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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		
	Feb_2017	Mar_2017	Change %	Mar_2016	Mar_2017	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	195	179	-8%	231	179	-23%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	202	187	-8%	242	187	-23%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	177	158	-11%	216	158	-27%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	186	167	-10%	227	167	-26%
Heroin High Quality	3478	3380	-3%	3717	3380	-9%
Heroin Medium Quality	2509	2431	-3%	2468	2431	-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\$ 179/kg** at the end of March 2017 which is 8% lower compared to price reported in February 2017 (**US\$ 195/kg**). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in March 2017 is 23% lower than the price reported in March 2016 which was US\$ 231/kg.

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



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

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Feb-17	Mar-17	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	222	206	-7%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	182	162	-11%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	290	266	-8%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	98	92	-6%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	131	124	-5%
Average	195	179	-8%

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\$ 187/kg** at the end of March 2017 showing **8%** decrease compared to the price reported last month (February 2017) (**US\$ 202/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in March 2017 is **23%** lower than the price reported last year (March 2016) which was **US\$ 242/kg**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has decreased by 7%, 11%, 8%, 5% and 5% in Eastern, Southern, Western, North-eastern and Northern regions respectively.

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

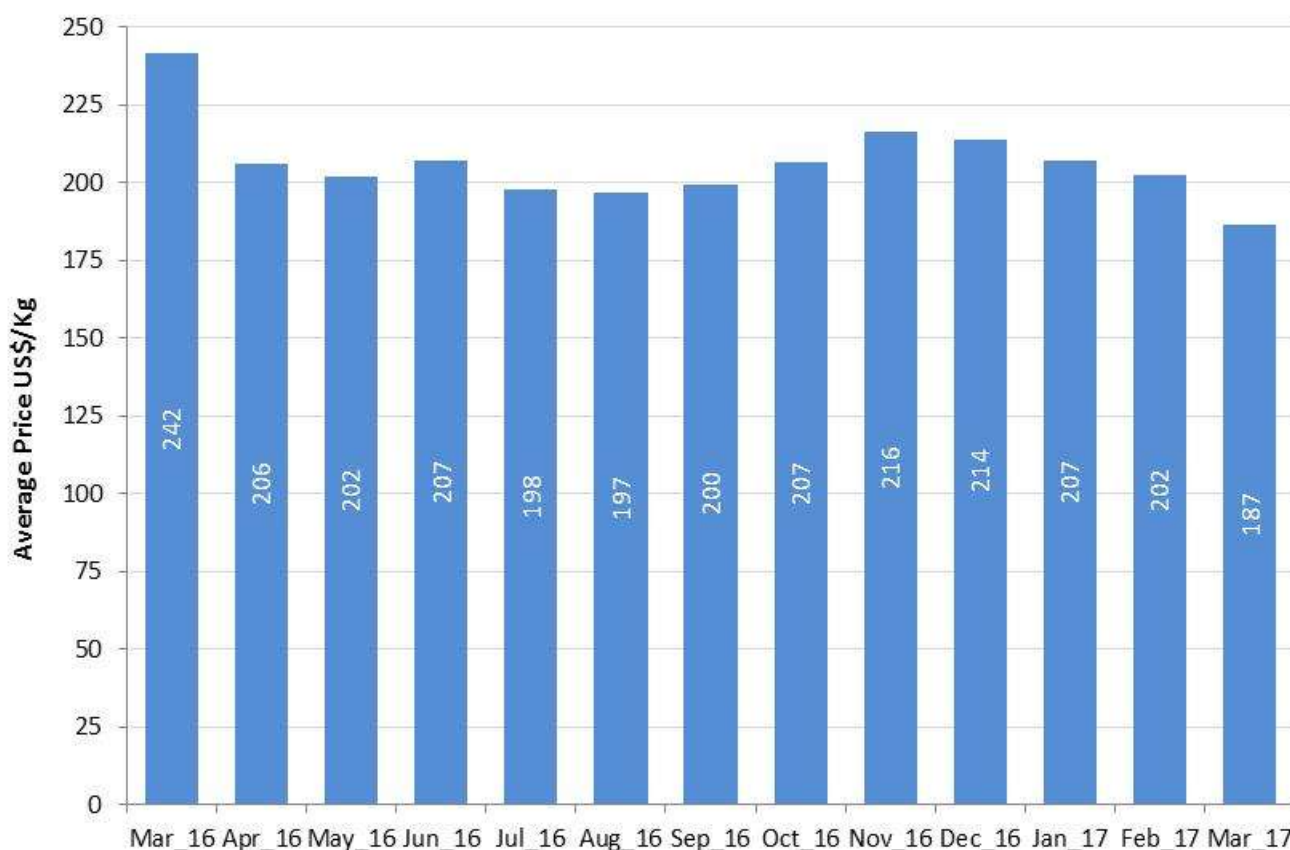


Figure 2: Regional average⁴ price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (February-2017 to March -2017)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Feb-17	Mar-17	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	224	209	-7%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	192	171	-11%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	301	277	-8%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	116	110	-5%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	137	131	-5%
Average	202	187	-8%

