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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		
	Apr_2017	May_2017	Change %	May_2016	May_2017	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	158	156	-1%	193	156	-19%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	165	163	-2%	202	163	-19%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	134	131	-2%	150	131	-13%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	143	138	-3%	159	138	-13%
Heroin High Quality	3,352	3,498	+4%	3,438	3,498	+2%
Heroin Medium Quality	2,341	2,327	-1%	2,344	2,327	-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\$ 156/kg** at the end of May 2017 which is 1% lower compared to price reported in April 2017 (**US\$ 158/kg**). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in May 2017 is 19% lower than the price reported in May 2016 which was US\$ 193/kg.

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



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

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Apr-17	May-17	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	195	187	-4%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	160	163	+2%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	232	252	+9%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	101	67	-33%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan,	110	98	-10%
Average	165	163	-1%

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\$ 163/kg** at the end of May 2017 showing **2%** decrease compared to the price reported last month (April 2017) (**US\$ 165/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in May 2017 is **19%** lower than the price reported last year (May 2016) which was **US\$ 202/kg**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 9% and 2% in Western and Southern regions respectively. Price has decreased by 33%, 10% and 4% in North-eastern, Northern and Eastern regions respectively.

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

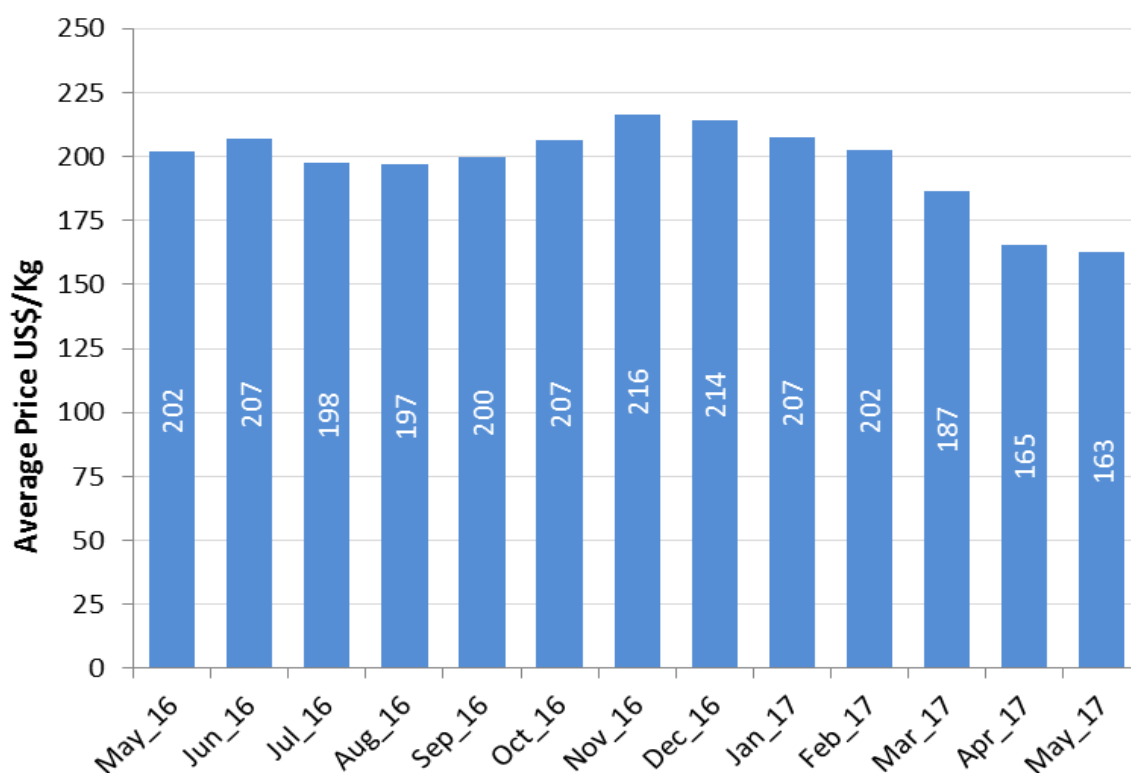


Figure 2: Regional average⁴ price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (April 2017 to May 2017)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Apr-17	May-17	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	192	184	-4%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	152	155	+2%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	221	241	+9%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	82	55	-33%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan,	103	92	-10%
Average	158	156	-1%

