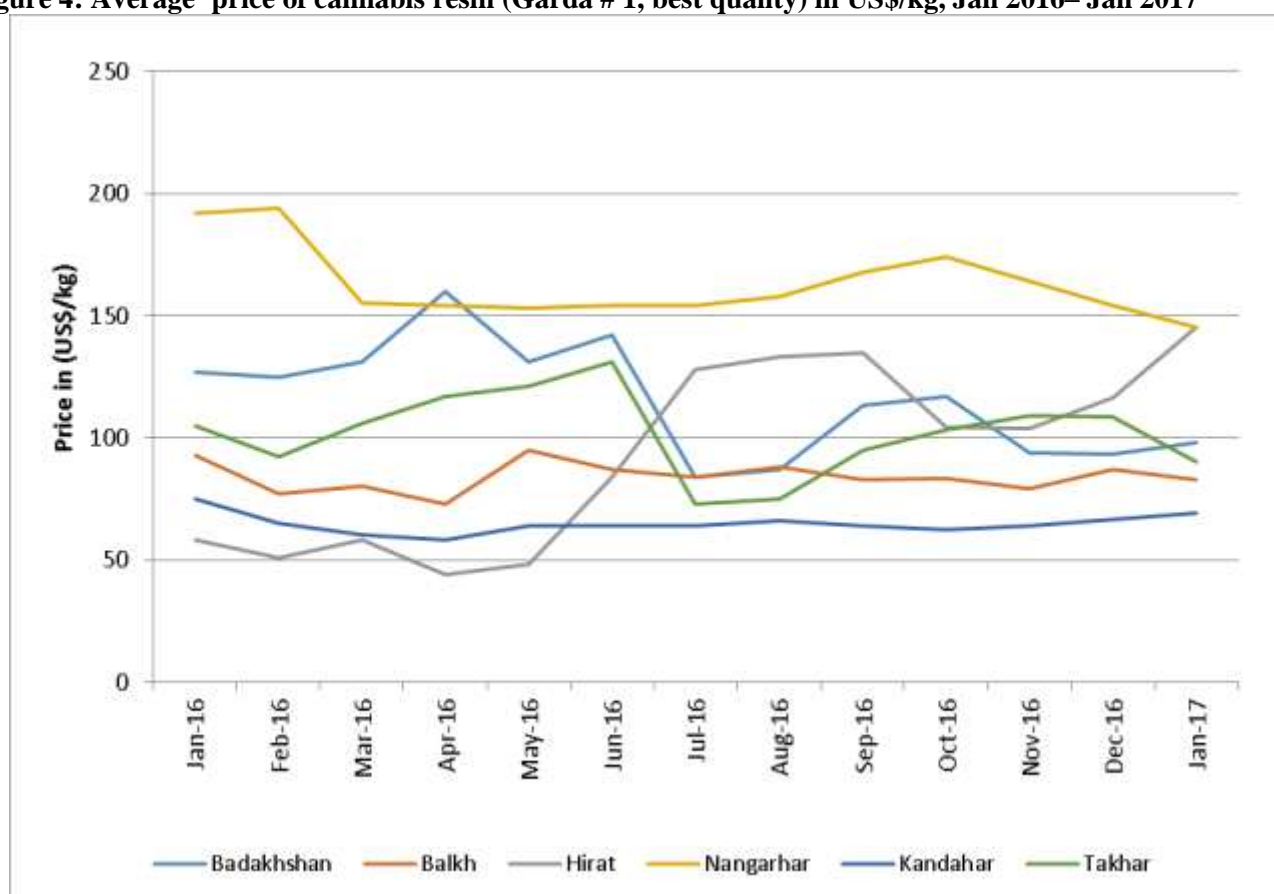
## 5 CANNABIS RESIN:

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 its blending with lower quality hashish.

