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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		
	June_2017	July_2017	Change %	July_2016	July_2017	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	154	137	-11%	188	137	-27%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	162	138	-15%	198	138	-30%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	122	105	-14%	156	105	-33%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	128	112	-12%	166	112	-32%
Heroin High Quality	3,429	3,339	-3%	3,343	3,339	-0.1%
Heroin Medium Quality	2,320	2,237	-4%	2,414	2,237	-7%

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\$ 137/kg** at the end of July 2017 which is 11% lower compared to price reported in June 2017 (**US\$ 154/kg**). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in July 2017 is 27% lower than the price reported in July 2016 which was US\$ 188/kg.

Figure 1: National ¹average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from (June 2004 to July 2017)

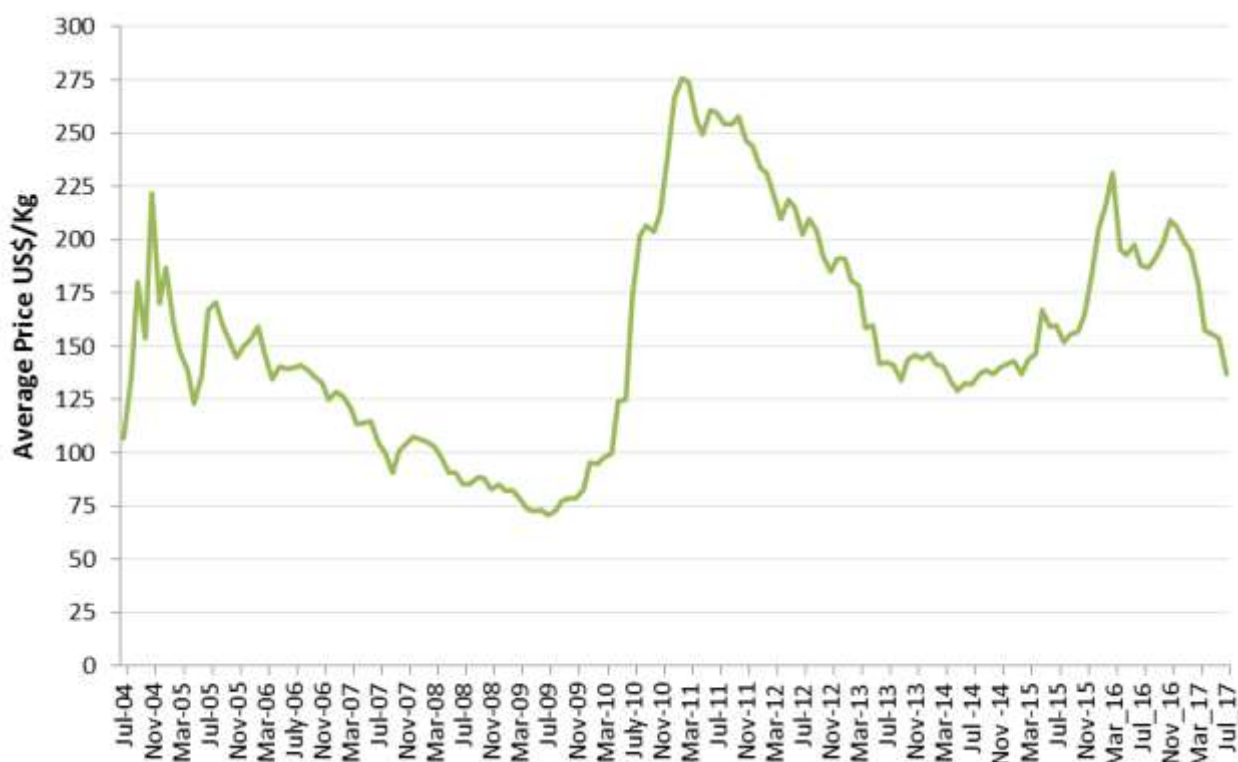


Table 1: Regional average² farm -gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (June 2017 to July 2017)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jun-17	Jul-17	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	187	181	-3%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	149	113	-24%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	246	207	-16%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	54	63	+16%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	88	82	-7%
Average	154	137	-11%

¹ Simple average of all observations

² Simple average of all observations

Trader price:

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 138/kg** at the end of July 2017 showing **15%** decrease compared to the price reported last month (June 2017) (**US\$ 162/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in July 2017 is **30%** lower than the price reported last year (July 2016) which was **US\$ 198/kg**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 16% in North-eastern region respectively. Price has decreased by 22%, 20%, 6% and 3% in Southern, Western, Northern and Eastern regions respectively.