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\$ 161/kg** in March 2017 showing a decrease of 1% compared to the price reported in February 2016 (**US\$ 163**). The average price of 1 kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 376/kg** in March 2017 with a decreased by 5% compared to the price reported in February 2017 (**US\$ 398**).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Mar-Feb) %	Hilmand		Price Change (Mar-Feb) %
	Feb-17	Mar-17		Feb-17	Mar-17	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	163	161	-1%	398	376	-5%

Trader price:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 174/kg** in March 2017 showing an increase of 1% compared to the price reported in February 2017 (**US\$ 172/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 386/kg** in March 2017 with a decreased by 5% compared to the price reported in February 2017 (**US\$ 409**).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Mar-Feb) %	Hilmand		Price Change (Mar-Feb) %
	Feb-17	Mar-17		Feb-17	Mar-17	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	172	174	+1%	409	386	-5%

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 farmer-gate level (Mar- Feb) (%)	Change at trader level (Mar-Feb) (%)
		Feb-17		Mar-17			
		Farmer-gate	Trader	Farmer-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	23,006	23,283	21,381	21,633	-7%	-7%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	18,931	19,946	16,851	17,829	-11%	-11%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	15,300	15,895	14,932	15,526	-2%	-2%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	1,077,643	1,119,932	957,121	999,410	-11%	-11%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	6,514	7,707	6,111	7,297	-6%	-5%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Farvab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	8,767	9,192	8,238	8,675	-6%	-6%

* 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 March 2017, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by **11%** from **US\$ 177/kg** in March 2017 to **US\$ 158/kg in March 2017** at the farm-gate level. Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by **10%** from **US\$ 186/kg** in February 2017 to **US\$ 167/kg** in March 2017).

