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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_2019	Mar_2019	Change %	Mar_2018	Mar_2019	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	79	73	-7%	107	73	-31%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	84	78	-8%	114	78	-32%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	66	57	-14%	89	57	-36%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	72	63	-13%	98	63	-35%
Heroin High Quality	2,461	2,394	-3%	3,156	2,394	-24%
Heroin Medium Quality	1,867	1,784	-4%	2,054	1,784	-13%

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\$ 73 kg** at the end of March 2019 which is 7% lower compared to price reported in February 2019 (US\$ 79/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in March 2019 is 31% lower than the price reported in March 2018 which was US\$ 107/kg.

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

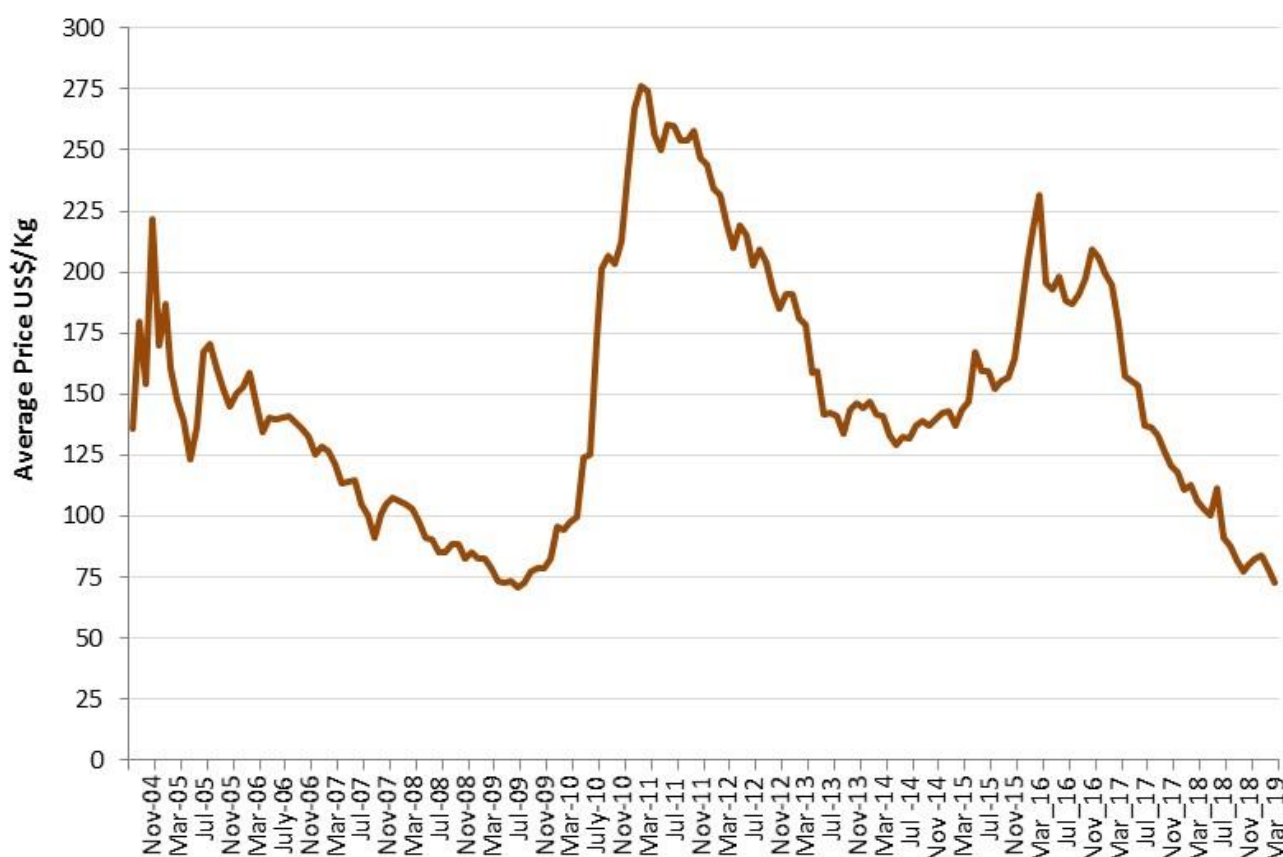


Table 1: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (February 2019 to March 2019)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Feb-19	Mar-19	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	108	106	-2%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	84	80	-5%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	98	88	-11%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	39	34	-13%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	55	48	-12%
Average	79	73	-7%

Trader price:

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 78/kg** at the end of March 2019 showing **7%** decrease compared to the price reported last month (February 2019) (**US\$ 84/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in March 2019 is **32%** lower than the price reported last year (March 2018) which was **US\$ 114/kg**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has decreased by 15%, 12%, 11%, 4% and 2% in North-eastern, Western, Northern, Southern and Eastern regions respectively.