Table 2: National ³average price of dry opium at Trader level US\$/kg (July 2016 to July 2017)

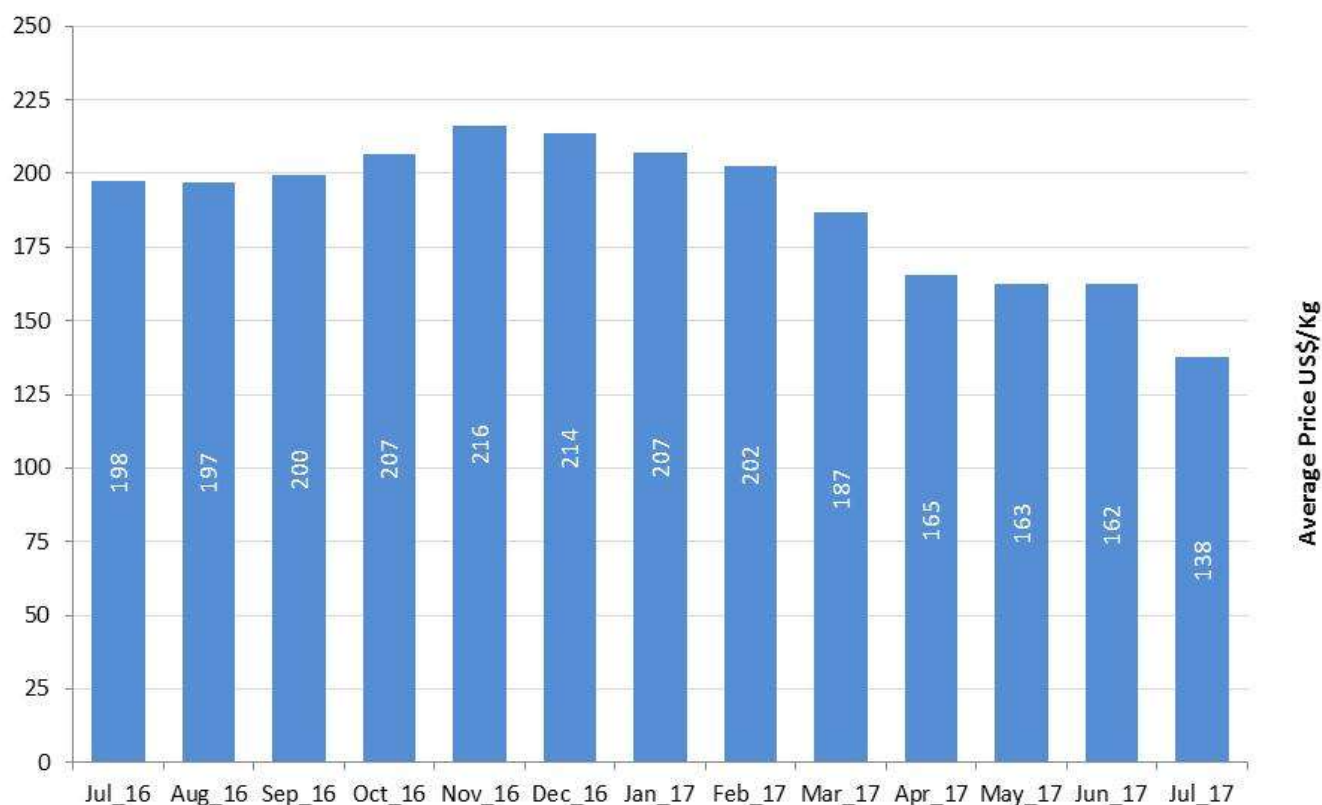


Figure 2: Regional average⁴ price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (June 2017 to July 2017)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jun-17	Jul-17	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	190	184	-3%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	157	122	-22%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	261	210	-20%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	64	75	+16%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	94	88	-6%
Average	162	138	-15%

³ 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\$ 123/kg** in July 2017 showing a decrease of 6% compared to the price reported in June 2017 (**US\$ 130**). The average price of 1 kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 283/kg** in July 2017 with a decreased by 20% compared to the price reported in June 2017 (**US\$ 352**).

Table 3: Average² price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at farm-gate level (US\$/Kg)

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Jul-Jun) %	Hilmand		Price change (Jul-Jun) %
	Jun-17	Jul-17		Jun-17	Jul-17	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	130	123	-6%	352	283	-20%

Trader price:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 130/kg** in July 2017 showing a decrease of 4% compared to the price reported in June 2017 (**US\$ 136/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 299/kg** in July 2017 with a decreased by 18% compared to the price reported in June 2017 (**US\$ 363**).

Table 4: Average³ price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at trader level (US\$/Kg)

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Jul-Jun) %	Hilmand		Price change (Jul-Jun) %
	Jun-17	Jul-17		Jun-17	Jul-17	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	136	130	-4%	363	299	-18%

Table 5: Regional average⁴ 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 (Jul-Jun) (%)	Change at trader level (Jul-Jun) (%)
		Jun-17		Jul-17			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	19,376	19,640	18,906	19,270	-2%	-2%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	15,492	16,269	11,743	12,714	-24%	-22%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	11,932	13,053	11,142	12,263	-7%	-6%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	959,125	1,000,944	770,822	813,111	-20%	-19%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	3,645	4,297	4,250	5,043	+17%	+17%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	5,872	6,196	5,513	5,946	-6%	-4%

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

⁴ Simple average of all observations

3.2 FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of July 2017, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by **14%** from **US\$ 122/kg** in June 2017 to **US\$ 105/kg in July 2017** at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by **12%** from **US\$ 128/kg** in June 2017 to **US\$ 112/kg** in July 2017)

Figure 3: National average⁵ price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level, US\$/kg (Jun 2005 to July 2017)