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\$ 134/kg** in May 2017 showing a decrease of 6% compared to the price reported in April 2016 (**US\$ 143**). The average price of 1 kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 357/kg** in May 2017 with a decreased by 1% compared to the price reported in April 2017 (**US\$ 355**).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (May-Apr) %	Hilmand		Price change (May-Apr) %
	Apr-17	May-17		Apr-17	May-17	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	143	134	-6%	355	357	1%

Trader price:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 140/kg** in May 2017 showing a decrease of 7% compared to the price reported in April 2017 (**US\$ 151/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 369/kg** in May 2017 with a decreased by 1% compared to the price reported in April 2017 (**US\$ 365**).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (May-Apr) %	Hilmand		Price change (May-Apr) %
	Apr-17	May-17		Apr-17	May-17	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	151	140	-7%	365	369	1%

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 (May-Apr) (%)	Change at trader level (May-Apr) (%)
		Apr-17		May-17			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	19,848	20,143	19,116	19,393	-4%	-4%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	15,787	16,559	16,226	17,034	+3%	+3%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	12,932	13,526	12,763	13,358	-1%	-1%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	784,333	826,889	905,600	947,889	+15%	+15%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	5,548	6,819	3,741	4,600	-33%	-33%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	6,667	7,125	6,079	6,475	-9%	-9%

* 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 May 2017, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by 2% from US\$ 134/kg in April 2017 to US\$ 131/kg in May 2017 at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by 3% from US\$ 143/kg in April 2017 to US\$ 138/kg in May 2017)

