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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_2019	July_2019	Change %	July_2018	July_2019	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	59	66	+11%	91	66	-27%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	63	77	+21%	99	77	-22%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	43	53	+24%	71	53	-25%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	46	57	+23%	78	57	-27%
Heroin High Quality	2,008	2,025	+1%	2,696	2,025	-25%
Heroin Medium Quality	1,498	1,433	-4%	1,797	1,433	-20%

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\$ 66 kg** at the end of July 2019 which is 11% higher compared to price reported in June 2019 (US\$ 59/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in July 2019 is 27% lower than the price reported in July 2018 which was US\$ 91/kg.

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



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

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jun-19	Jul-19	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	83	87	+5%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	63	65	+3%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	66	78	+17%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	38	45	+18%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	40	49	+23%
Average	59	66	+11%

Trader price:

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 77/kg** at the end of July 2019 showing **21%** increase compared to the price reported last month (June 2019) (**US\$ 63/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in July 2019 is **22%** lower than the price reported last year (July 2018) which was **US\$ 99/kg**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 20%, 16%, 14%, 4% and 3% in Northern, Western, North-eastern, Easter and Southern regions respectively.

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

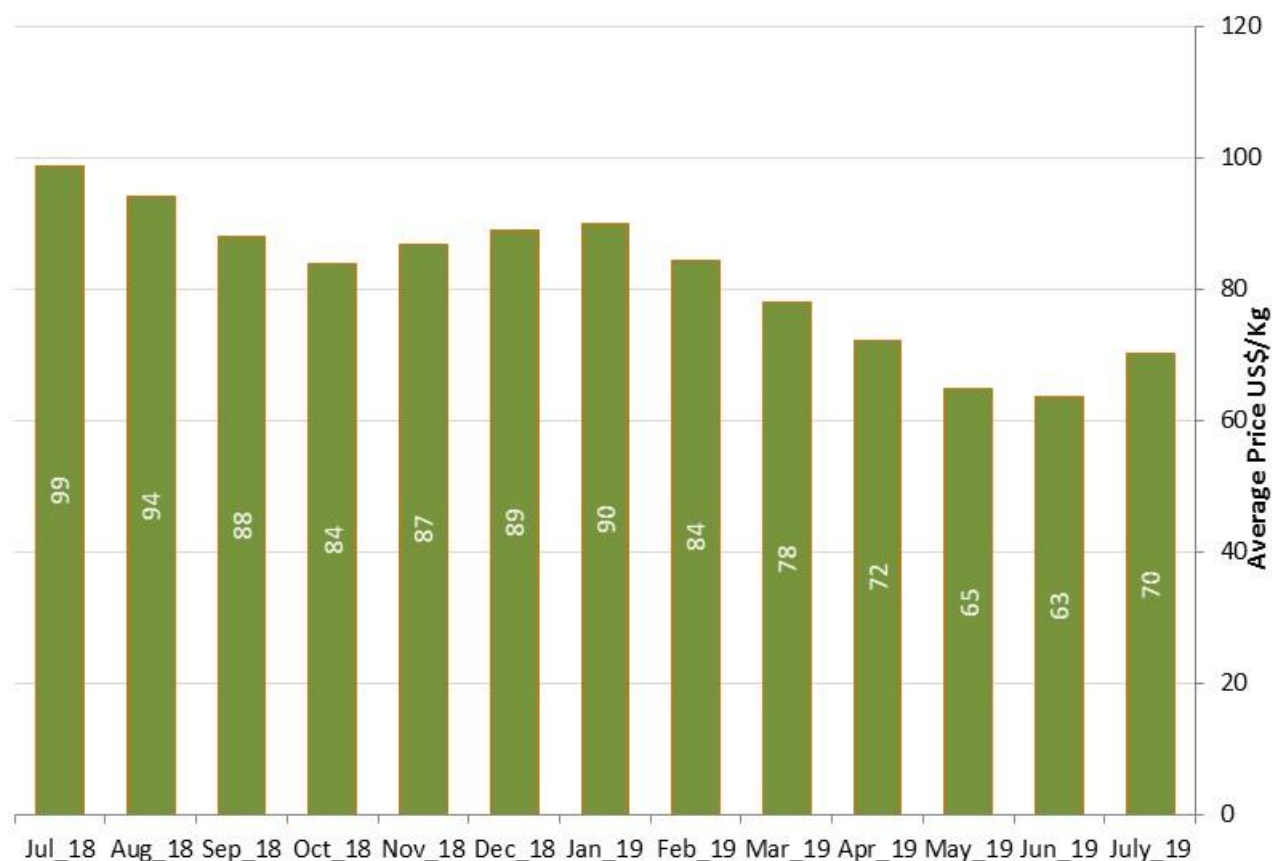


Figure 2: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (June 2019 to July 2019)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jun-19	Jul-19	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	85	89	+4%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	69	71	+3%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	71	82	+16%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	42	48	+14%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	45	54	+20%
Average	63	70	+10%

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\$ 79/kg** in July 2019 showing an increase of 24% compared to the price reported in June 2019 (**US\$ 64**). The average price of 1 kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 125/kg** in July 2019 with an increased by 3% compared to the price reported in June (**US\$ 122**).

Table 3: Average 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-19	Jul-19		Jun-19	Jul-19	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	64	79	+24%	122	125	+3%

Trader price:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 86/kg** in July 2019 showing an increase of 23% compared to the price reported in June 2019 (**US\$ 70/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 131/kg** in July 2019 with an increased by 1% compared to the price reported in June 2019 (**US\$ 129**).

Table 4: Average 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-19	Jul-19		Jun-19	Jul-19	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	70	86	+23%	129	131	+1%

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 (Jul-Jun) (%)	Change at trader level (Jul-Jun) (%)
		Jun-19		Jul-19			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	13,033	13,423	13,947	14,305	+7%	+7%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	10,061	11,021	10,500	11,465	+4%	+4%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	4,045	4,500	5,083	5,536	+26%	+23%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	983,775	1,025,651	1,033,421	1,086,761	+5%	+6%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	3,093	3,323	3,604	3,795	+17%	+14%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	3,219	3,644	3,921	4,353	+22%	+19%

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

3.2 FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of July 2019, the national average price of fresh opium increased by **24%** from **US\$ 43/kg** in **June 2019** to **US\$ 53/kg** in **July 2019** at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level increased by **23%** from **US\$ 46/kg** in June 2019 to **US\$ 57/kg** in July 2019).