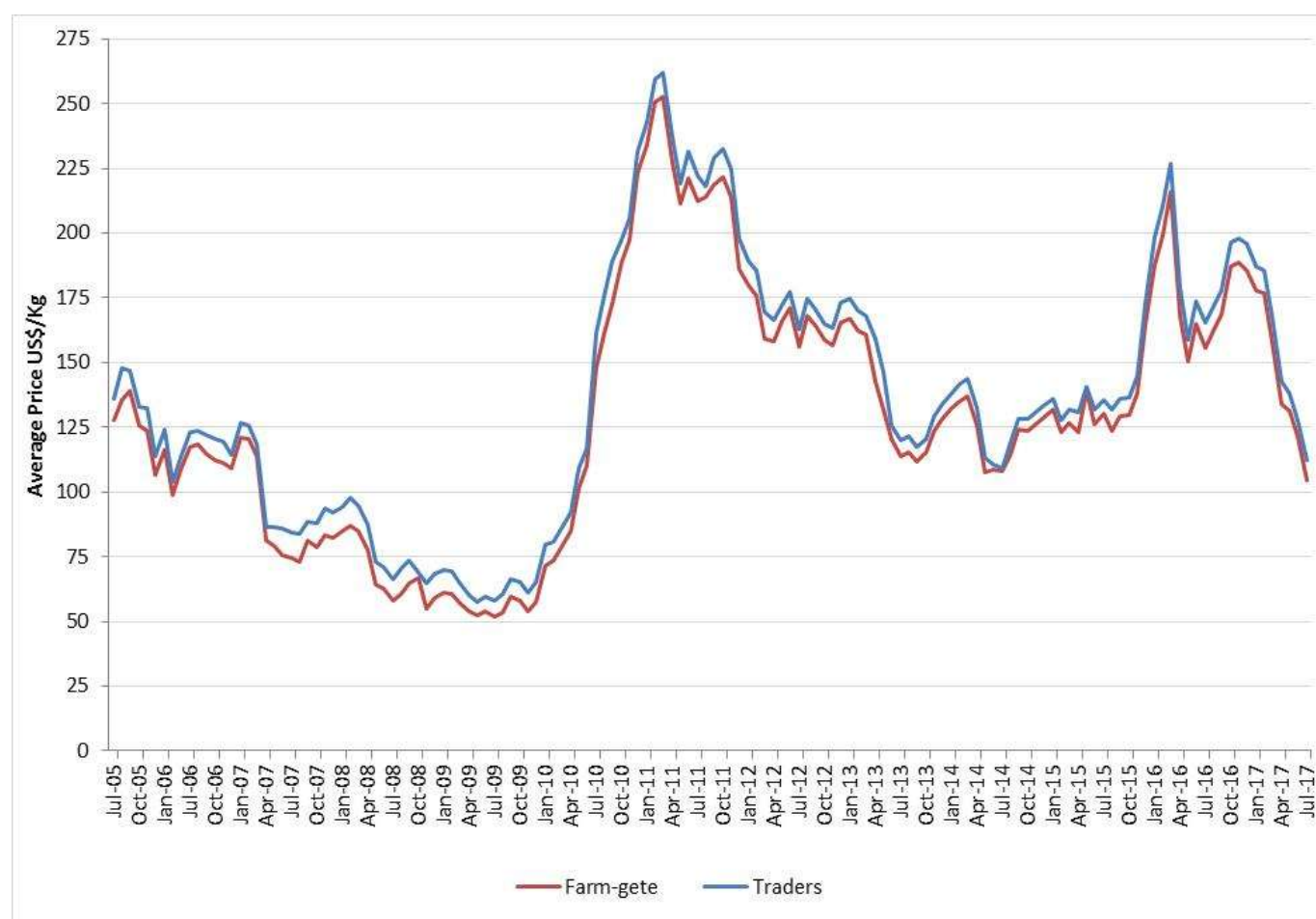


Table 6: Regional average⁵ price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency.

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate level (Jul-Jun) (%)	Change at trader level (Jul-Jun) (%)
		Jun-17		Jul-17			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	12,514	12,799	13,848	14,167	+11%	+11%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	14,140	14,826	10,469	11,419	-26%	-23%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	10,958	11,458	8,500	9,263	-22%	-19%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	669,611	717,389	481,778	529,556	-28%	-26%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	3,396	4,064	3,827	4,470	+13%	+10%
Northern region (Bachlan, Balkh, Farvab, Suri-Pul, Jawzian Samangan)	Afghani	5,108	7,800	4,928	7,800	-4%	0%