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

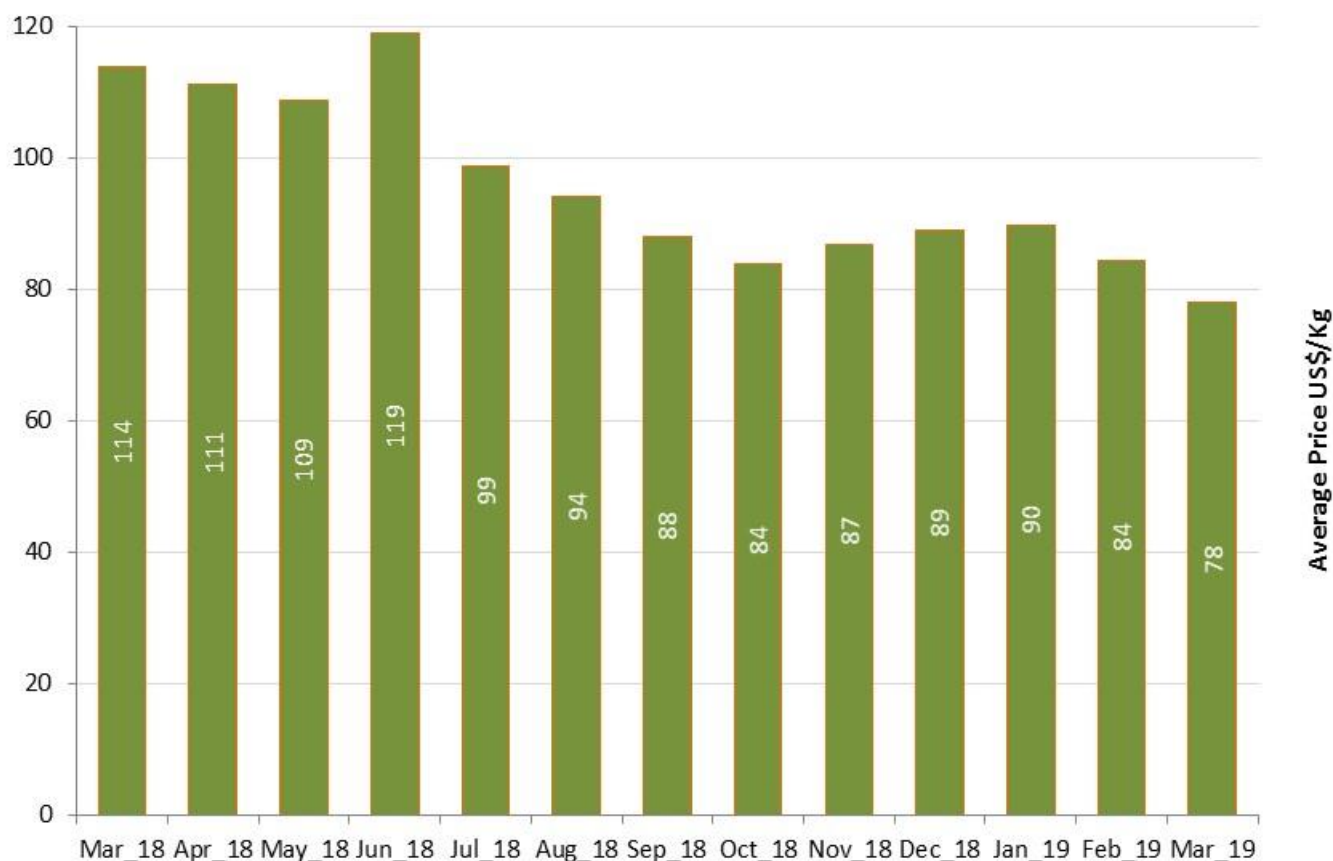


Figure 2: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (February 2019 to March 2019)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Feb-19	Mar-19	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	111	109	-2%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	91	87	-4%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	106	94	-12%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	44	37	-15%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	60	54	-11%
Average	84	78	-8%

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\$ 80/kg** in March 2019 showing a decrease of 9% compared to the price reported in February 2019 (**US\$ 88**). The average price of 1 kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 163/kg** in March 2019 with an increased by 0.3% compared to the price reported in February (**US\$ 162**).

Table 3: Average 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-19	Mar-19		Feb-19	Mar-19	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	88	80	-9%	162	163	+0.3%

Trader price:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 87/kg** in March 2019 showing a decrease of 8% compared to the price reported in February 2019 (**US\$ 95/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 170/kg** in March 2019 with an increased by 1% compared to the price reported in February 2019 (**US\$ 168**).