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

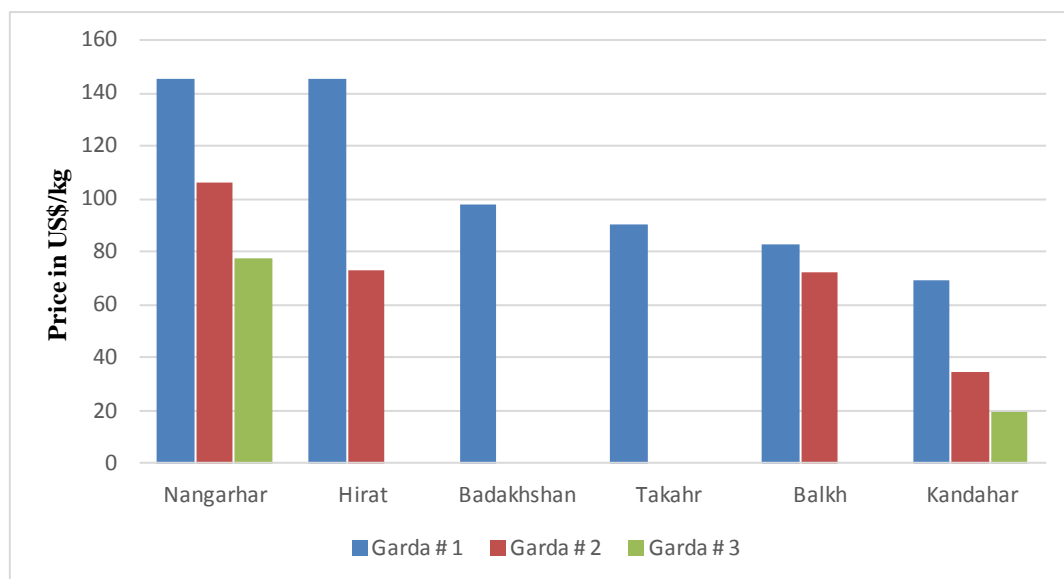
Province	Types of cannabis resin	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Chang (Jan-Dec) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	127	125	131	160	131	142	84	87	113	117	94	94	98	+4%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	95	77	80	73	95	87	84	88	82.7	83	79	87	83	-5%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	70	58	69	66	73	67	58	72	63	73	69	75	72	-4%
Hirat	Garda # 1	67	51	58	44	48	84	128	133	135	104	104	116	145	+25%
	Garda # 2	36	22	29	22	25	50	85	88	90	51	51	65	73	+12%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	64	65	60	58	64	64	64	66	64	62	64	66	69	+4%
	Garda # 2	37	39	34	32	34	34	32	34	32	30	34	32	34	+7%
	Garda # 3	19	19	17	17	19	19	17	19	19	17	19	17	19	+13%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	193	194	155	154	153	154	154	158	168	174	164	154	145	-6%
	Garda # 2	143	145	116	121	115	120	115	120	125	126	116	111	106	-4%
	Garda # 3	92	97	82	87	86	87	82	82	82	87	87	82	77	-5%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	105	92	106	117	121	131	73	75	95	103	109	109	90	-17%

**Figure 4: Average<sup>6</sup> price of cannabis resin (Garda # 1, best quality) in US\$/kg, Jan 2016– Jan 2017**



<sup>6</sup> Simple average of all observations

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



**Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in other than USD currency, December 2016 – January 2017**

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Jan-Dec) %
			Dec-16	Jan-17	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6,250	6,500	+4%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	5,800	5,500	-5%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	5,000	4,800	-4%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	350,000	470,000	+34%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	194,000	235,000	+21%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	6,889	7,111	+3%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	3,333	3,556	+7%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	1,778	2,000	+13%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	16,000	15,000	-6%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	11,500	11,000	-4%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	8,500	8,000	-6%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	7,260	6,000	-17%

## 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, Dec 2016 – Jan 2017**

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Jan-Dec) (%)
			Dec-16	Jan-17	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	32	30	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	25	-17%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	145	+12%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	17	25	+47%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	140	150	+7%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	18	22	+22%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	38	38	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	165	+10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	25	+25%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	56	62	+12%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	63	63	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	75	0%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	30	-25%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	78	80	+3%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	56	60	+8%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	30	30	0%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	47	40	-15%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	45	38	-16%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	30	-25%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	40	35	-13%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	12	9	-25%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	20	-50%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	34	30	-12%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	31	28	-10%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	80	80	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	49	53	+9%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	71	76	+6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	58	62	+8%