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

⁵ Simple average of all observations

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), July 2016 – July 2017

Province	Types of Heroin	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Change (Jul-Jun) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	1,206	1,226	1,561	1,601	1,139	1,146	1,095	1,507	1,425	1,204	1,172	1,011	1,013	+0.2%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	2,815	2,840	2,914	2,948	2,675	2,691	2,595	3,013	2,951	2,808	3,606	2,730	3,038	+11%
Balkh	Best powder	3,511	3,625	3,617	3,672	3,649	3,592	3,515	3,448	3,382	3,257	3,111	3,160	3,017	-5%
	White powder (Crystal)	4,007	4,145	4,105	4,160	4,144	4,092	4,026	3,958	3,939	3,850	3,786	3,858	3,753	-3%
Hirat	Morphine	3,583	3,546	4,137	4,203	3,968	4,306	4,017	3,981	3,948	3,978	3,870	4,007	3,860	-4%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	3,923	3,723	4,493	4,569	4,205	4,502	4,234	4,167	4,102	4,317	4,026	4,793	4,148	-13%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	2,558	2,287	2,516	2,559	2,724	2,935	2,763	2,731	2,684	2,596	2,655	2,651	2,449	-8%
Kandahar	Morphine	2,020	2,006	2,074	2,109	2,200	2,082	2,130	2,102	2,786	2,717	2,783	2,795	2,646	-5%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,635	1,671	1,640	1,693	1,785	1,694	1,743	1,736	1,556	1,553	1,643	1,706	1,636	-4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	1,154	1,194	1,225	1,239	1,331	1,307	1,356	1,350	1,153	1,116	1,159	1,205	1,155	-4%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,078	3,104	3,183	3,193	3,473	3,340	3,389	3,423	3,170	3,106	3,188	3,229	3,127	-3%
Nangarhar	Best powder	1,643	1,602	1,588	1,616	1,624	1,605	1,616	1,601	1,594	1,566	1,546	1,565	1,568	+0.2%
	Chara # 1	145	134	125	135	143	134	139	130	126	121	116	116	120	+4%
	Chara # 2	87	82	77	77	76	76	76	72	68	68	68	72	77	+6%
	Khata # 1	106	101	96	106	105	96	99	94	92	87	92	92	91	-0.4%
	Khata # 2	68	67	67	68	67	67	63	61	58	58	58	63	67	+7%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	3,161	3,107	3,080	3,115	3,114	3,096	3,103	3,124	3,110	3,094	3,053	3,073	3,069	-0.1%
	White powder (Injection)	3,722	3,644	3,609	3,647	3,629	3,583	3,586	3,597	3,573	3,577	3,527	3,537	3,541	+0.1%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,513	2,541	2,602	2,632	2,477	2,275	2,190	2,712	2,544	2,457	2,855	2,427	2,431	+0.2%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,513	2,541	2,602	2,632	2,477	2,275	2,190	2,712	2,544	2,457	2,855	2,427	2,431	+0.2%

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 (Jul-Jun) %
			Jun-17	Jul-17	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	68,000	68,500	+1%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	183,600	205,500	+12%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	213,000	205,000	-4%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	260,000	255,000	-2%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	13,000,000	12,610,000	-3%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	15,550,000	13,550,000	-13%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	8,600,000	8,000,000	-7%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	290,000	275,000	-5%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	177,000	170,000	-4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	125,000	120,000	-4%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	335,000	325,000	-3%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	162,000	163,000	+1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	12,000	12,500	+4%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,500	8,000	+7%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	9,500	9,500	0%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	6,500	7,000	+8%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	318,000	319,000	+0.3%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	366,000	368,000	+1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	163,200	164,400	+1%

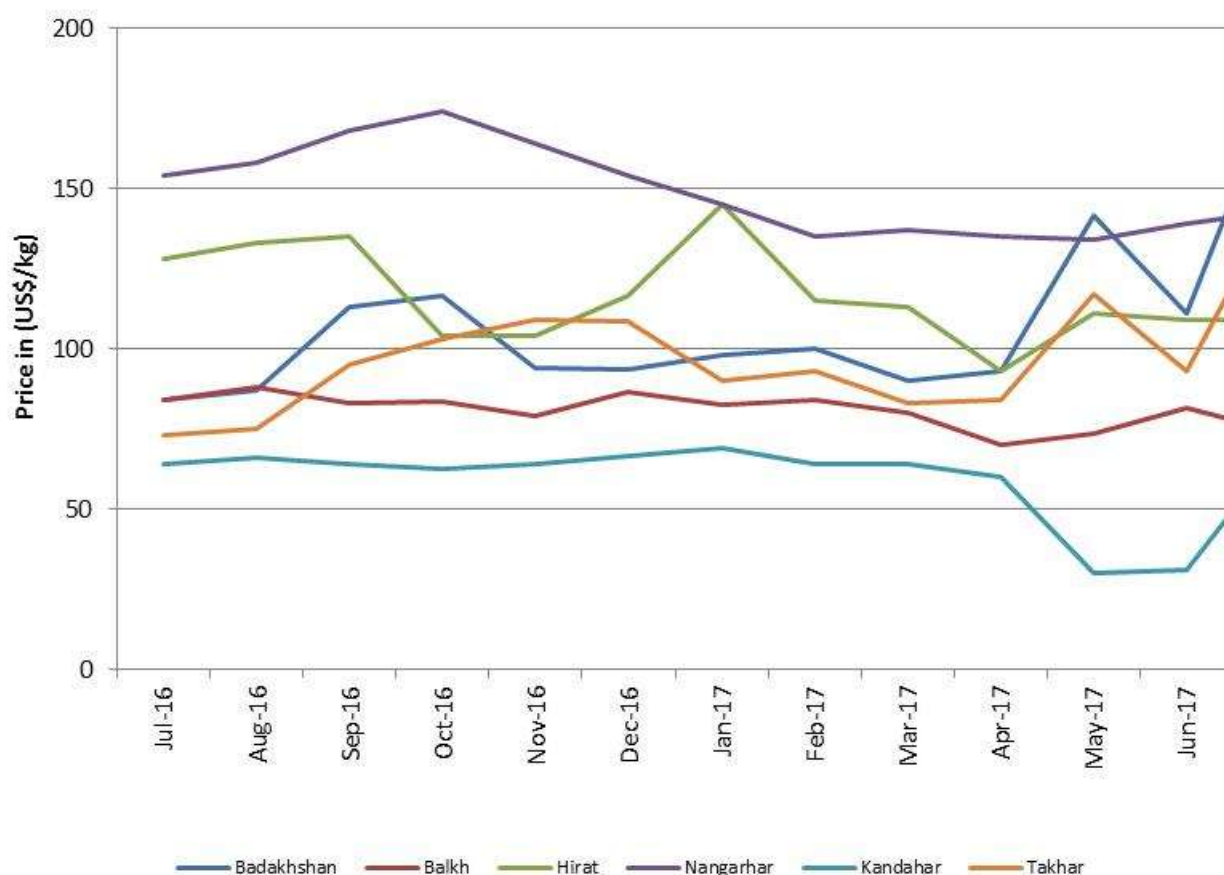
CANNABIS RESIN:

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 its blending with lower quality hashish.

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

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Chang (Jul-Jun) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	84	87	113	117	94	94	98	100	90	93	142	111	184	+65%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	84	88	82.7	83	79	87	83	84	80	70	73	82	74	-10%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	58	72	63	73	69	75	72	66	60	50	66	70	56	-20%
Hirat	Garda # 1	128	133	135	104	104	116	145	115	113	93	111	109	109	-1%
	Garda # 2	85	88	90	51	51	65	73	62	56	43	58	60	59	+1%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	64	66	64	62	64	66	69	64	64	60	30	31	68	+120%
	Garda # 2	32	34	32	30	34	32	34	32	30	28	21	22	36	+61%
	Garda # 3	17	19	19	17	19	17	19	17	15	15	16	16	21	+33%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	154	158	168	174	164	154	145	135	137	135	134	139	143	+3%
	Garda # 2	115	120	125	126	116	111	106	101	104	102	96	101	105	+4%
	Garda # 3	82	82	82	87	87	82	77	68	67	68	72	72	76	+6%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	73	75	95	103	109	109	90	93	83	84	117	93	147	57%

Figure 4: Average⁶ price of cannabis resin (Garda # 1, best quality) in US\$/kg, July 2016– July 2017



⁶ Simple average of all observations

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

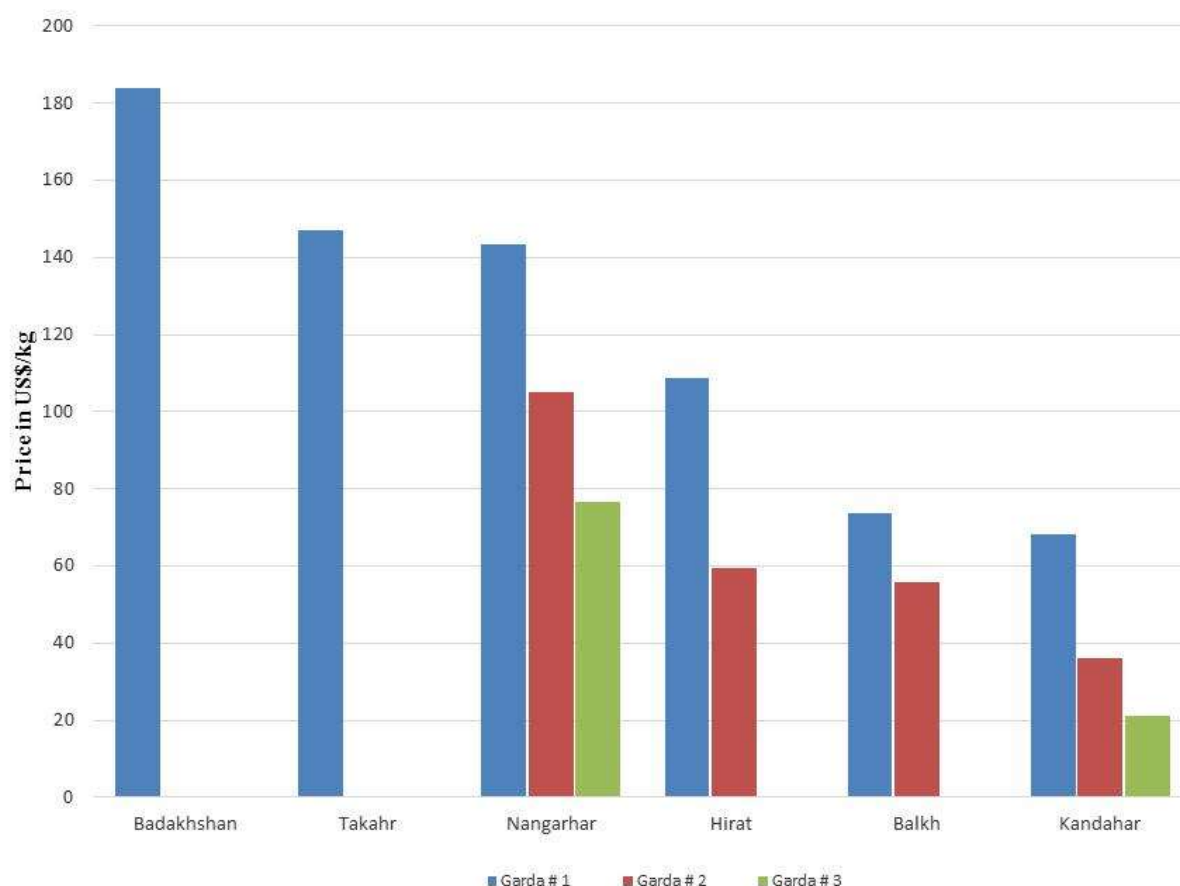


Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in other than USD currency, June 2017 – July 2017