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

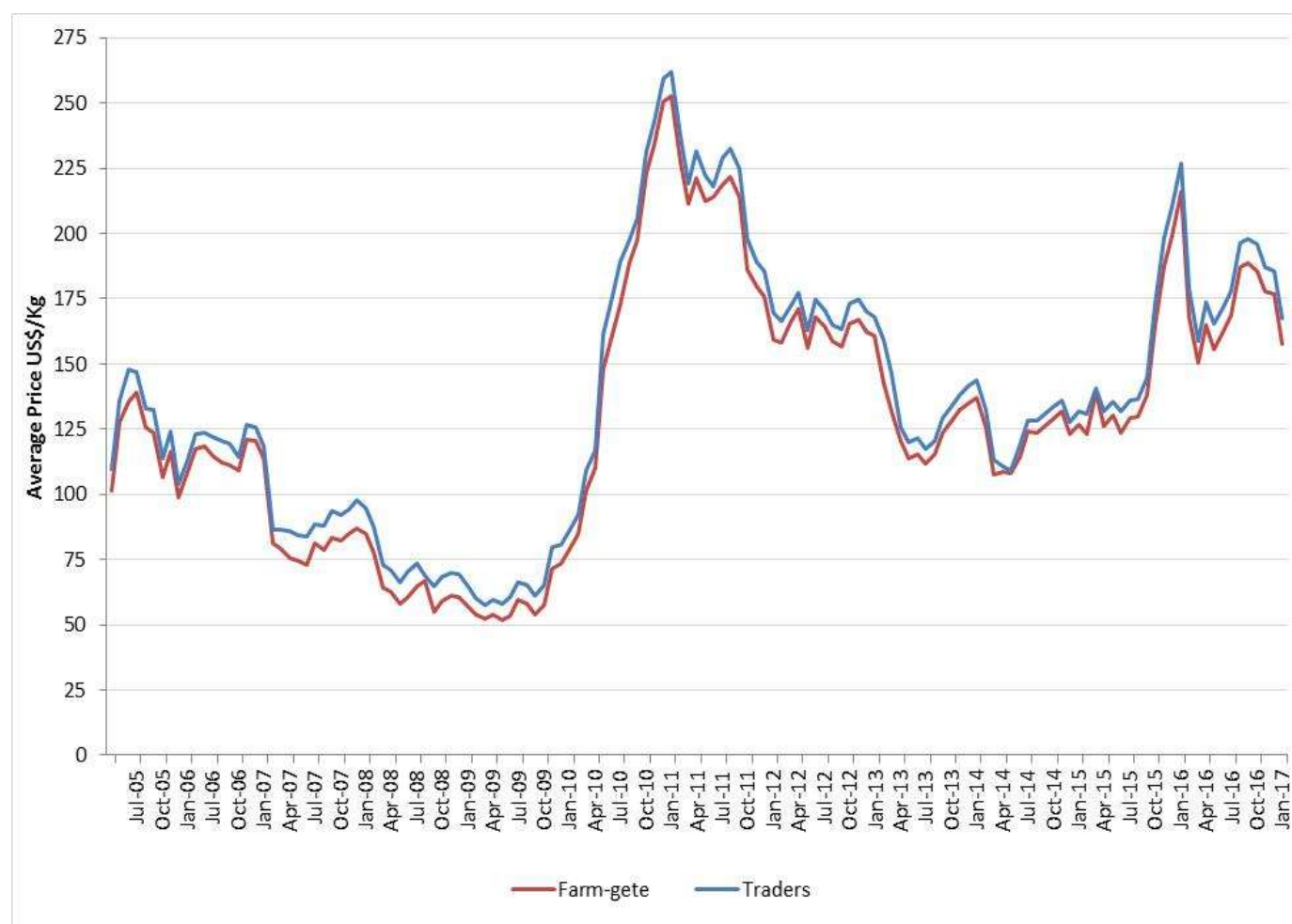


Table 6: Regional average⁵ price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency.

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate level (Mar-Feb) (%)	Change at trader level (Mar-Feb) (%)
		Feb-17		Mar-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	17,583	18,453	15,241	16,199	-13%	-12%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	13,800	14,300	13,432	13,932	-3%	-3%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	846,821	894,599	726,299	774,076	-14%	-13%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Farvab, Suri-Pul, Jawzian Samangan)	Afghani	7.715	7.800	7.000	7.800	-9%	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\$ 61/kg) is called as Khata # 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

Province	Types of Heroin	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Change (Mar-Feb) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	1,825	1,204	1,505	1,109	1,206	1,226	1,561	1,601	1,139	1,146	1,095	1,507	1,425	-5%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	4,058	1,799	2,709	2,521	2,815	2,840	2,914	2,948	2,675	2,691	2,595	3,013	2,951	-2%
Balkh	Best powder	3,580	3,524	3,412	3,469	3,511	3,625	3,617	3,672	3,649	3,592	3,515	3,448	3,382	-2%
	White powder (Crystal)	4,064	3,982	3,857	3,964	4,007	4,145	4,105	4,160	4,144	4,092	4,026	3,958	3,939	-0.5%
Hirat	Morphine	3,189	3,226	3,196	3,785	3,583	3,546	4,137	4,203	3,968	4,306	4,017	3,981	3,948	-1%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	4,100	4,105	4,067	4,878	3,923	3,723	4,493	4,569	4,205	4,502	4,234	4,167	4,102	-2%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	1,830	1,830	1,816	2,173	2,558	2,287	2,516	2,559	2,724	2,935	2,763	2,731	2,684	-2%
Kandahar	Morphine	2,408	2,124	2,214	2,121	2,020	2,006	2,074	2,109	2,200	2,082	2,130	2,102	2,786	+33%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,793	1,738	1,829	1,735	1,635	1,671	1,640	1,693	1,785	1,694	1,743	1,736	1,556	-10%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	1,357	1,255	1,347	1,253	1,154	1,194	1,225	1,239	1,331	1,307	1,356	1,350	1,153	-15%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,247	3,089	3,272	3,181	3,078	3,104	3,183	3,193	3,473	3,340	3,389	3,423	3,170	-7%
Nangarhar	Best powder	1,745	1,678	1,627	1,619	1,643	1,602	1,588	1,616	1,624	1,605	1,616	1,601	1,594	0%
	Chara # 1	160	149	144	140	145	134	125	135	143	134	139	130	126	-4%
	Chara # 2	97	92	86	87	87	82	77	77	76	76	76	72	68	-7%
	Khata # 1	116	106	105	101	106	101	96	106	105	96	99	94	92	-2%
	Khata # 2	68	68	67	67	68	67	68	67	67	67	67	63	61	-3%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	3,315	3,231	3,158	3,132	3,161	3,107	3,080	3,115	3,114	3,096	3,103	3,124	3,110	-0.5%
	White powder (Injection)	3,828	3,742	3,684	3,682	3,722	3,644	3,609	3,647	3,629	3,583	3,586	3,597	3,573	-1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,007	2,399	3,037	2,773	2,513	2,541	2,602	2,632	2,477	2,275	2,190	2,712	2,544	-6%

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 (Mar-Feb) %
			Feb-17	Mar-17	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	100,500	94,780	-6%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	201,000	196,330	-2%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	230,000	225,000	-2%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	264,000	262,000	-1%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	12,900,000	12,800,000	-1%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	13,500,000	13,300,000	-1%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	8,850,000	8,700,000	-2%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	218,000	290,000	+33%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	180,000	162,000	-10%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	140,000	120,000	-14%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	355,000	330,000	-7%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	166,000	165,000	-1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	13,500	13,000	-4%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,500	7,000	-7%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	9,700	9,500	-2%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	6,500	6,300	-3%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	324,000	322,000	-1%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	373,000	370,000	-1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	180,900	169,250	-6%