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

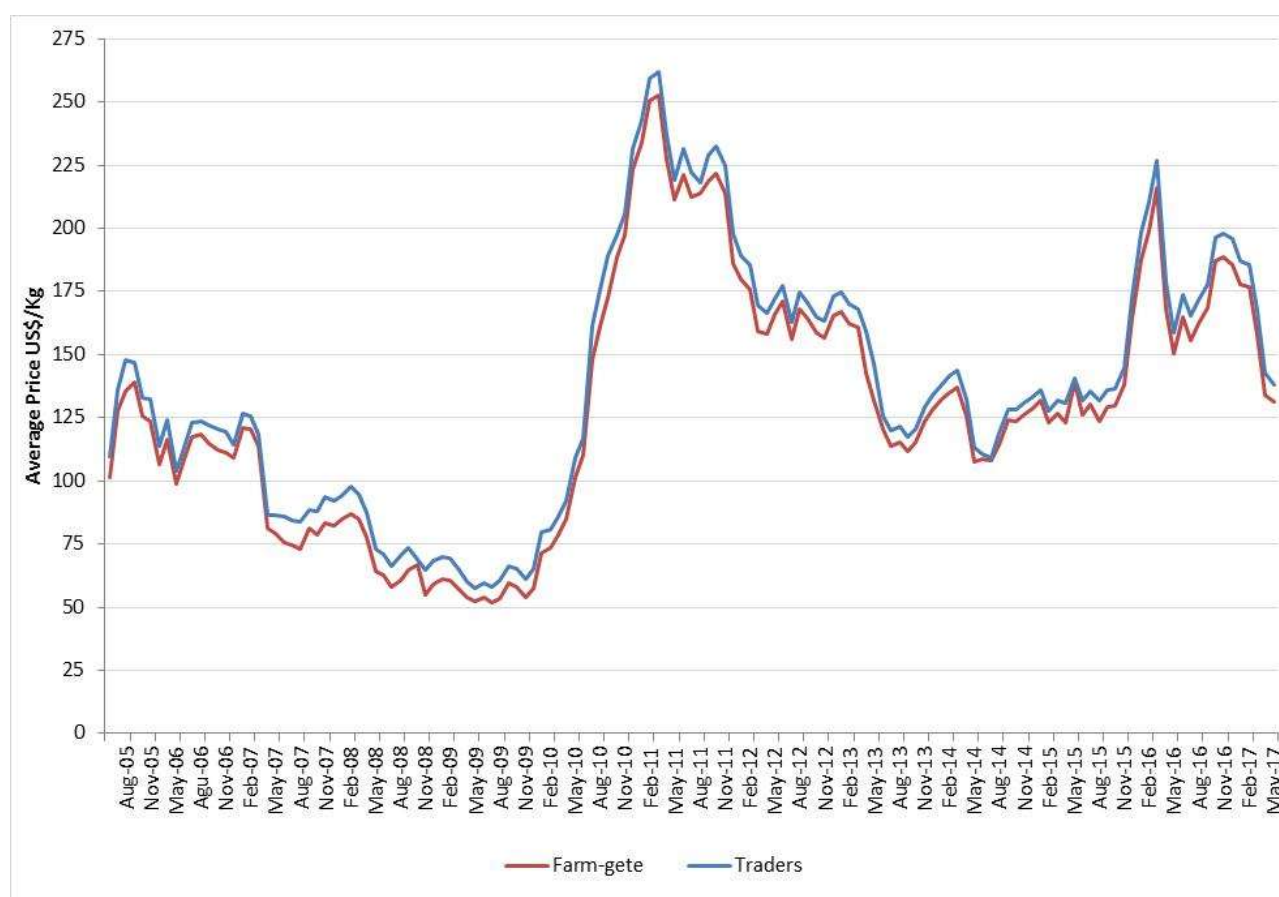


Table 6: Regional average⁵ price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency.

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate level (May-Apr) (%)	Change at trader level (May-Apr) (%)
		Apr-17		May-17			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	NA	NA	11,016	11,272	NA	NA
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	14,266	15,021	14,746	15,465	+3%	+3%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	11,432	11,932	11,263	11,763	-1%	-1%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	553,778	601,556	674,778	722,556	+22%	+20%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Farvab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	Afghani	5,642	7,800	5,150	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\$ 58/kg) is called as Khata # 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

Province	Types of Heroin	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Change (May-Apr) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	1,505	1,109	1,206	1,226	1,561	1,601	1,139	1,146	1,095	1,507	1,425	1,204	1,172	-3%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	2,709	2,521	2,815	2,840	2,914	2,948	2,675	2,691	2,595	3,013	2,951	2,808	3,606	+28%
Balkh	Best powder	3,412	3,469	3,511	3,625	3,617	3,672	3,649	3,592	3,515	3,448	3,382	3,257	3,111	-4%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,857	3,964	4,007	4,145	4,105	4,160	4,144	4,092	4,026	3,958	3,939	3,850	3,786	-2%