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

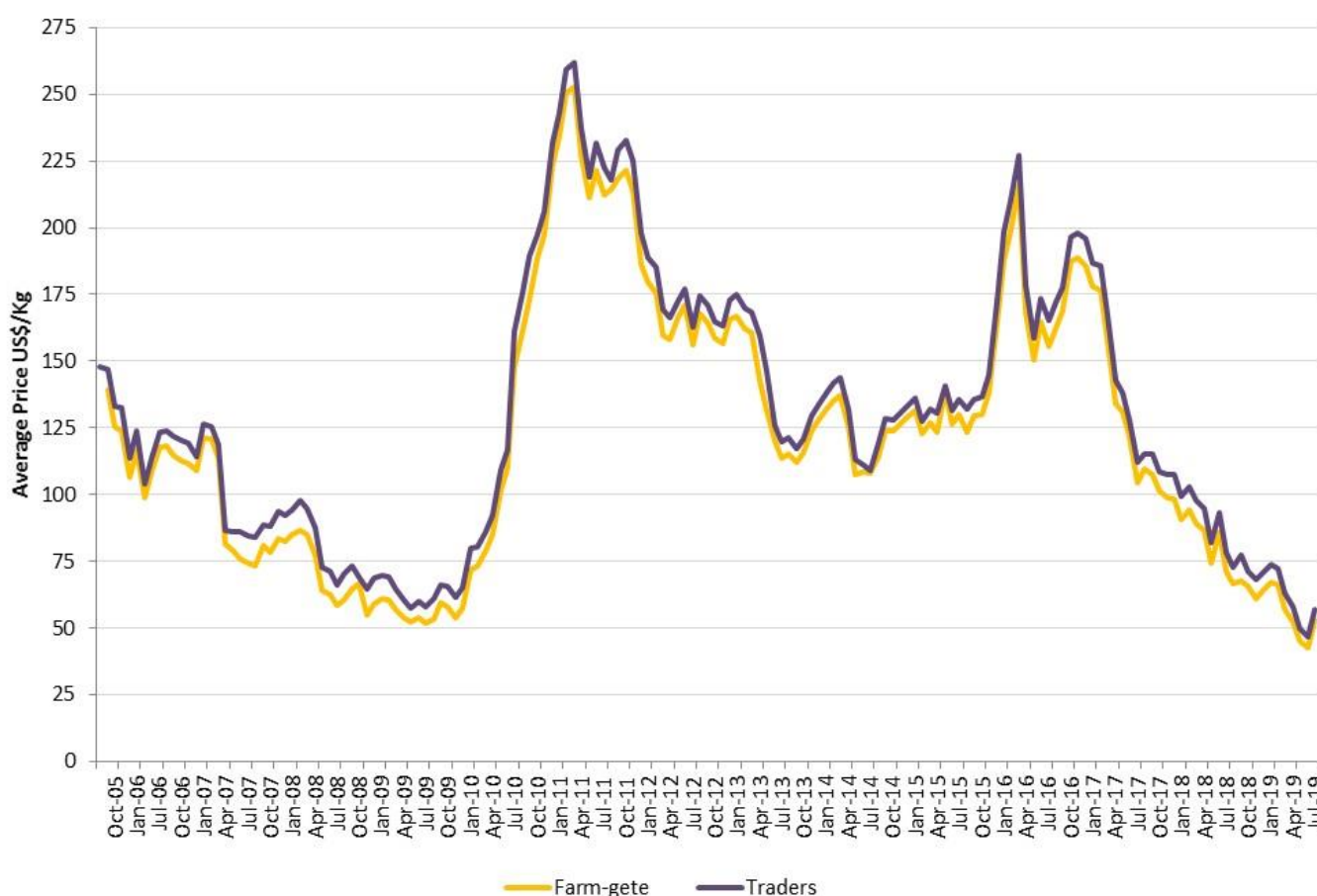


Table 6: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency.

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate level (Jul-Jun) (%)	Change at trader level (Jul-Jun) (%)
		Jun-19		Jul-19			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	7,705	8,063	11,202	11,560	+45%	+43%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	8,438	9,446	8,822	9,889	+5%	+5%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	2,422	2,678	3,449	3,704	+42%	+38%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	731,765	771,427	781,702	821,220	+7%	+6%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	2,659	2,752	3,181	3,457	+20%	+26%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Farvab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	2,450	2,893	3,260	3,671	+33%	+27%

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

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\$ 41/kg) is called as Khata # 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

Province	Types of Heroin	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Change (Jul-Jun) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	202	NA	NA	NA	1,408	2,267	1,504	1,203	1,217	904	751	828	897	+8%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	2,016	2,621	2,987	2,203	2,011	2,533	1,605	1,603	1,600	1,303	1,126	1,112	1,309	+18%
Balkh	Best powder	3,228	3,244	3,144	3,198	2,844	3,360	2,764	2,740	2,608	2,492	2,249	2,211	1,568	-29%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,949	4,003	4,006	4,064	3,638	4,155	3,328	3,325	3,300	3,184	2,933	2,878	2,186	-24%