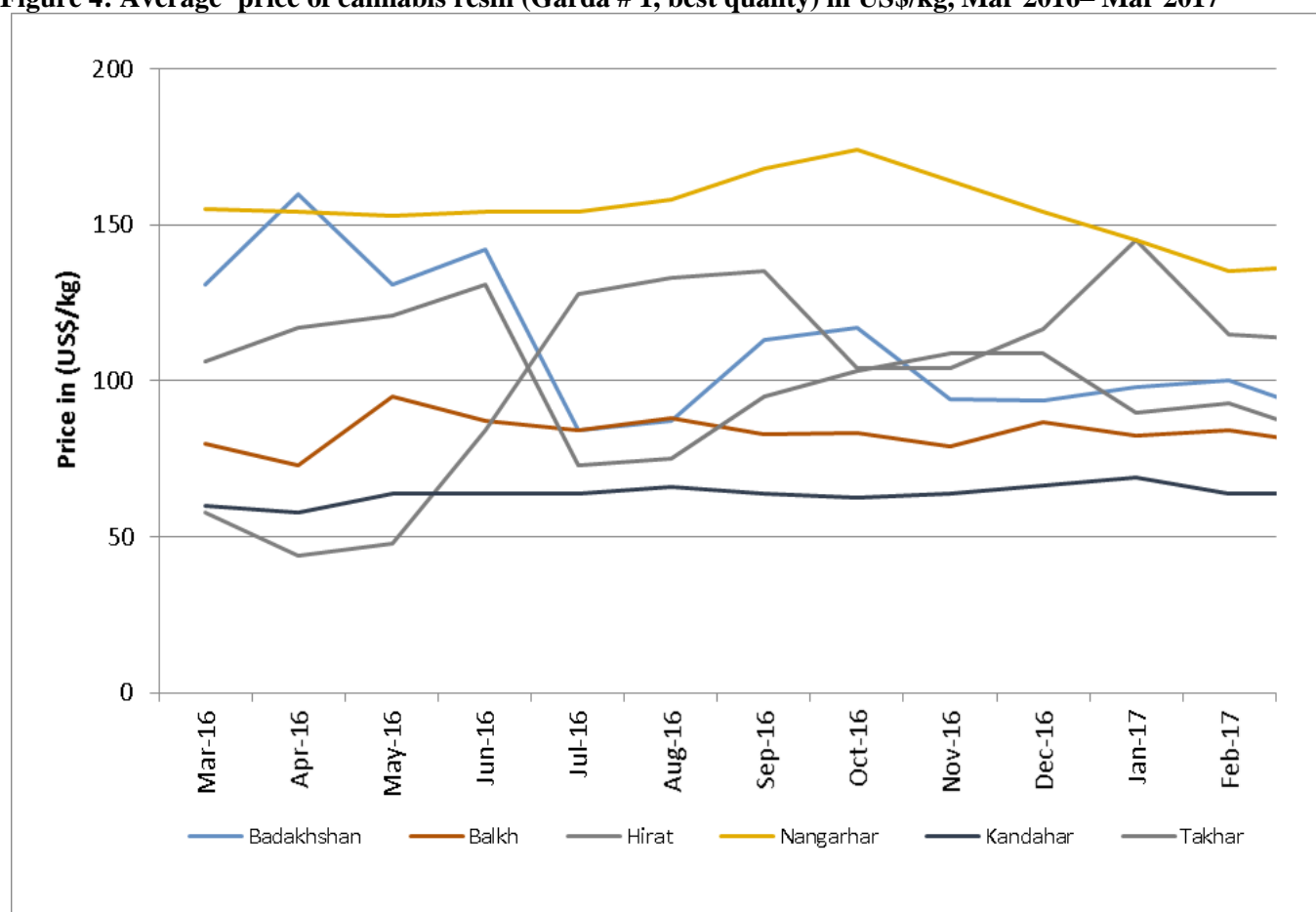
5 CANNABIS RESIN:

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), Mar 2016 – Mar 2017

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Chang (Mar-Feb)
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	131	160	131	142	84	87	113	117	94	94	98	100	90	-10%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	80	73	95	87	84	88	82.7	83	79	87	83	84	80	-5%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	69	66	73	67	58	72	63	73	69	75	72	66	60	-9%
Hirat	Garda # 1	58	44	48	84	128	133	135	104	104	116	145	115	113	-2%
	Garda # 2	29	22	25	50	85	88	90	51	51	65	73	62	56	-10%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	60	58	64	64	64	66	64	62	64	66	69	64	64	0%
	Garda # 2	34	32	34	34	32	34	32	30	34	32	34	32	30	-7%
	Garda # 3	17	17	19	19	17	19	19	17	19	17	19	17	15	-13%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	155	154	153	154	154	158	168	174	164	154	145	135	137	1%
	Garda # 2	116	121	115	120	115	120	125	126	116	111	106	101	104	+3%
	Garda # 3	82	87	86	87	82	82	82	87	87	82	77	68	67	0%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	106	117	121	131	73	75	95	103	109	109	90	93	83	-11%