Table 4: Average 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-19	Mar-19		Feb-19	Mar-19	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	95	87	-8%	168	170	+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 (Mar-Feb) (%)	Change at trader level (Mar-Feb) (%)
		Feb-19		Mar-19			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	15,047	15,405	14,871	15,229	-1%	-1%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	11,599	12,601	11,149	12,146	-4%	-4%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	5,321	6,405	4,821	5,905	-9%	-8%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	1,443,637	1,521,168	1,379,292	1,421,168	-4%	-7%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	2,938	3,257	2,582	2,812	-12%	-14%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	4,074	4,500	3,636	4,056	-11%	-10%

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

3.2 FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of March 2019, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by **14%** from **US\$ 66/kg** in **February 2019** to **US\$ 57/kg** in **March 2019** at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by **13%** from **US\$ 72/kg** in February 2019 to **US\$ 63/kg** in March 2019).

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

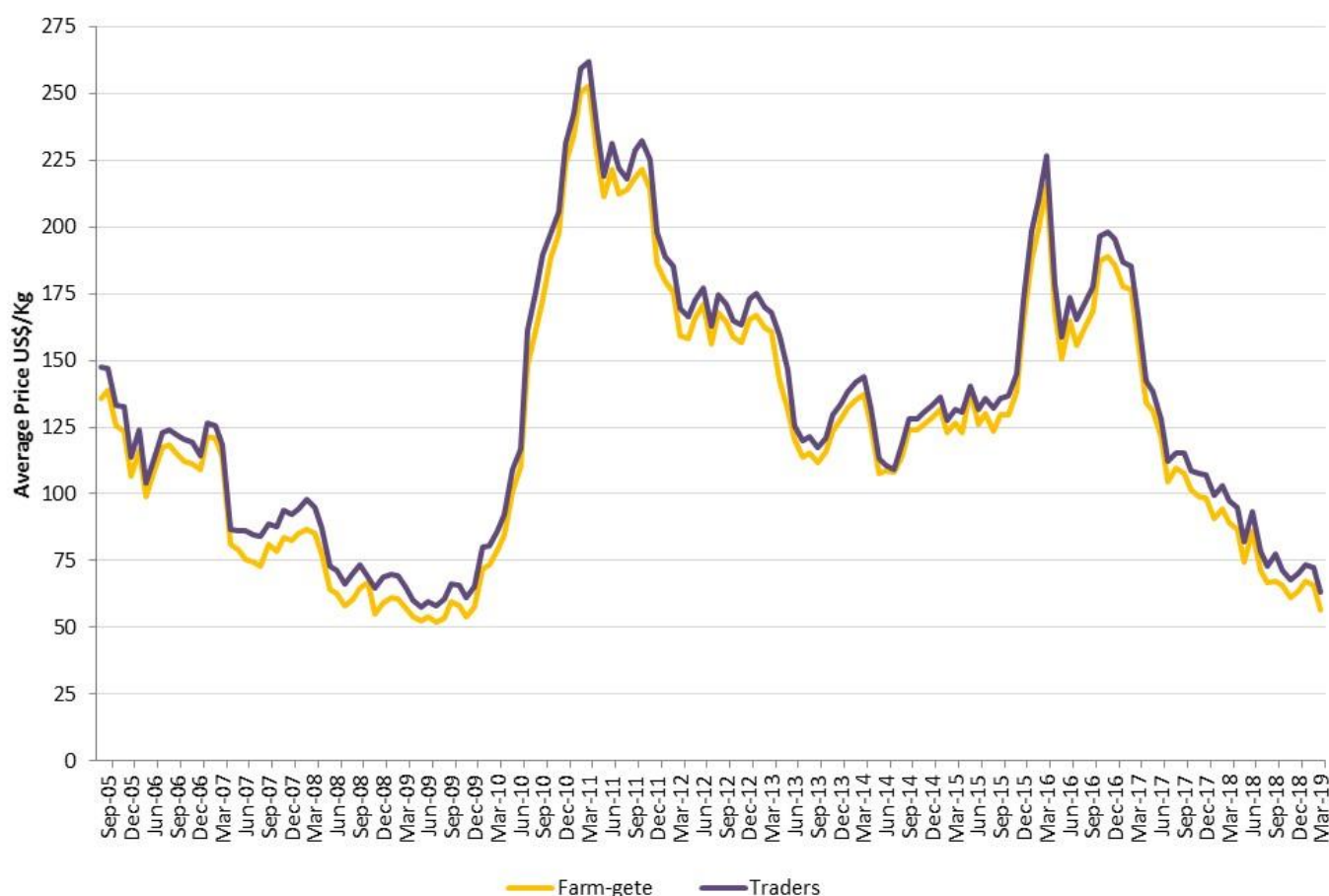


Table 6: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency.