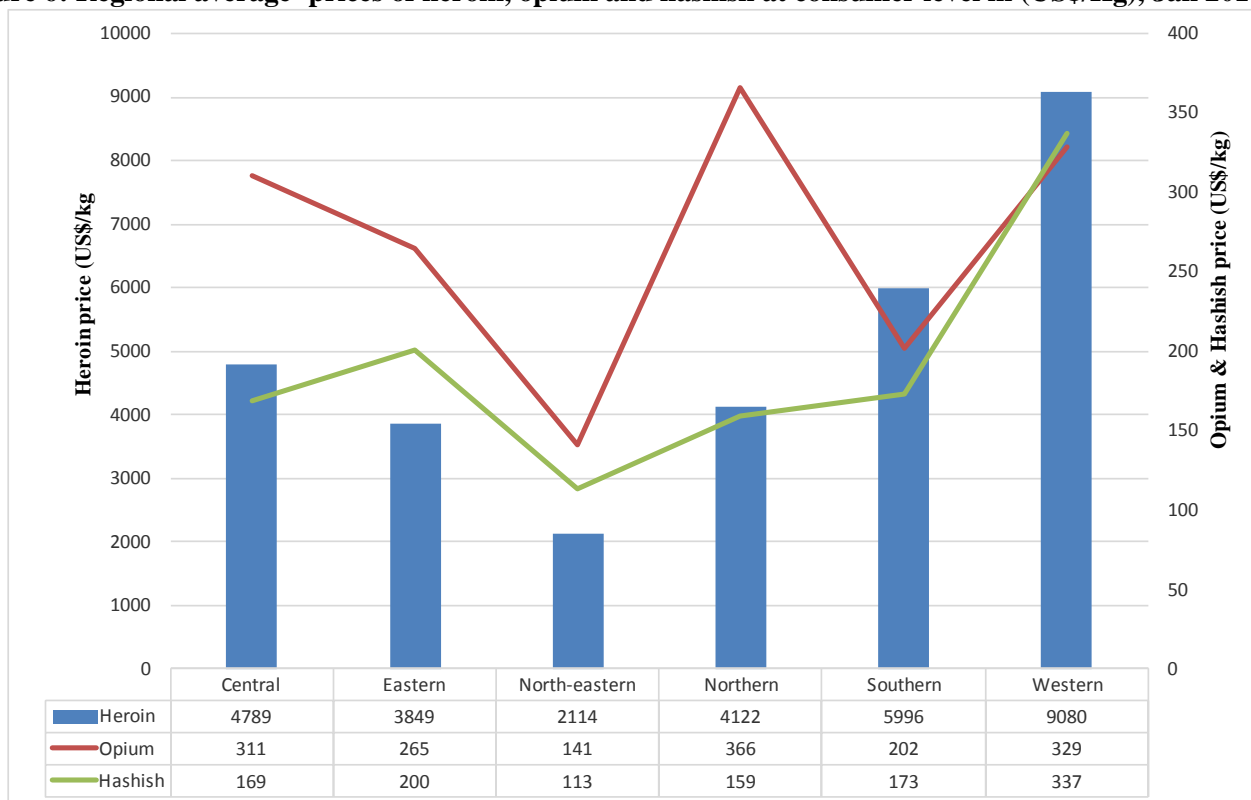
**Table 12: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Jan 2016 – Jan 2017**

Types of seeds	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.46	0.44	0.42	0.47	0.46	0.50	0.43	0.46	0.44	0.45	0.43	0.52	0.62	+19%
Poppy seed	0.68	0.71	0.70	0.74	0.74	0.71	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.77	0.85	0.81	0.92	+13%

## 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<sup>7</sup> prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in (US\$/Kg), Jan 2017**



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

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Jan-Dec) (%)
	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	
Heroin	4,958	5,532	5,099	5,472	4,430	4,345	4,477	4,215	4,434	4,969	4,702	4,817	4,866	+1%
Opium	309	288	294	288	275	336	253	254	255	272	271	265	272	+3%
Hashish	187	158	154	152	144	230	152	162	185	186	186	186	196	+6%

## 8 PRICE OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

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

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	245	243	241	235	236	240	227	236	229	238	211	206	215	+5%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	178	184	174	174	169	165	169	164	159	160	159	162	169	+4%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	201	174	170	164	159	155	159	154	150	155	144	148	150	+1%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	161	161	150	135	144	145	140	153	149	160	160	145	152	+5%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	173	154	149	143	145	146	142	146	144	148	147	140	143	+2%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	152	198	204	200	199	193	178	183	181	190	214	202	180	-11%

<sup>7</sup> Simple average of all observations

## 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, January 2017**

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	33	0.5
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	90	1.3
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	50	0.7
Balkh	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	51	0.8
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	85	1.3
Balkh	Rice Local	-	54	0.8
Hirat	Wheat	-	18	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	1.3
Hirat	Saffron	-	110,000	1,649
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	66	1.0
Hirat	Rice Local	-	50	0.7
Kandahar	Wheat	51	-	0.5
Kandahar	Cotton	240	-	2.3
Kandahar	Rice Imported	100	-	1.0
Nangarhar	Wheat	40	-	0.4
Nangarhar	Cotton	181	-	1.7
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	144	-	1.4
Nangarhar	Rice Local	44	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	28	0.4
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	83	1.2
Takhar	Rice Local	-	45	0.7