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



⁶ Simple average of all observations

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

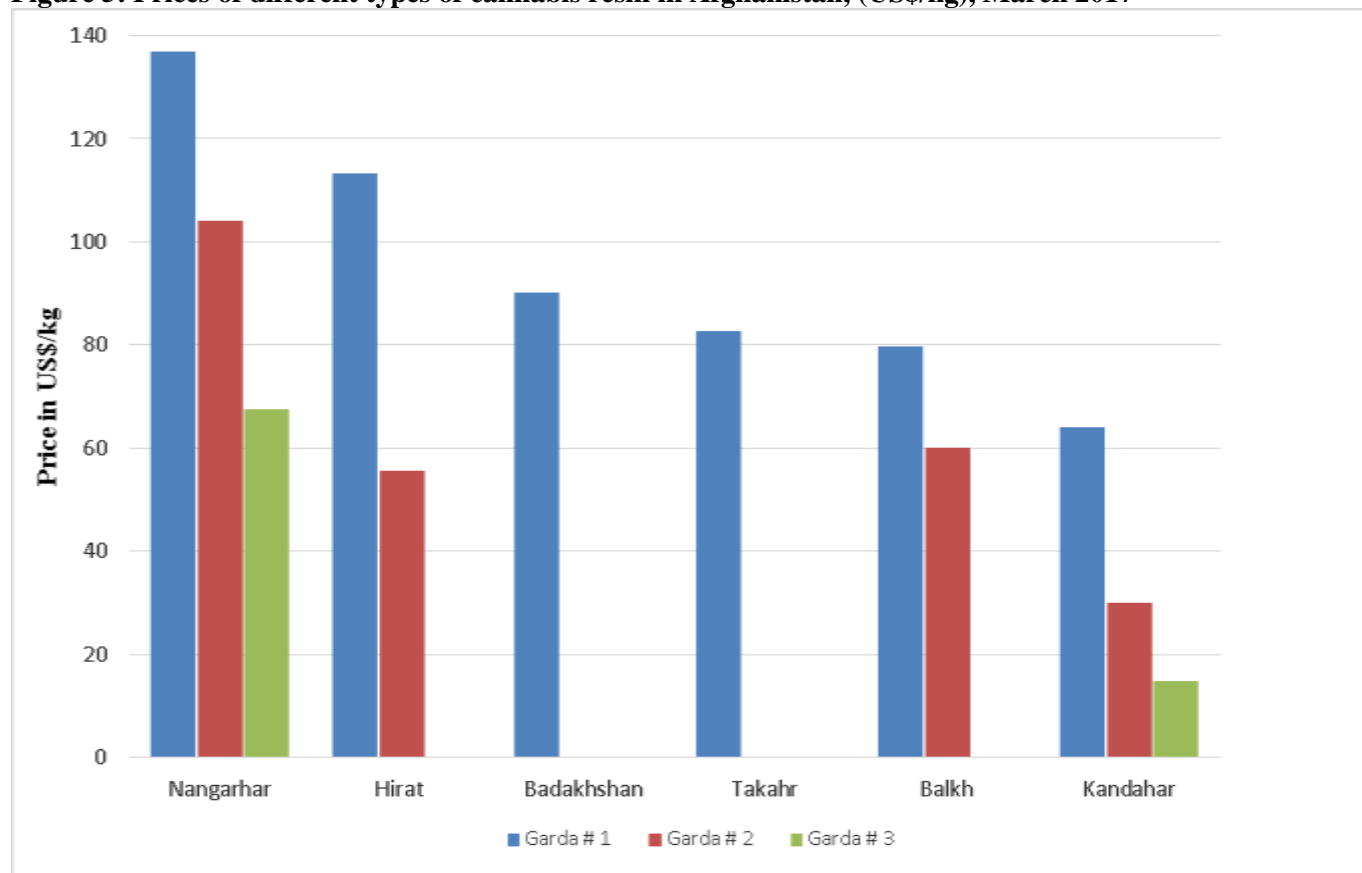


Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in other than USD currency, February 2017 – March 2017

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Mar-Feb) %
			Feb-17	Mar-17	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6,700	6,000	-10%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	5,600	5,300	-5%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	4,400	4,000	-9%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	373,000	367,000	-2%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	200,000	180,000	-10%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	6,667	6,667	0%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	3,333	3,111	-7%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	1,778	1,556	-13%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	14,000	14,200	+1%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	10,500	10,800	+3%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	0%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6,200	5,500	-11%

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, Feb 2017 – Mar 2017

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Mar-Feb) (%)
			Feb-17	Mar-17	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	42	+5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	35	+17%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	160	+7%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	23	20	-13%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	160	170	+6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	20	0%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	38	38	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	170	170	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	27	25	-7%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	78	78	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	53	53	0%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	63	63	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	75	0%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	30	40	+33%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	87	87	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	58	58	0%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	30	30	0%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	40	35	-13%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	40	35	-13%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	35	+17%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	35	30	-14%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	8	7	-13%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	20	0%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	45	50	+11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	35	40	+14%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	87	87	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	49	49	0%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	84	84	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	56	56	0%