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate level (Mar-Feb) (%)	Change at trader level (Mar-Feb) (%)
		Feb-19		Mar-19			
		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	10,034	11,088	9,577	10,644	-5%	-4%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	2,679	3,442	2,179	2,942	-19%	-15%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	1,227,282	1,266,996	1,127,282	1,166,944	-8%	-8%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Farvab, Suri-Pul, Jawzian Samangan)	Afghani	3,295	3,723	2,953	3,365	-10%	-10%

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

HEROIN:

There are several types of heroin available in Afghanistan with different quality. The prices of White powder (injection) in Nangarhar province, White powder (Crystal) in Kandahar and Balkh provinces, Off-white (Crystal)-100% in Badakhshan province and White powder-high quality (70-80% pure) in Hirat province are the most expensive heroin reported in Afghanistan. The cheapest heroin (US\$ 51/kg) is called as Khata # 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

Province	Types of Heroin	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Change (Mar-Feb) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	754	561	201	210	202	NA	NA	NA	1,408	2,267	1,504	1,203	1,217	+1%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	2,611	2,807	2,708	2,649	2,016	2,621	2,987	2,203	2,011	2,533	1,605	1,603	1,600	-0.2%
Balkh	Best powder	3,134	3,172	3,152	3,195	3,228	3,244	3,144	3,198	2,844	3,360	2,764	2,740	2,608	-5%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,918	3,915	3,863	3,889	3,949	4,003	4,006	4,064	3,638	4,155	3,328	3,325	3,300	-1%
Hirat	Morphine	4,395	4,353	4,881	5,646	3,257	3,090	2,993	2,991	3,808	3,112	3,090	3,306	3,112	-6%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	4,530	4,510	5,076	5,869	3,386	3,212	3,111	3,110	3,655	3,006	2,960	3,167	2,981	-6%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	2,545	2,673	2,981	3,454	1,986	1,884	1,838	1,826	2,227	1,834	1,799	1,925	1,819	-6%
Kandahar	Morphine	2,190	2,123	2,171	2,147	1,991	2,031	2,063	1,961	1,989	2,020	2,056	2,015	1,827	-9%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,227	1,196	1,216	1,239	1,210	1,218	1,246	1,207	1,260	1,284	1,299	1,223	1,074	-12%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	876	867	955	974	937	894	922	905	943	938	974	935	860	-8%
	White powder (Crystal)	2,629	2,600	2,692	2,642	2,515	2,559	2,549	2,413	2,431	2,417	2,453	2,374	2,221	-6%
Nangarhar	Best powder	1,278	1,265	1,273	1,228	1,144	1,206	1,208	1,123	1,144	1,096	1,112	1,117	1,091	-2%
	Chara # 1	74	74	78	78	74	79	81	76	71	78	79	79	78	-1%
	Chara # 2	58	56	59	59	54	57	57	52	52	54	54	58	55	-5%
	Khata # 1	61	62	65	62	57	61	62	60	54	60	61	61	57	-7%
	Khata # 2	52	55	56	58	53	55	55	51	47	53	53	54	51	-5%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	2,609	2,599	2,615	2,513	2,358	2,477	2,480	2,306	2,296	2,232	2,237	2,242	2,204	-2%
	White powder (Injection)	3,000	2,998	3,013	2,892	2,700	2,844	2,853	2,650	2,647	2,575	2,591	2,595	2,546	-2%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,249	1,683	2,105	2,242	1,613	1,959	1,992	1,803	1,760	2,200	1,705	1,704	1,719	+1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,249	1,683	2,105	2,242	1,613	1,959	1,992	1,803	1,760	2,200	1,705	1,704	1,719	+1%

Table 8: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of Heroin in other than USD currency

Province	Types of heroin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of heroin in local currency		Change (Mar-Feb) %
			Feb-19	Mar-19	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	89,520	92,000	+3%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	119,360	121,000	+1%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	204,000	196,300	-4%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	247,500	248,400	+0.4%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	42,321,000	41,578,000	-2%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	40,535,000	39,824,000	-2%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	24,642,000	24,298,000	-1%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	280,000	255,000	-9%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	170,000	150,000	-12%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	130,000	120,000	-8%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	330,000	310,000	-6%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	155,000	153,000	-1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	11,000	11,000	0%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,000	7,700	-4%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	8,500	8,000	-6%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,500	7,200	-4%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	311,000	309,000	-1%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	360,000	357,000	-1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	126,820	130,000	+3%