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Jul-Jun) %
			Jun-17	Jul-17	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	7,500	12,500	+67%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	5,500	5,000	-9%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	4,700	3,800	-19%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	355,000	355,000	0%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	194,000	194,000	0%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	3,222	7,111	+121%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	2,333	3,778	+62%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	1,667	2,222	+33%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	14,500	15,000	+3%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	10,500	11,000	+5%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	7,500	8,000	+7%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6,300	10,000	+59%

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, June 2017 – July 2017

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Jul-Jun) (%)
			Jun-17	Jul-17	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	45	+13%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	35	38	+9%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	130	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	22	20	-9%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	120	-8%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	24	15	-38%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	30	30	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	33	33	0%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	120	120	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	20	0%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	84	84	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	69	0%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	38	38	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	48	48	0%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	30	30	0%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	91	91	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	71	71	0%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	30	30	0%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	24	25	+4%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	25	28	+12%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	30	+0%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	27	30	+11%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	18	20	+11%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	20	0%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	60	+20%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	38	43	+13%
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), July 2016 – July 2017

Types of seeds	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.43	0.46	0.44	0.45	0.43	0.52	0.62	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.618	0.622	+1%
Poppy seed	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.77	0.85	0.81	0.92	0.99	1.00	0.93	0.92	0.89	0.88	-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 average⁷ prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in (US\$/Kg), July 2017

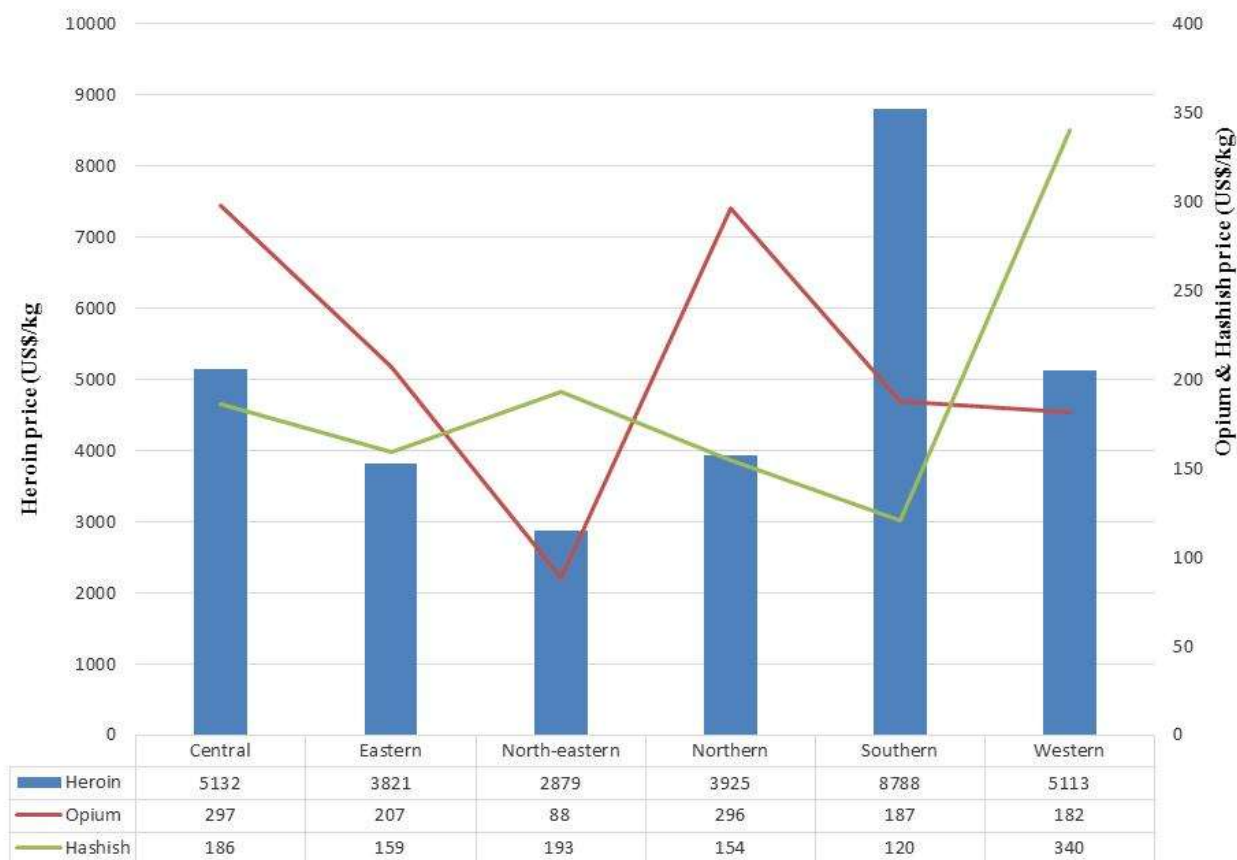


Table 13: Average⁸ prices of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), July 2016 – July 2017