Hirat	Morphine	3,257	3,090	2,993	2,991	3,808	3,112	3,090	3,306	3,112	3,102	2,978	2,933	3,002	+2%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	3,386	3,212	3,111	3,110	3,655	3,006	2,960	3,167	2,981	2,971	2,852	2,816	2,901	+3%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	1,986	1,884	1,838	1,826	2,227	1,834	1,799	1,925	1,819	1,813	1,740	1,704	1,748	+3%
Kandahar	Morphine	1,991	2,031	2,063	1,961	1,989	2,020	2,056	2,015	1,827	1,770	1,620	1,579	1,563	-1%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,210	1,218	1,246	1,207	1,260	1,284	1,299	1,223	1,074	991	893	878	875	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	937	894	922	905	943	938	974	935	860	779	694	688	688	0%
	White powder (Crystal)	2,515	2,559	2,549	2,413	2,431	2,417	2,453	2,374	2,221	2,124	1,984	1,910	1,875	-2%
Nangarhar	Best powder	1,144	1,206	1,208	1,123	1,144	1,096	1,112	1,117	1,091	1,077	1,003	925	947	+2%
	Chara # 1	74	79	81	76	71	78	79	79	78	75	68	62	65	+6%
	Chara # 2	54	57	57	52	52	54	54	58	55	53	48	43	44	+1%
	Khata # 1	57	61	62	60	54	60	61	61	57	57	51	46	48	+4%
	Khata # 2	53	55	55	51	47	53	53	54	51	50	45	41	41	+1%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	2,358	2,477	2,480	2,306	2,296	2,232	2,237	2,242	2,204	2,176	2,025	1,869	2,075	+11%
	White powder (Injection)	2,700	2,844	2,853	2,650	2,647	2,575	2,591	2,595	2,546	2,516	2,337	2,159	2,206	+2%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	1,613	1,959	1,992	1,803	1,760	2,200	1,705	1,704	1,719	1,704	1,502	1,174	1,672	+42%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	1,613	1,959	1,992	1,803	1,760	2,200	1,705	1,704	1,719	1,704	1,502	1,174	1,672	+42%