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), March 2018 – March 2019

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Chang (Mar-Feb) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	109	171	132	111	104	76	74	67	66	83	84	81	116	+43%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	55	71	56	56	60	69	82	80	99	87	93	81	93	+15%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	39	51	35	35	36	44	64	57	73	67	67	54	60	+11%
Hirat	Garda # 1	106	115	119	173	100	91	98	93	113	93	89	98	93	-5%
	Garda # 2	58	71	54	85	69	64	68	66	81	65	65	67	60	-11%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	57	54	58	59	57	60	59	57	58	59	56	51	48	-7%
	Garda # 2	33	30	32	33	31	34	36	35	33	34	32	29	25	-12%
	Garda # 3	19	17	19	20	17	18	20	20	17	18	15	14	13	-6%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	124	126	130	127	117	127	122	110	109	103	101	97	95	-2%
	Garda # 2	91	91	93	91	82	90	85	75	73	68	66	65	64	-1%
	Garda # 3	70	69	69	66	62	65	65	60	58	54	53	52	50	-4%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	73	107	98	104	101	97	99	80	121	120	121	105	129	+23%

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

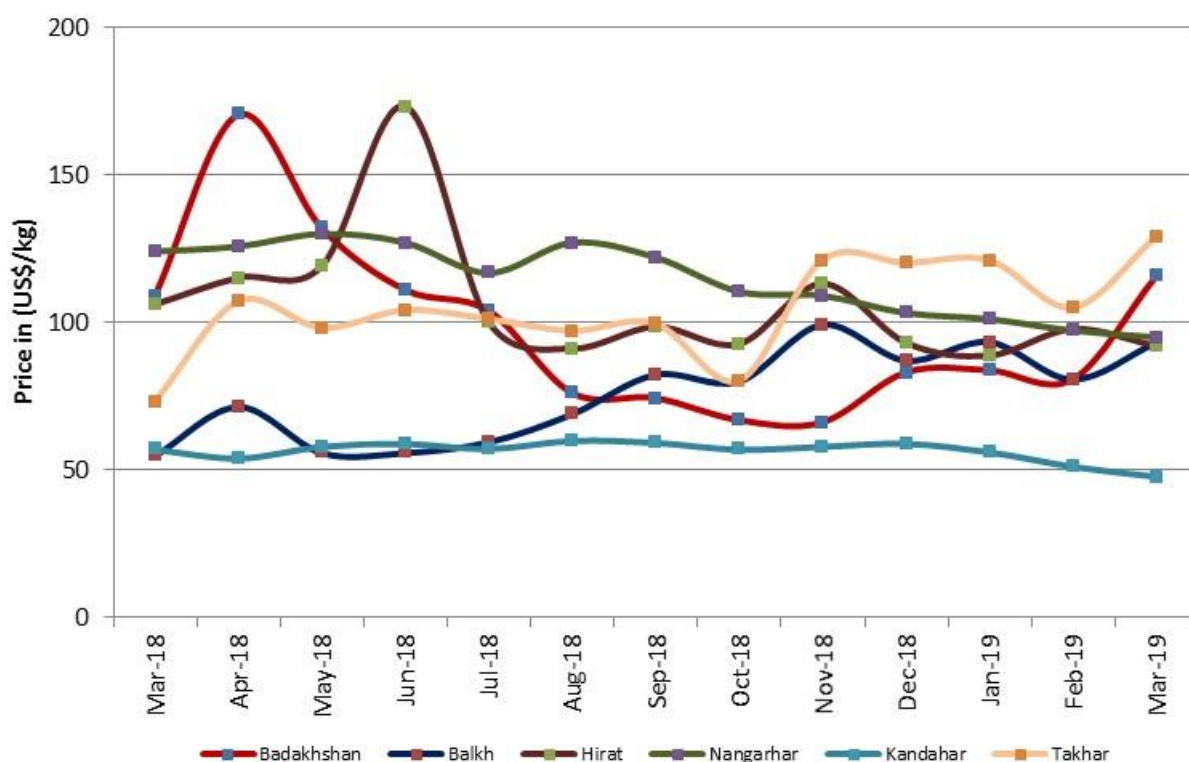


Figure 5: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), March 2019

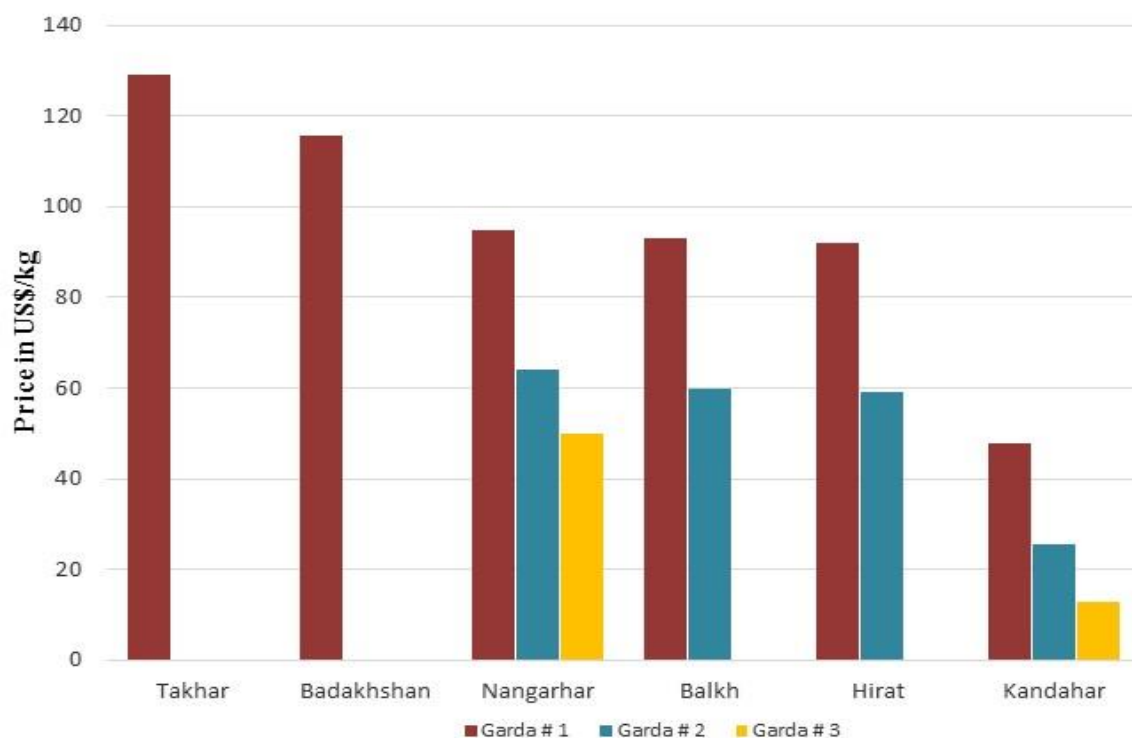


Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in other than USD currency, February 2019 – March 2019

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Mar-Feb) %
			Feb-19	Mar-19	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6000	8750	+46%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	6,000	7,000	+17%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	4,000	4,500	+13%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	1,250,000	1,228,000	-2%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	857,000	789,000	-8%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,111	6,667	-6%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	4,000	3,556	-11%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	1,889	1,778	-6%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	13,500	13,300	-1%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	9,000	9,000	0%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	7,200	7,000	-3%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	7800	9750	+25%

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, February 2019 – March 2019

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Mar-Feb) (%)