Hirat	Morphine	3,196	3,785	3,583	3,546	4,137	4,203	3,968	4,306	4,017	3,981	3,948	3,978	3,870	-3%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	4,067	4,878	3,923	3,723	4,493	4,569	4,205	4,502	4,234	4,167	4,102	4,317	4,026	-7%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	1,816	2,173	2,558	2,287	2,516	2,559	2,724	2,935	2,763	2,731	2,684	2,596	2,655	+2%
Kandahar	Morphine	2,214	2,121	2,020	2,006	2,074	2,109	2,200	2,082	2,130	2,102	2,786	2,717	2,783	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,829	1,735	1,635	1,671	1,640	1,693	1,785	1,694	1,743	1,736	1,556	1,553	1,643	+6%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	1,347	1,253	1,154	1,194	1,225	1,239	1,331	1,307	1,356	1,350	1,153	1,116	1,159	+4%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,272	3,181	3,078	3,104	3,183	3,193	3,473	3,340	3,389	3,423	3,170	3,106	3,188	+3%
Nangarhar	Best powder	1,627	1,619	1,643	1,602	1,588	1,616	1,624	1,605	1,616	1,601	1,594	1,566	1,546	-1%
	Chara # 1	144	140	145	134	125	135	143	134	139	130	126	121	116	-4%
	Chara # 2	86	87	87	82	77	77	76	76	76	72	68	68	68	0%
	Khata # 1	105	101	106	101	96	106	105	96	99	94	92	87	92	+5%
	Khata # 2	67	67	68	67	67	68	67	67	67	63	61	58	58	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	3,158	3,132	3,161	3,107	3,080	3,115	3,114	3,096	3,103	3,124	3,110	3,094	3,053	-1%
	White powder (Injection)	3,684	3,682	3,722	3,644	3,609	3,647	3,629	3,583	3,586	3,597	3,573	3,577	3,527	-1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,037	2,773	2,513	2,541	2,602	2,632	2,477	2,275	2,190	2,712	2,544	2,457	2,855	+16%