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

Types of seeds	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.42	0.47	0.46	0.50	0.43	0.46	0.44	0.45	0.43	0.52	0.62	0.60	0.60	+1%
Poppy seed	0.70	0.74	0.74	0.71	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.77	0.85	0.81	0.92	0.99	1.00	+1%

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), Mar 2017

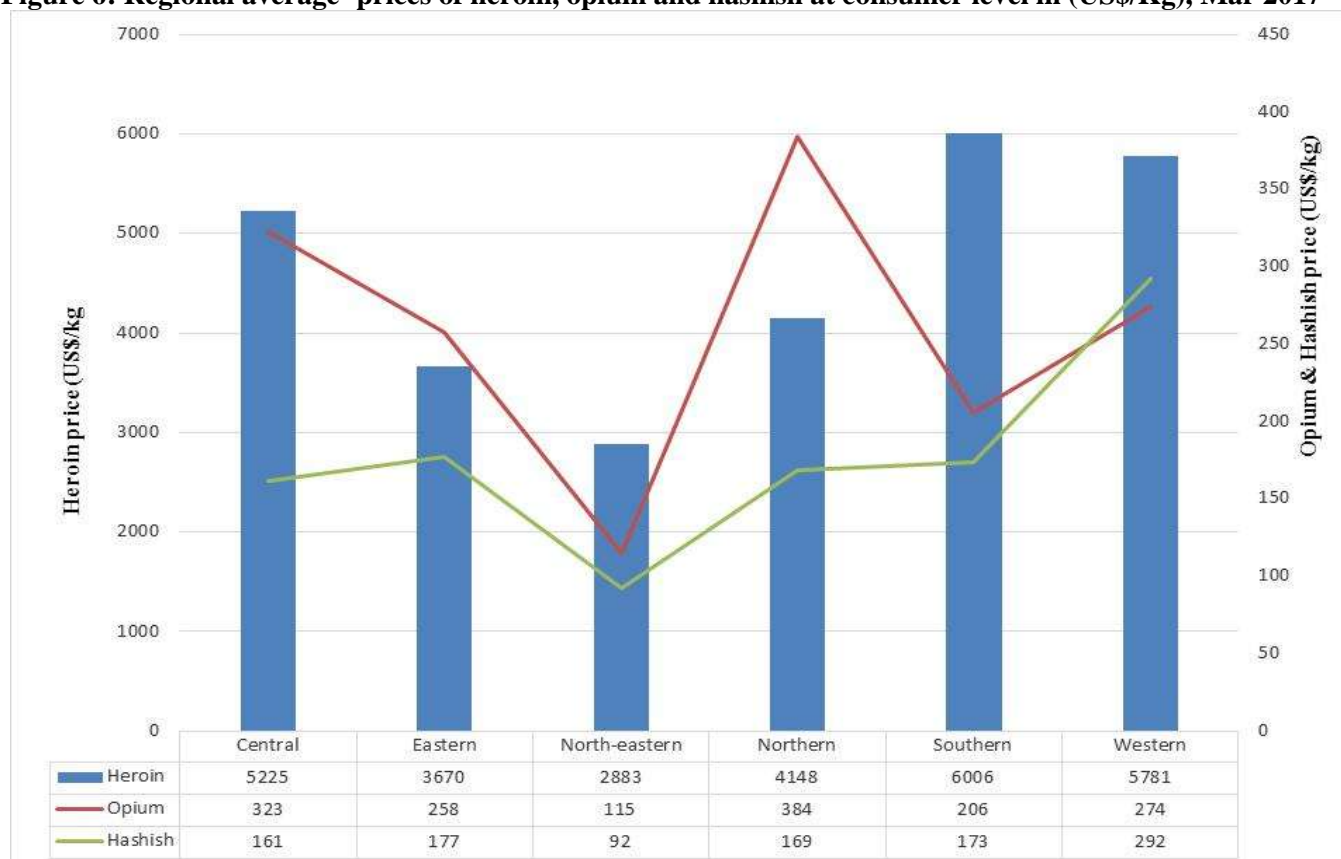


Table 13: Average⁸ prices of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Mar 2016 – Mar 2017

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Mar-Feb) (%)
	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	
Heroin	5,099	5,472	4,430	4,345	4,477	4,215	4,434	4,969	4,702	4,817	4,866	4,943	4,580	-7%
Opium	294	288	275	336	253	254	255	272	271	265	272	267	260	-2%
Hashish	154	152	144	230	152	162	185	186	186	186	196	195	182	-7%