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													
	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Change (Jul-Jun) (%)
Heroin	4,477	4,215	4,434	4,969	4,702	4,817	4,866	4,943	4,580	4,194	3,874	4,738	4,766	+1%
Opium	253	254	255	272	271	265	272	267	260	235	205	215	208	-3%
Hashish	152	162	185	186	186	186	196	195	182	166	167	192	197	+3%

8 PRICE OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

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

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	227	236	229	238	211	206	215	372	370	590	591	609	654	+7%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	169	164	159	160	159	162	169	174	173	179	184	179	172	-4%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	159	154	150	155	144	148	150	149	144	153	155	148	143	-3%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	140	153	149	160	160	145	152	161	151	167	175	176	165	-6%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	142	146	144	148	147	140	143	148	142	148	153	153	146	-4%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	178	183	181	190	214	202	180	454	453	350	354	374	478	+28%

⁷ 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, July 2017

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	40	0.6
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	85	1.3
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	55	0.8
Balkh	Wheat	-	19	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	48	0.7
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	80	1.2
Balkh	Rice Local	-	57	0.8
Hirat	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	1.3
Hirat	Saffron	-	80,000	1,186
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	90	1.3
Hirat	Rice Local	-	72	1.1
Kandahar	Wheat	52	-	0.5
Kandahar	Cotton	260	-	2.5
Kandahar	Rice Imported	100	-	1.0
Nangarhar	Wheat	36	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	190	-	1.8
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	135	-	1.3
Nangarhar	Rice Local	48	-	0.5
Takhar	Wheat	-	25	0.4
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	80	1.2
Takhar	Rice Local	-	48	0.7

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

Types of crops	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.36	0.39	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.41	0.39	0.42	0.32	0.41	0.38	0.43	0.40	-8%
Cotton	1.51	1.48	1.55	1.56	1.53	1.57	1.54	1.58	1.54	1.62	1.64	1.96	1.59	-19%
Saffron	1,453	1,489	1,504	1,444	1,651	1,647	1,649	1,799	1,802	1,778	1,173	1,186	1,186	0%
Rice (Imported)	1.11	1.13	1.13	1.14	1.14	1.15	1.20	1.20	0.97	1.21	1.23	1.34	1.20	-10%
Rice (Local)	0.59	0.62	0.65	0.62	0.67	0.71	0.68	0.73	0.57	0.74	0.76	0.78	0.78	-1%

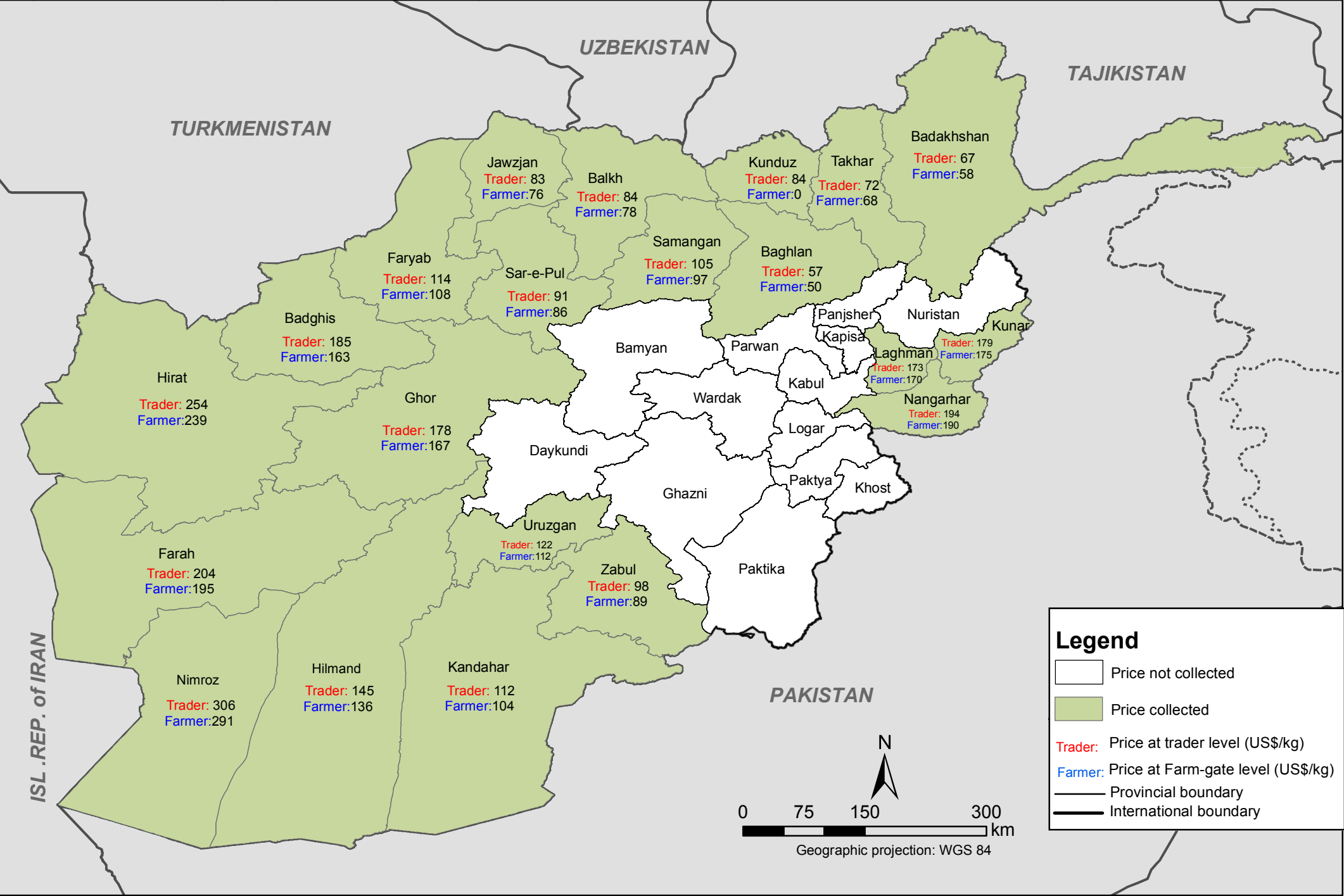
10 METHODOLOGY:

- 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	
Dry Opium	195	186	21
Fresh Opium	198	201	21

Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (July 2017)

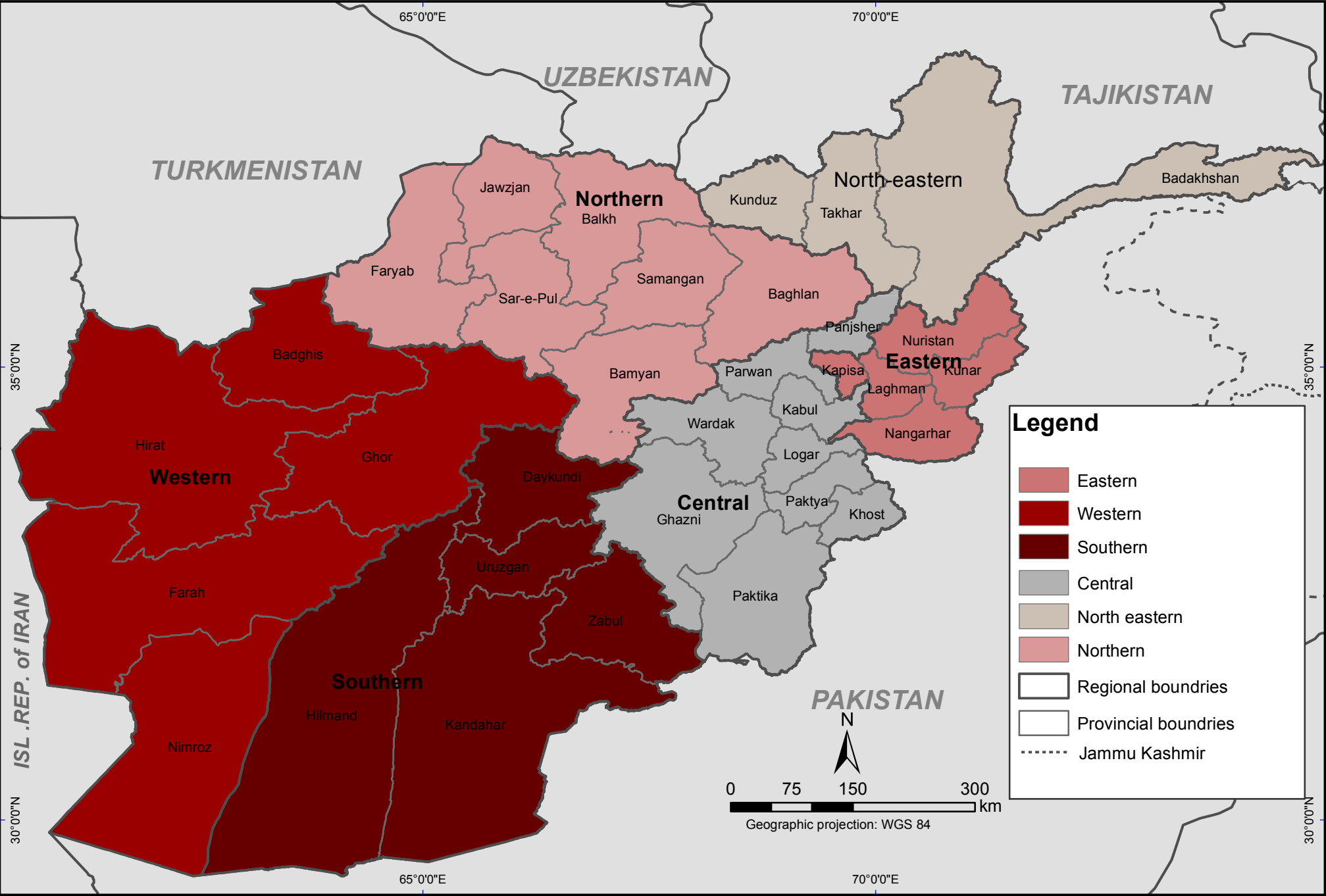


Source: Government of Afghanistan - National monitoring system implemented by UNODC/MCN

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Regional grouping of provinces for the opium poppy survey in Afghanistan



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