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

Types of crops	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.41	0.41	0.35	0.37	0.35	0.32	0.36	0.39	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.41	0.39	-4%
Cotton	1.49	1.49	1.41	1.37	1.43	1.44	1.51	1.48	1.55	1.56	1.53	1.57	1.54	-2%
Saffron	1,254	1,165	1,757	1,757	1,745	1,744	1,453	1,489	1,504	1,444	1,651	1,647	1,649	+0.2%
Rice (Imported)	1.12	1.22	1.20	1.11	1.03	1.07	1.11	1.13	1.13	1.14	1.14	1.15	1.20	+4%
Rice (Local)	0.69	0.67	0.59	0.60	0.58	0.55	0.59	0.62	0.65	0.62	0.67	0.71	0.68	-4%

## 10 METHODOLOGY:

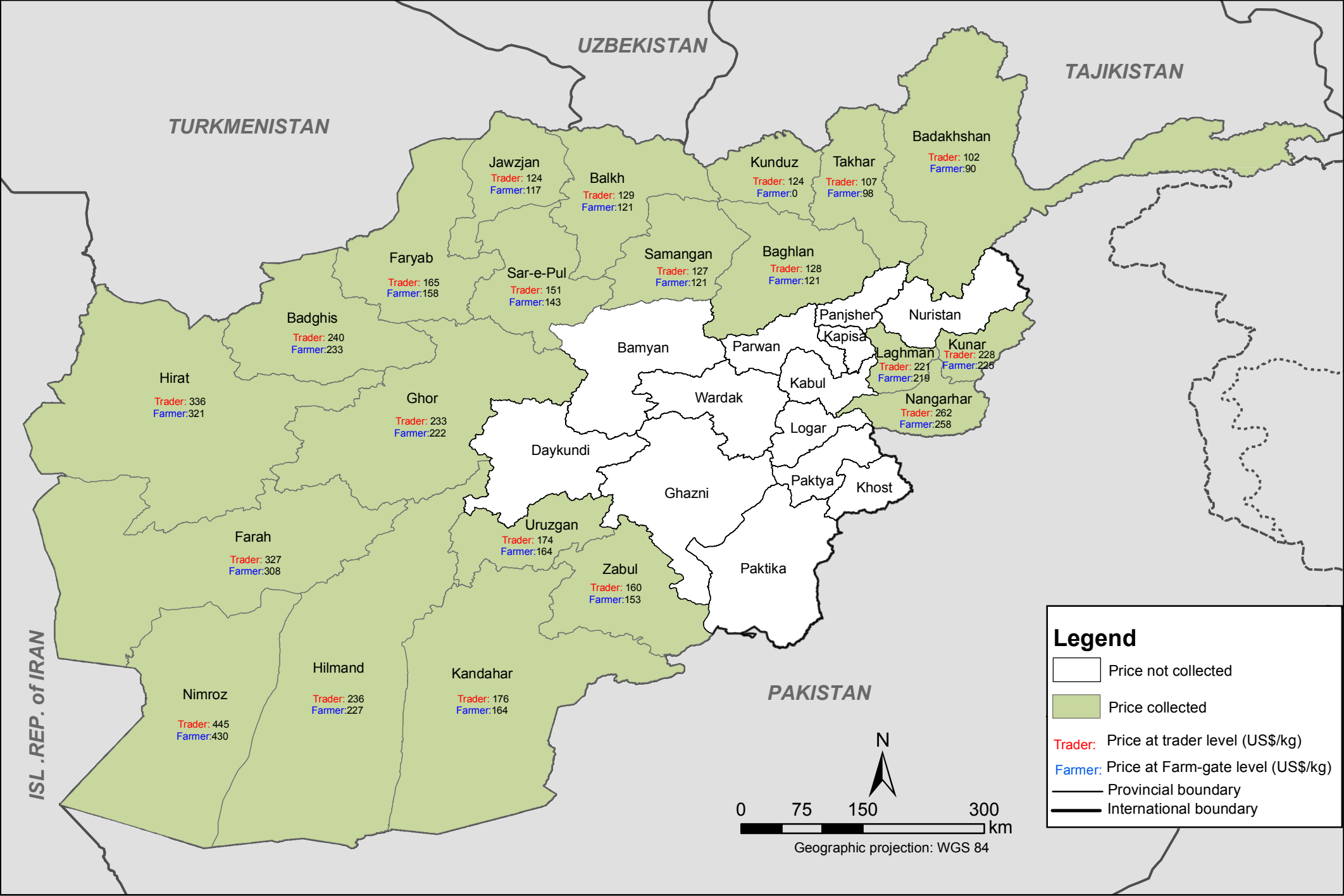
- Prices are collected in the last week of every month from around twenty farmers and equal numbers of trader prices are collected by MCN Survey coordinators generally from different farmers and traders each month; however the price data collection is sourced from a few known farmers and traders as well.
- 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