8 PRICE OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

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

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	241	235	236	240	227	236	229	238	211	206	215	372	370	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	174	174	169	165	169	164	159	160	159	162	169	174	173	-0.1%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	170	164	159	155	159	154	150	155	144	148	150	149	144	-3%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	150	135	144	145	140	153	149	160	160	145	152	161	151	-6%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	149	143	145	146	142	146	144	148	147	140	143	148	142	-5%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	204	200	199	193	178	183	181	190	214	202	180	454	453	-0.2%

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, March 2017

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	35	0.3
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	85	0.8
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	52	0.5
Balkh	Wheat	-	19	0.2
Balkh	Cotton	-	56	0.5
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	77	0.7
Balkh	Rice Local	-	55	0.5
Hirat	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	1.4
Hirat	Saffron	-	120,000	1,802
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	74	1.1
Hirat	Rice Local	-	60	0.9
Kandahar	Wheat	52	-	0.5
Kandahar	Cotton	260	-	2.5
Kandahar	Rice Imported	105	-	1.0
Nangarhar	Wheat	38	-	0.4
Nangarhar	Cotton	184	-	1.8
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	140	-	1.3
Nangarhar	Rice Local	46	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	25	0.2
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	85	0.8
Takhar	Rice Local	-	48	0.5

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

Types of crops	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.35	0.37	0.35	0.32	0.36	0.39	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.41	0.39	0.42	0.32	-23%
Cotton	1.41	1.37	1.43	1.44	1.51	1.48	1.55	1.56	1.53	1.57	1.54	1.58	1.54	-3%
Saffron	1,757	1,757	1,745	1,744	1,453	1,489	1,504	1,444	1,651	1,647	1,649	1,799	1,802	0.2%
Rice (Imported)	1.20	1.11	1.03	1.07	1.11	1.13	1.13	1.14	1.14	1.15	1.20	1.20	0.57	-53%
Rice (Local)	0.59	0.60	0.58	0.55	0.59	0.62	0.65	0.62	0.67	0.71	0.68	0.73	0.97	+34%

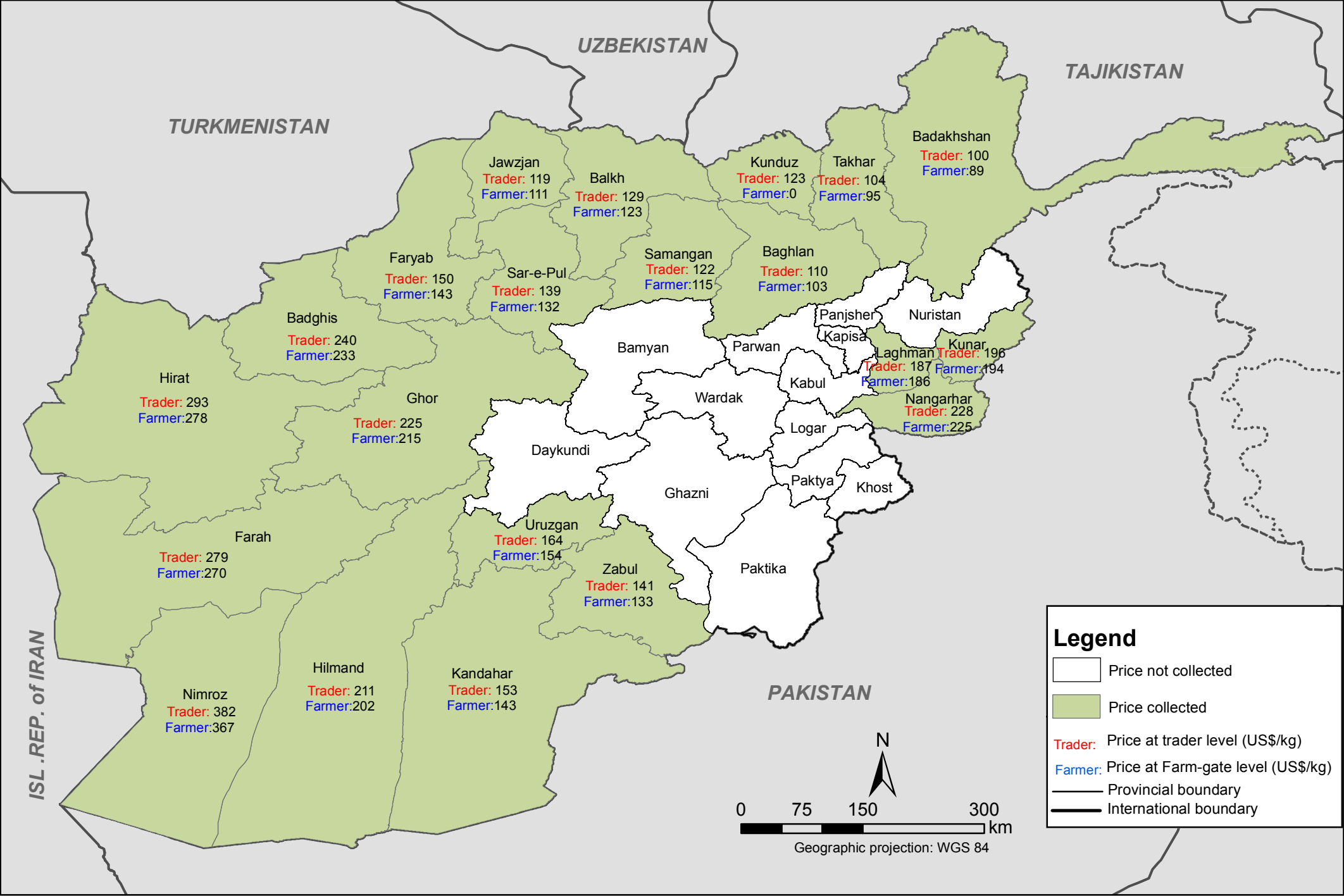
10 METHODOLOGY:

- 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

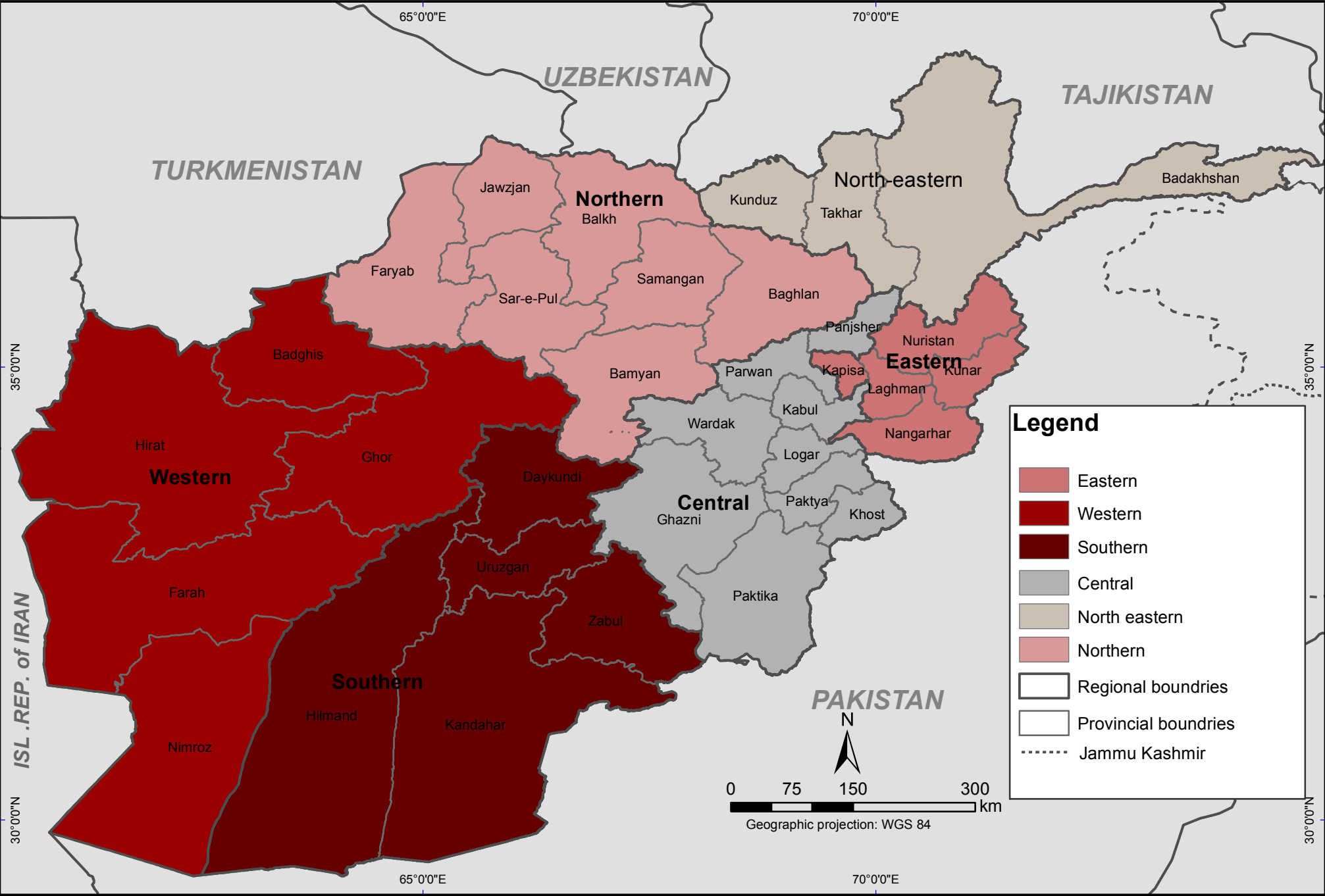
	Number of observations (n)		Number of provinces price collected
	Farm-gate price	Trader price	
Dry Opium	196	199	21
Fresh Opium	131	131	15

Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (March 2017)



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



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