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-19	Jul-19	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	67,000	72,000	+7%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	90,000	105,000	+17%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	178,200	125,900	-29%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	232,000	175,500	-24%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	37,519,000	35,639,000	-5%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	36,018,000	34,436,000	-4%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	21,800,000	20,751,000	-5%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	248,000	250,000	+1%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	138,000	140,000	+1%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	108,000	110,000	+2%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	300,000	300,000	0%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	150,000	152,000	+1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	10,000	10,500	+5%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	0%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,500	7,700	+3%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	6,600	6,600	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	303,000	333,000	+10%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	350,000	354,000	+1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	95,000	134,130	+41%

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 blending with lower quality hashish.

Table 9: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), July 2018 – July 2019

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Chang (Jul-Jun) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	104	76	74	67	66	83	84	81	116	90	81	86	87	+1%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	60	69	82	80	99	87	93	81	93	97	75	99	106	+7%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	36	44	64	57	73	67	67	54	60	65	56	72	81	+13%
Hirat	Garda # 1	100	91	98	93	113	93	89	98	93	85	75	78	79	+1%
	Garda # 2	69	64	68	66	81	65	65	67	60	56	50	49	51	+3%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	57	60	59	57	58	59	56	51	48	44	40	43	44	+4%
	Garda # 2	31	34	36	35	33	34	32	29	25	22	19	21	24	+11%
	Garda # 3	17	18	20	20	17	18	15	14	13	9.4	8.8	11.4	13.2	+16%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	117	127	122	110	109	103	101	97	95	94	86	79	78	-1%
	Garda # 2	82	90	85	75	73	68	66	65	64	62	57	52	50	-5%
	Garda # 3	62	65	65	60	58	54	53	52	50	50	46	43	44	+1%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	101	97	99	80	121	120	121	105	129	129	94	111	112	+1%