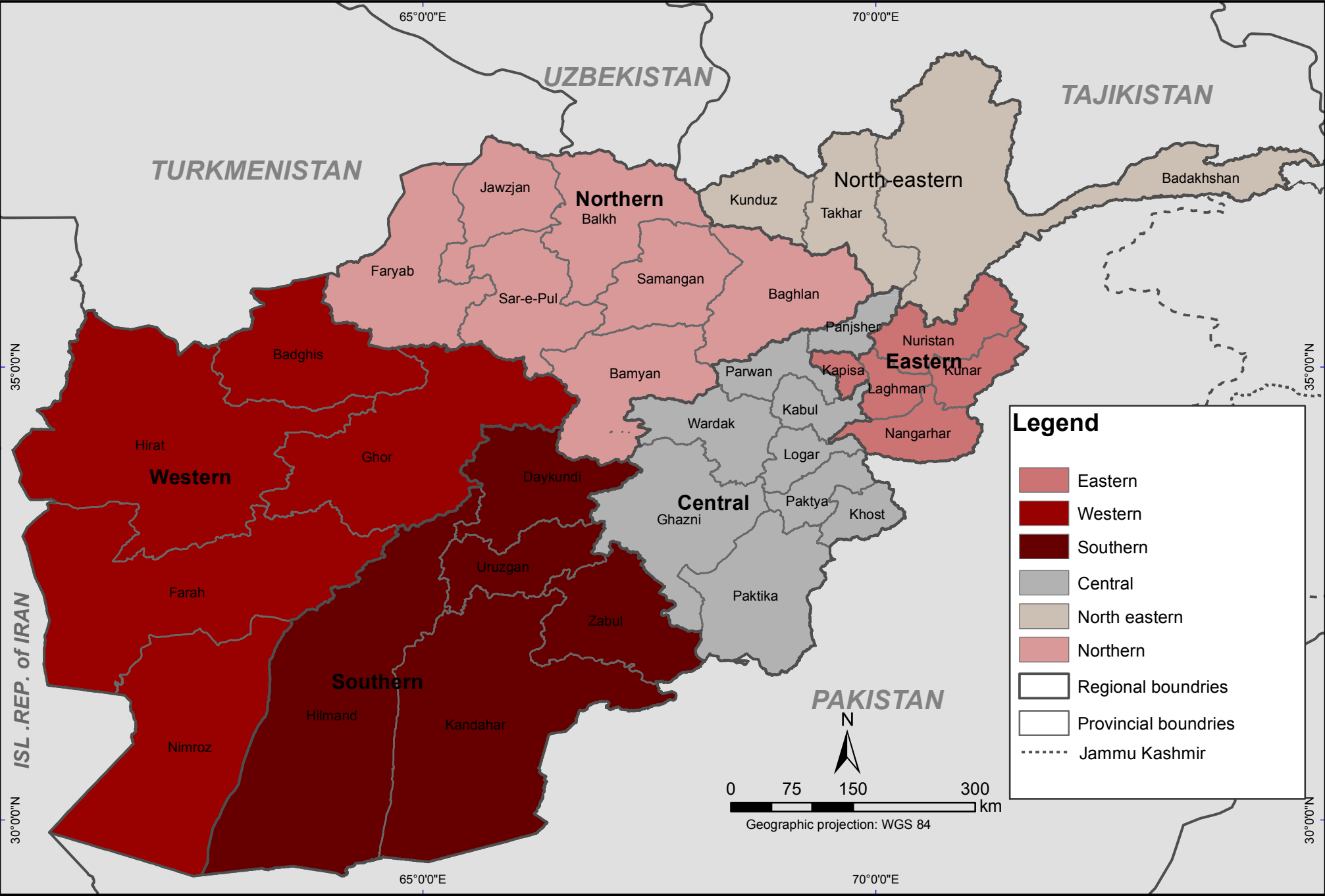


Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (January 2017)



Source: Government of Afghanistan - National monitoring system implemented by UNODC/MCN  
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Regional grouping of provinces for the opium poppy survey in Afghanistan



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