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 (May-Apr) %
			Apr-17	May-17	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	81,240	79,911	-2%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	189,560	245,880	+30%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	220,000	212,000	-4%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	260,000	258,000	-1%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	12,900,000	12,550,000	-3%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	14,000,000	13,055,000	-7%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	8,420,000	8,610,000	+2%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	280,000	288,000	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	160,000	170,000	+6%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	115,000	120,000	+4%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	320,000	330,000	+3%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	162,000	160,000	-1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	12,500	12,000	-4%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	0%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	9,000	9,500	+6%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	6,000	6,000	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	320,000	316,000	-1%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	370,000	365,000	-1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	165,865	194,665	+17%

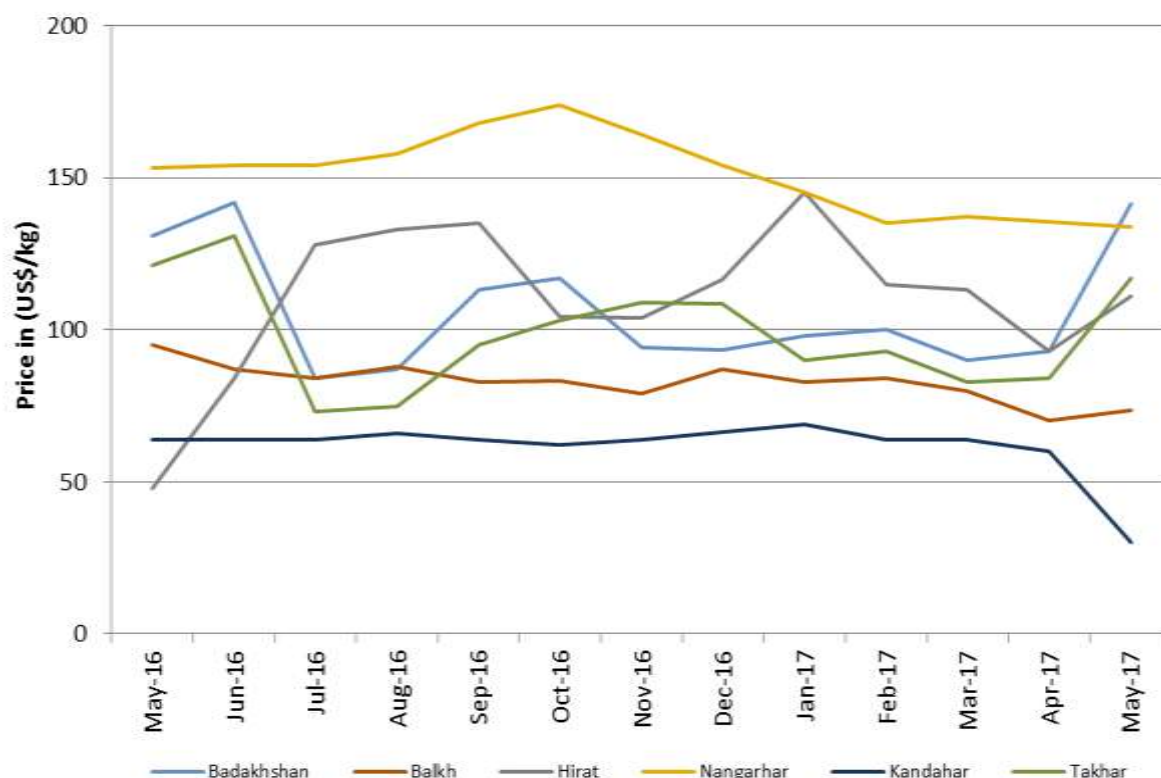
CANNABIS RESIN:

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), May 2016 – May 2017

Province	Types of cannabis resin	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Chang (May-Apr) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	131	142	84	87	113	117	94	94	98	100	90	93	142	+52%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	95	87	84	88	82.7	83	79	87	83	84	80	70	73	+5%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	73	67	58	72	63	73	69	75	72	66	60	50	66	+31%
Hirat	Garda # 1	48	84	128	133	135	104	104	116	145	115	113	93	111	+20%
	Garda # 2	25	50	85	88	90	51	51	65	73	62	56	43	58	+34%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	64	64	64	66	64	62	64	66	69	64	64	60	30	-50%
	Garda # 2	34	34	32	34	32	30	34	32	34	32	30	28	21	-24%
	Garda # 3	19	19	17	19	19	17	19	17	19	17	15	15	16	+6%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	153	154	154	158	168	174	164	154	145	135	137	135	134	-1%
	Garda # 2	115	120	115	120	125	126	116	111	106	101	104	102	96	-6%
	Garda # 3	86	87	82	82	82	87	87	82	77	68	67	68	72	+6%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	121	131	73	75	95	103	109	109	90	93	83	84	117	+39%

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



⁶ Simple average of all observations

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

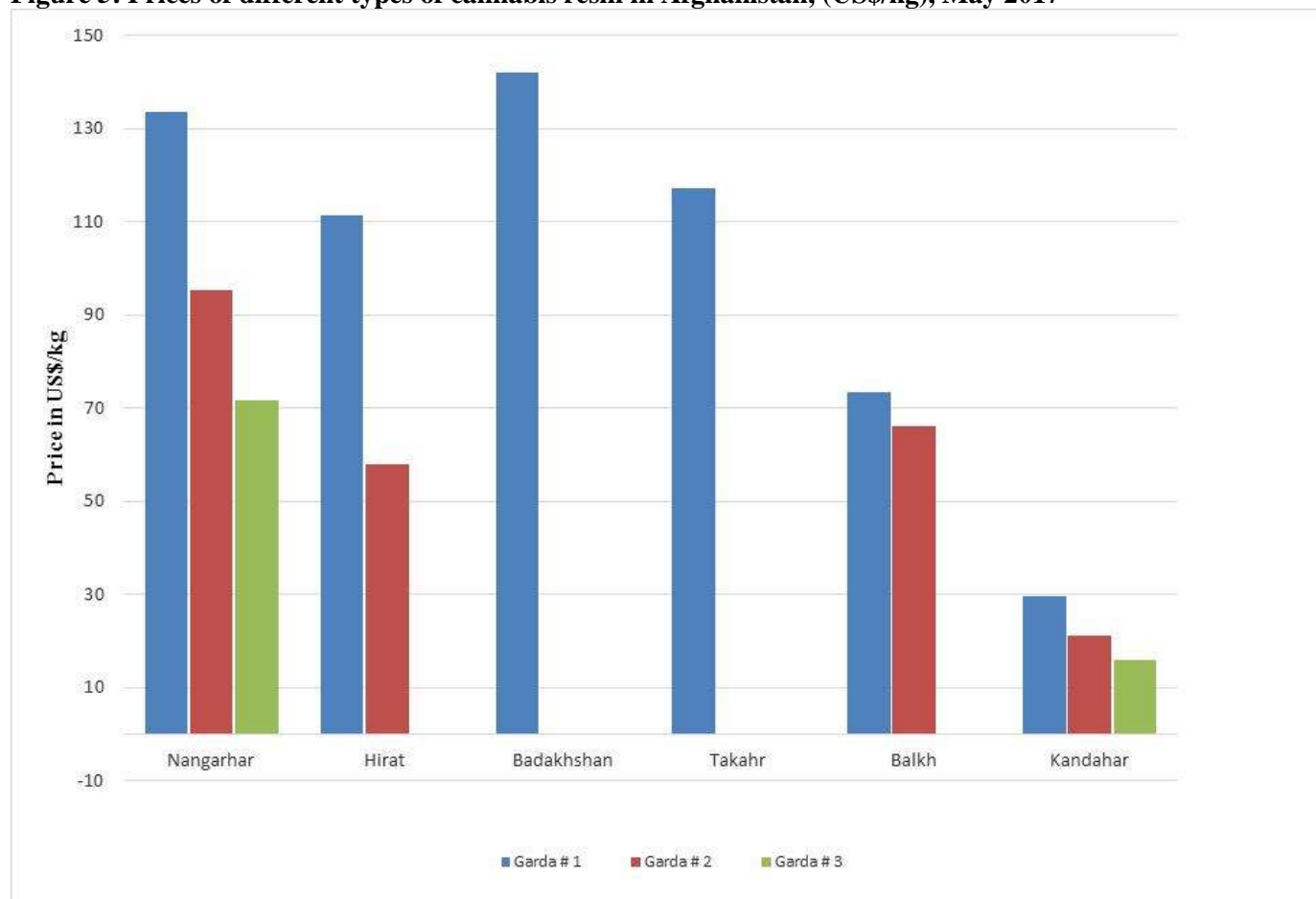


Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in other than USD currency, April 2017 – May 2017

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (May-Apr) %
			Apr-17	May-17	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6,300	9,650	+53%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	4,700	5,000	+6%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	3,400	4,500	+32%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	300,000	361,000	+20%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	140,000	188,000	+34%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	6,222	3,111	-50%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	2,889	2,222	-23%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	1,556	1,667	+7%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	14,000	14,000	0%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	10,500	10,000	-5%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,500	+7%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	5,700	8,000	+40%

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, Apr 2017 – May 2017

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (May-Apr) (%)
			Apr-17	May-17	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	45	40	-11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	38	35	-8%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	150	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	15	20	+33%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	160	160	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	20	0%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	30	30	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	33	-54%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	160	150	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	20	0%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	78	84	+9%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	53	69	+29%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	38	-25%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	63	48	-24%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	20	30	+50%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	87	91	+5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	58	71	+23%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	20	30	+50%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	25	23	-8%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	27	22	-19%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	20	-33%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	20	25	+25%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	10	15	+50%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	20	0%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	60	50	-17%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	38	-5%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	87	96	+10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	49	69	+41%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	84	89	+5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	56	67	+20%

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

Types of seeds	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.46	0.50	0.43	0.46	0.44	0.45	0.43	0.52	0.62	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.61	+1%
Poppy seed	0.74	0.71	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.77	0.85	0.81	0.92	0.99	1.00	0.93	0.92	-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), May 2017