			Feb-19	Mar-19	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	45	+13%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	22	+10%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	170	150	-12%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	15	-25%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	130	-13%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	15	10	-33%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	63	63	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	75	0%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	180	170	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	21	20	-5%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	84	76	-11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	71	67	-6%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	88	88	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	100	100	0%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	89	78	-13%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	69	0%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	50	+25%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	57	58	+2%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	62	63	+2%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	66	67	+2%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	18	16	-11%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	40	0%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	45	50	+11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	25	+25%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	93	93	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	89	80	-10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	67	-3%

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

Types of seeds	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.68	0.72	0.73	0.62	0.63	0.65	0.64	0.63	0.62	0.60	-3%
Poppy seed	1.11	1.09	1.07	1.01	1.04	1.03	0.99	1.05	1.07	1.05	1.04	1.02	0.97	-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), March 2019



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

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Mar-Feb) (%)
	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	
Heroin	4,333	4,442	4,450	3,746	3,694	3,968	4,344	4,129	4,162	4,426	4,205	4,161	3,286	-21%
Opium	224	230	227	235	228	245	222	206	211	233	206	210	191	-9%
Hashish	167	166	160	140	140	137	152	149	211	150	144	148	143	-3%

8 PRICE OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

Table 15: Average price of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan, (US\$/Lit) March 2018 – March 2019

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	448	446	440	430	380	392	513	375	351	349	343	342	306	-10%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	194	194	191	165	156	161	156	143	142	137	141	140	139	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	152	152	147	132	132	135	131	120	123	123	125	125	121	-3%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	137	139	137	138	130	131	130	128	131	128	128	123	111	-10%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	144	142	138	135	129	130	128	124	124	123	125	122	116	-5%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	191	185	176	165	146	139	391	167	126	139	137	140	129	-8%