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

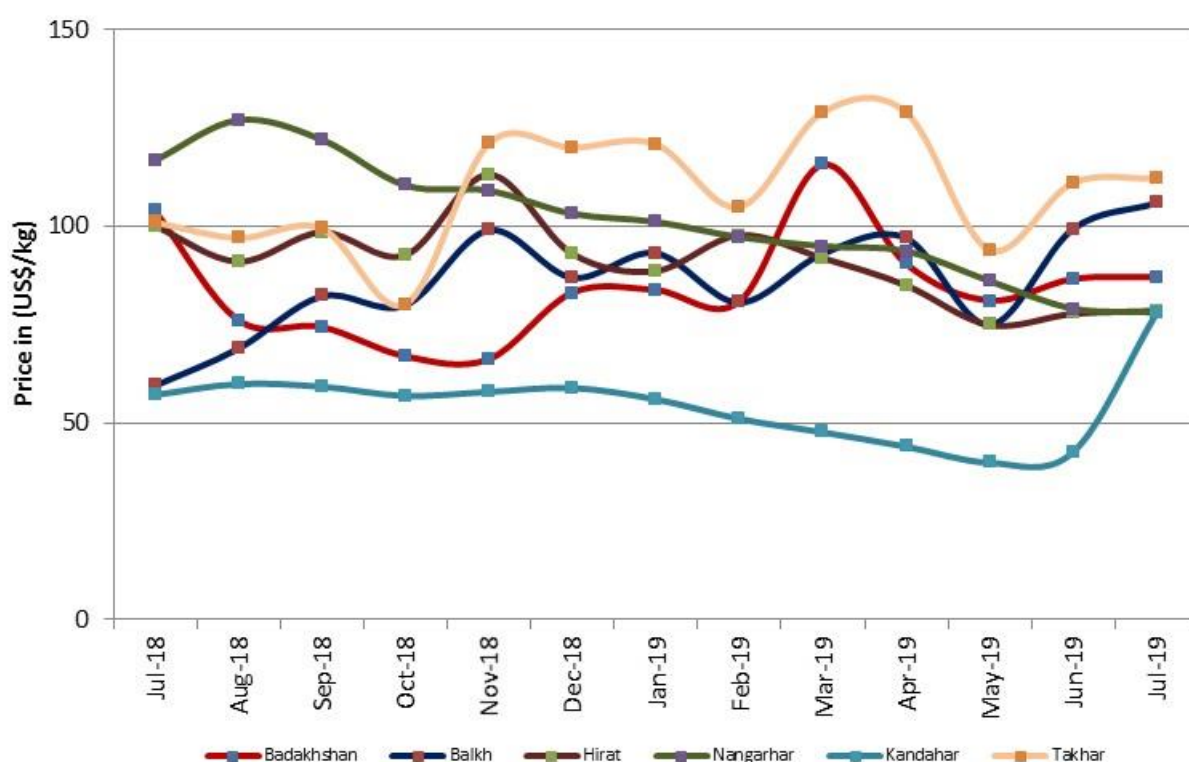


Figure 5: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), July 2019

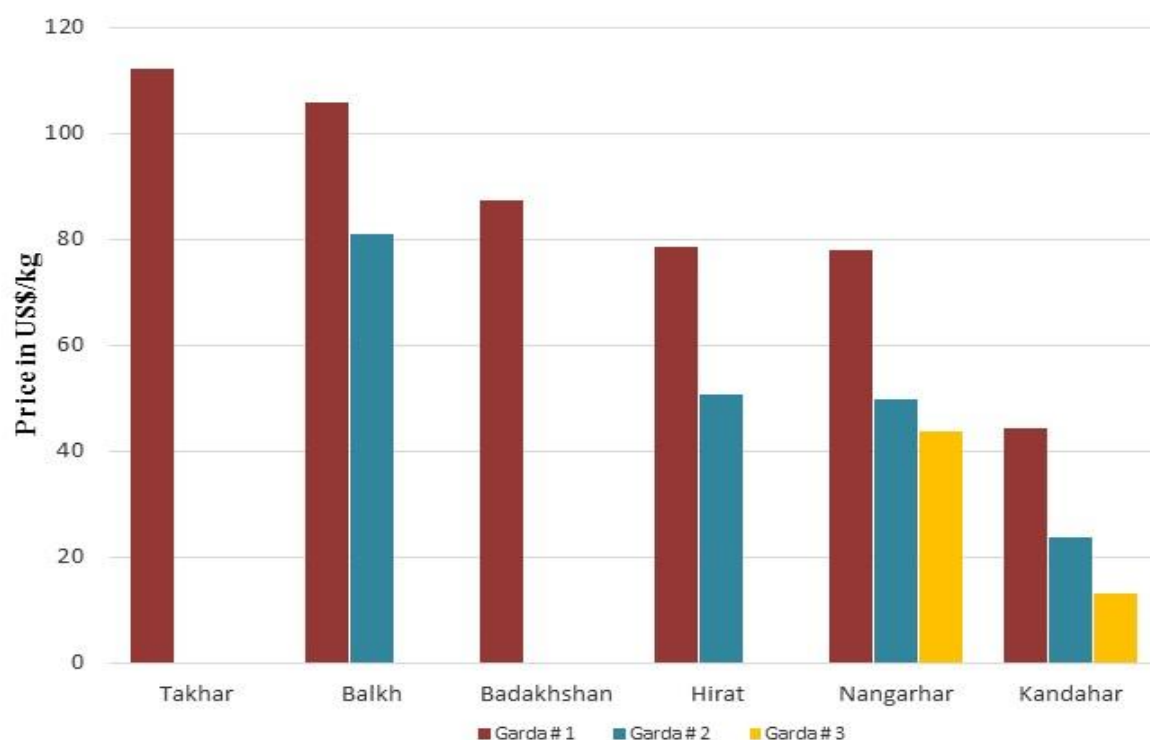


Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in other than USD currency, June 2019 – July 2019