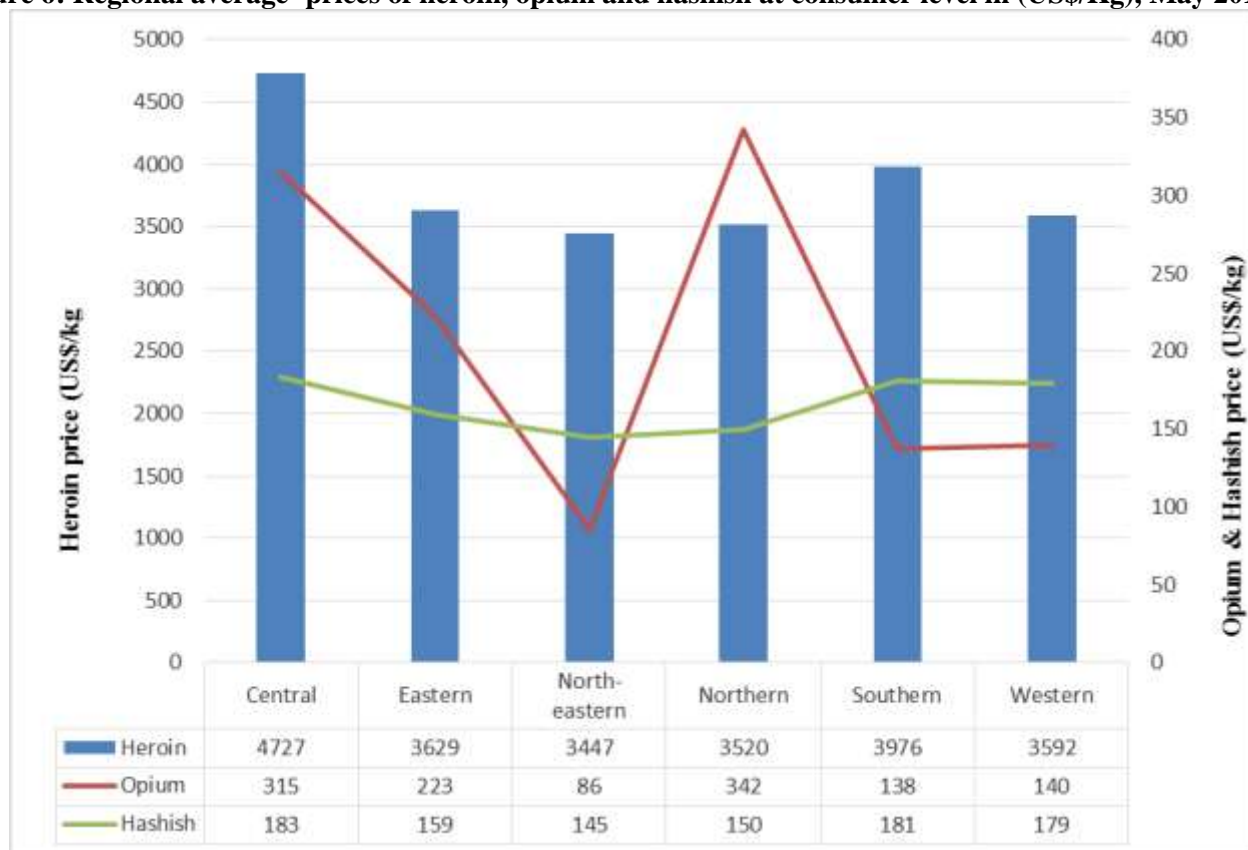


Table 13: Average⁸ prices of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), May 2016 – May 2017

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (May-Apr) (%)
	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	
Heroin	4,430	4,345	4,477	4,215	4,434	4,969	4,702	4,817	4,866	4,943	4,580	4,194	3,874	-8%
Opium	275	336	253	254	255	272	271	265	272	267	260	235	205	-13%
Hashish	144	230	152	162	185	186	186	186	196	195	182	166	167	+0.4%

8 PRICE OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

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

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Increase/ Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	236	240	227	236	229	238	211	206	215	372	370	590	591	+0.1%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	169	165	169	164	159	160	159	162	169	174	173	179	184	+3%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	159	155	159	154	150	155	144	148	150	149	144	153	155	+1%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	144	145	140	153	149	160	160	145	152	161	151	167	175	+5%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	145	146	142	146	144	148	147	140	143	148	142	148	153	+4%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	199	193	178	183	181	190	214	202	180	454	453	350	354	+1%

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, May 2017

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	35	0.5
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	85	1.2
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	55	0.8
Balkh	Wheat	-	19	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	55	0.8
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	90	1.3
Balkh	Rice Local	-	54	0.8
Hirat	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	1.3
Hirat	Saffron	-	80,000	1,173
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	88	1.3
Hirat	Rice Local	-	70	1.0
Kandahar	Wheat	54	-	0.5
Kandahar	Cotton	280	-	2.7
Kandahar	Rice Imported	110	-	1.1
Nangarhar	Wheat	34	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	180	-	1.7
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	136	-	1.3
Nangarhar	Rice Local	47	-	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), May 2016 – May 2017

Types of crops	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.35	0.32	0.36	0.39	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.41	0.39	0.42	0.32	0.41	0.38	-7%
Cotton	1.43	1.44	1.51	1.48	1.55	1.56	1.53	1.57	1.54	1.58	1.54	1.62	1.64	+1%
Saffron	1,745	1,744	1,453	1,489	1,504	1,444	1,651	1,647	1,649	1,799	1,802	1,778	1,173	-34%
Rice (Imported)	1.03	1.07	1.11	1.13	1.13	1.14	1.14	1.15	1.20	1.20	0.97	1.21	1.23	+2%
Rice (Local)	0.58	0.55	0.59	0.62	0.65	0.62	0.67	0.71	0.68	0.73	0.57	0.74	0.76	+2%