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 2019

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	100	1.3
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	57	0.8
Balkh	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	51	0.7
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	87	1.2
Balkh	Rice Local	-	52	0.7
Hirat	Wheat	-	24	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	1.2
Hirat	Saffron	-	57,000	757
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	88	1.2
Hirat	Rice Local	-	90	1.2
Kandahar	Wheat	51	-	0.4
Kandahar	Cotton	251	-	1.8
Kandahar	Rice Imported	100	-	0.7
Nangarhar	Wheat	44	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	190	-	1.4
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	164	-	1.2
Nangarhar	Rice Local	57	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	18	0.2
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	91	1.2
Takhar	Rice Local	-	50	0.7

Table 17: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), March 2018 – March 2019

Types of crops	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.36	0.39	0.36	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.29	-6%
Cotton	1.46	2.04	1.47	1.42	1.37	1.35	1.32	1.28	1.30	1.25	1.23	1.28	1.25	-2%
Saffron	917	858	914	942	975	982	796	730	663	642	693	739	757	+2%
Rice (Imported)	1.30	1.29	1.27	1.21	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.16	1.19	1.13	1.08	1.07	1.12	+5%
Rice (Local)	0.81	0.66	0.77	0.69	0.68	0.77	0.71	0.73	0.78	0.71	0.68	0.68	0.74	+9%

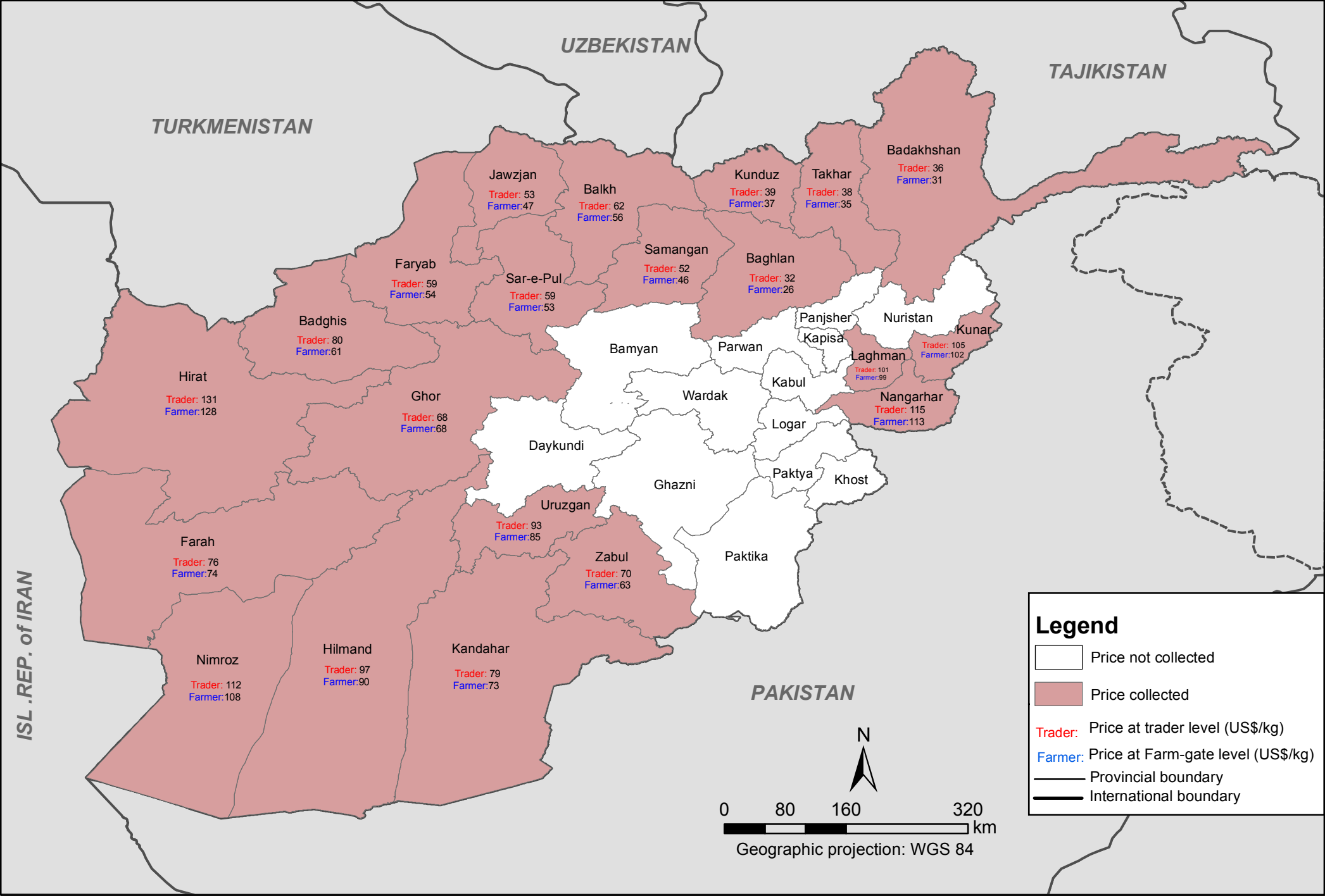
10 METHODOLOGY:

- 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

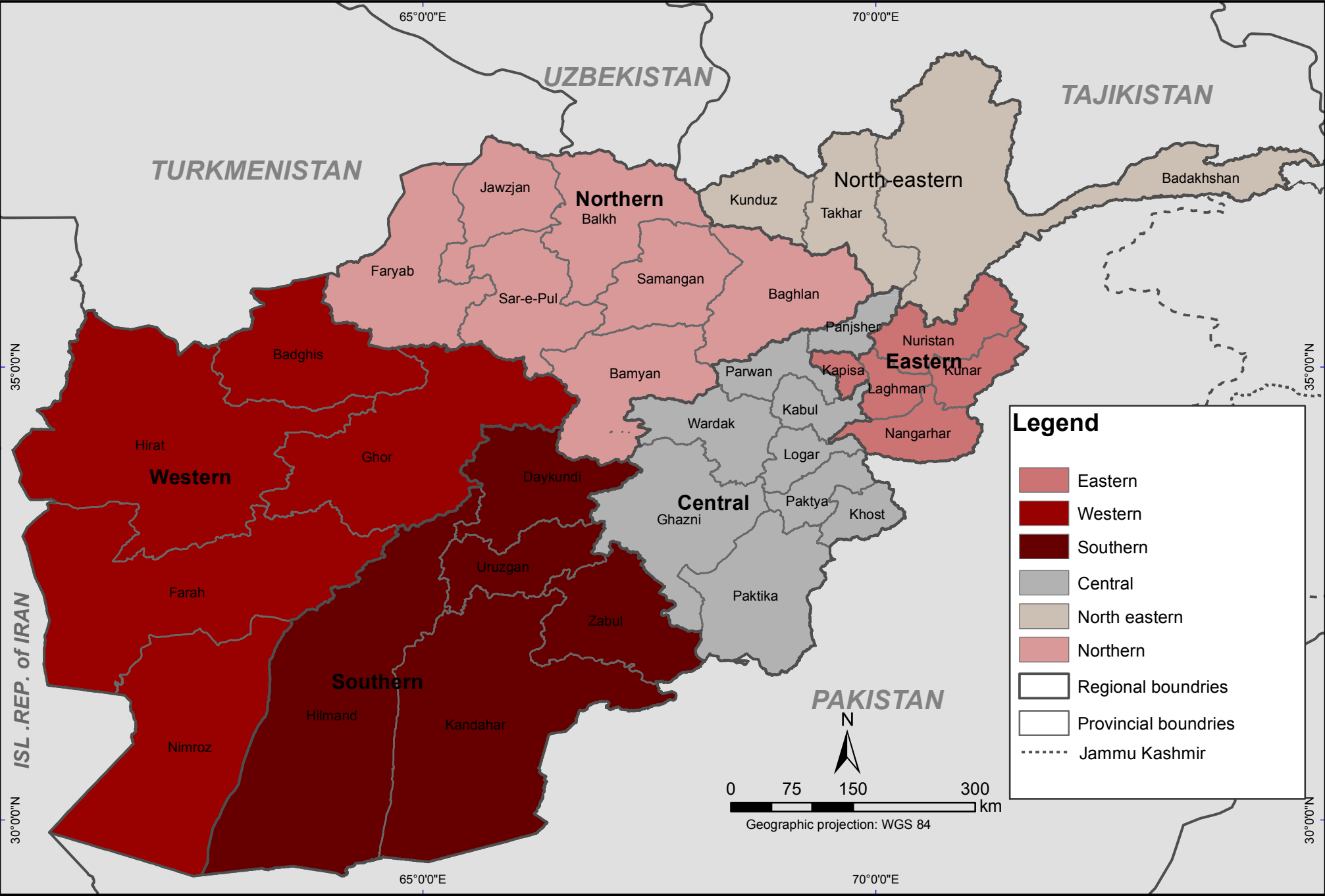
	Number of observations (n)		Number of provinces price collected
	Farm-gate price	Trader price	
Dry Opium	205	205	21
Fresh Opium	129	129	15

Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (March 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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