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Jul-Jun) %
			Jun-19	Jul-19	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	7000	7000	0%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	8,000	8,500	+6%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	5,800	6,500	+12%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	995,000	932,330	-6%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	631,000	601,000	-5%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	6,667	7,111	+7%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	3,333	3,778	+13%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	1,778	2,111	+19%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	12,800	12,500	-2%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,500	8,000	-6%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	0%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	9,000	9,000	0%

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 2019 – July 2019

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Jul-Jun) (%)
			Jun-19	Jul-19	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	50	+25%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	40	+33%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	110	+10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	11	10	-9%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	110	100	-9%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	12	10	-17%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	58	55	-4%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	73	+4%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	145	140	-3%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	12	13	+8%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	69	69	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	75	70	-7%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	63	65	+4%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	40	-20%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	71	71	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	35	-13%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	54	58	+7%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	57	60	+5%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	40	-20%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	64	66	+3%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	18	18	0%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	45	-10%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	44	60	+36%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	28	35	+25%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	89	89	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	71	71	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%

Table 12: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), July 2018 – July 2019

Types of seeds	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.72	0.73	0.62	0.63	0.65	0.64	0.63	0.62	0.60	0.58	0.56	0.52	0.542	+5%
Poppy seed	1.04	1.03	0.99	1.05	1.07	1.05	1.04	1.02	0.97	0.93	0.82	0.79	0.746	-5%

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), July 2019



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

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Jul-Jun) (%)
	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	
Heroin	3,694	3,968	4,344	4,129	4,162	4,426	4,205	4,161	3,286	3,741	3,636	3,711	3,316	-11%
Opium	228	245	222	206	211	233	206	210	191	202	188	172	175	+2%
Hashish	140	137	152	149	211	150	144	148	143	164	138	144	147	+2%

8 PRICE OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

Table 14: Average price of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan, (US\$/Lit) July 2018 – July 2019

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	380	392	513	375	351	349	343	342	306	295	300	261	255	-2%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	156	161	156	143	142	137	141	140	139	138	127	117	125	+6%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	132	135	131	120	123	123	125	125	121	118	110	102	106	+4%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	130	131	130	128	131	128	128	123	111	103	96	92	90	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	129	130	128	124	124	123	125	122	116	110	104	101	87	-14%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	146	139	391	167	126	139	137	140	129	107	134	98	89	-9%

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 15: Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan in local currency, July 2019

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	26	0.3
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	110	1.4
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	60	0.7
Balkh	Wheat	-	20	0.2
Balkh	Cotton	-	49	0.6
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	91	1.1
Balkh	Rice Local	-	58	0.7
Hirat	Wheat	-	17	0.2
Hirat	Cotton	-	88	1.1
Hirat	Saffron	-	68,000	846
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	83	1.0
Hirat	Rice Local	-	87	1.1
Kandahar	Wheat	53	-	0.3
Kandahar	Cotton	265	-	1.7
Kandahar	Rice Imported	110	-	0.7
Nangarhar	Wheat	44	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	195	-	1.2
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	172	-	1.1
Nangarhar	Rice Local	58	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	20	0.2
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	100	1.2
Takhar	Rice Local	-	50	0.6

Table 16: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), July 2018 – July 2019

Types of crops	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.29	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.29	0.30	0.28	0.26	0.27	+6%
Cotton	1.37	1.35	1.32	1.28	1.30	1.25	1.23	1.28	1.25	1.25	1.19	1.12	1.14	+2%
Saffron	975	982	796	730	663	642	693	739	757	777	814	871	846	-3%
Rice (Imported)	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.16	1.19	1.13	1.08	1.07	1.12	1.11	1.08	1.04	1.09	+5%
Rice (Local)	0.68	0.77	0.71	0.73	0.78	0.71	0.68	0.68	0.74	0.69	0.70	0.69	0.71	+2%

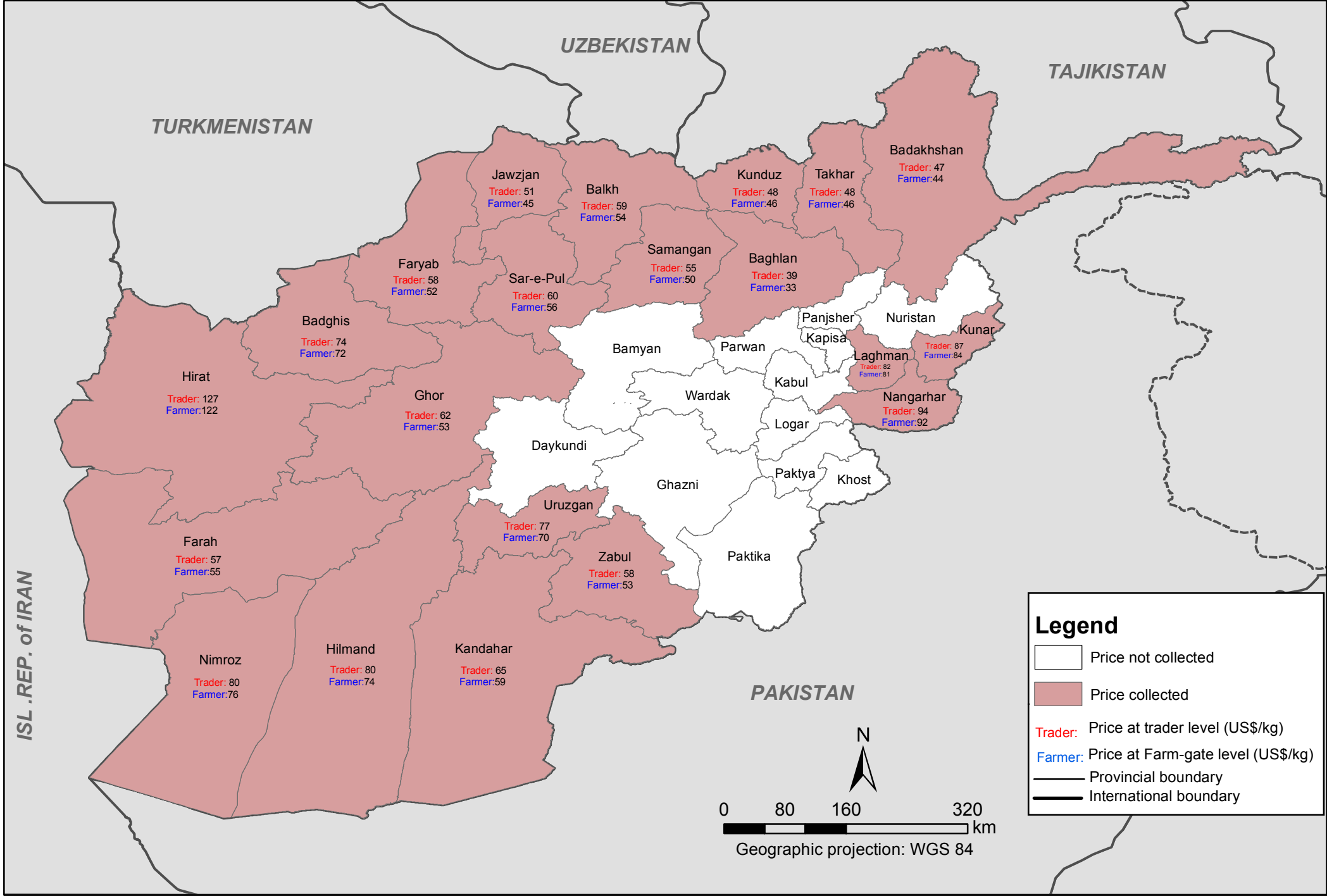
10 METHODOLOGY:

- 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 17: Number of observations of dry and fresh opium prices

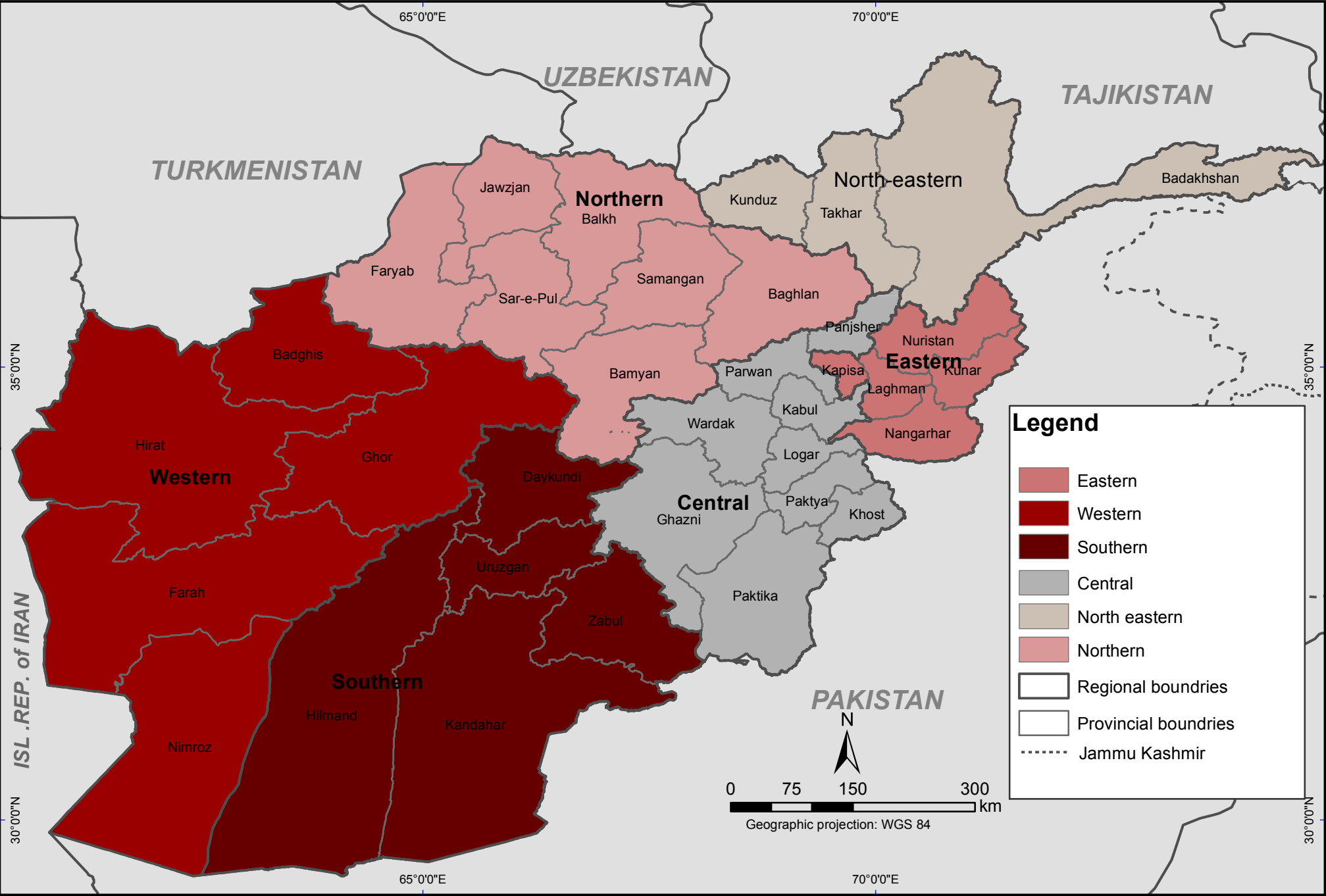
	Number of observations (n)		Number of provinces price collected
	Farm-gate price	Trader price	
Dry Opium	205	205	21
Fresh Opium	207	207	21

Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (July 2019)



Source: Government of Afghanistan - NSDMCN
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The dotted line represents approximately the line of control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

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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