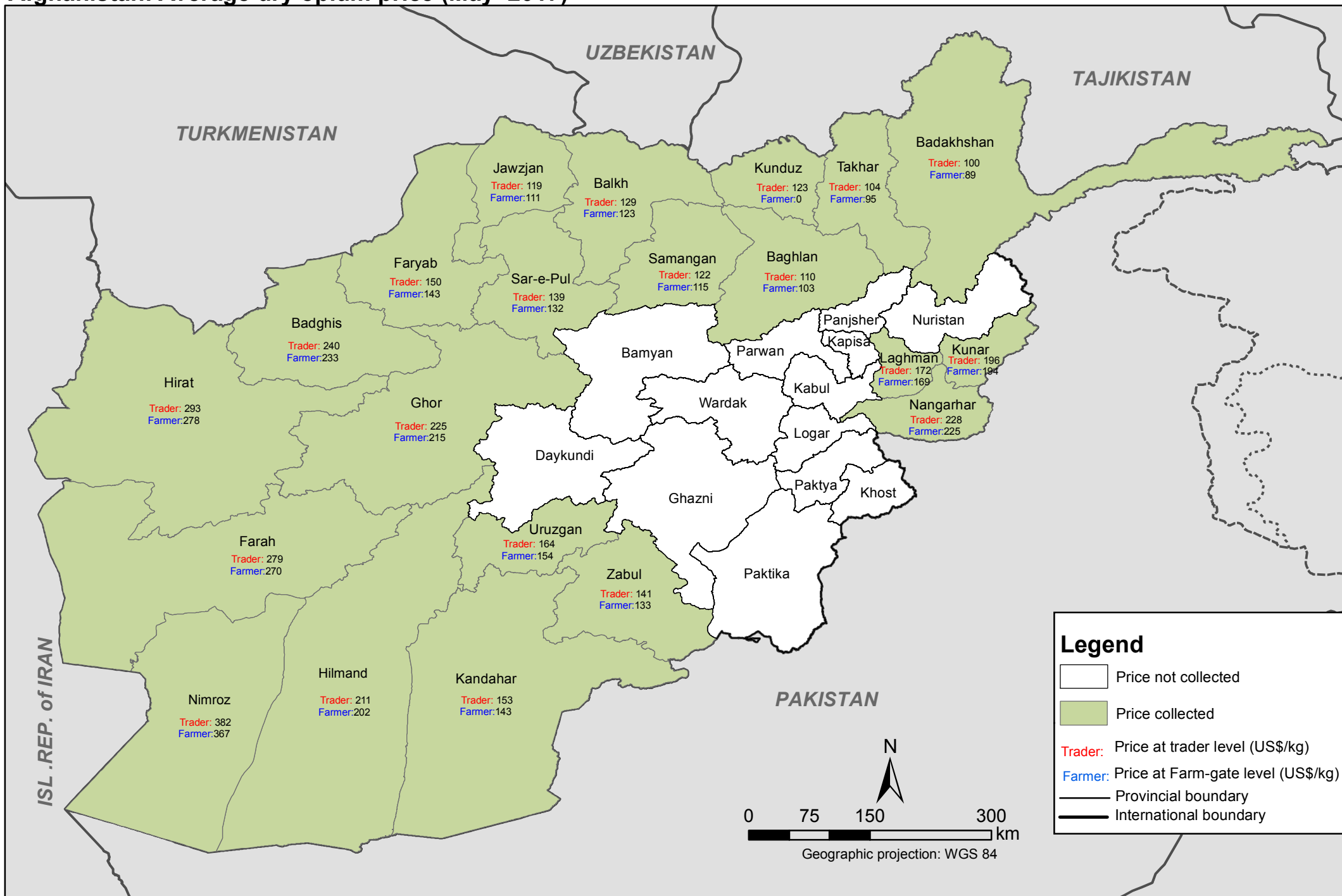
10 METHODOLOGY:

- 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 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	196	21
Fresh Opium	173	173	18

Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (May 2017)

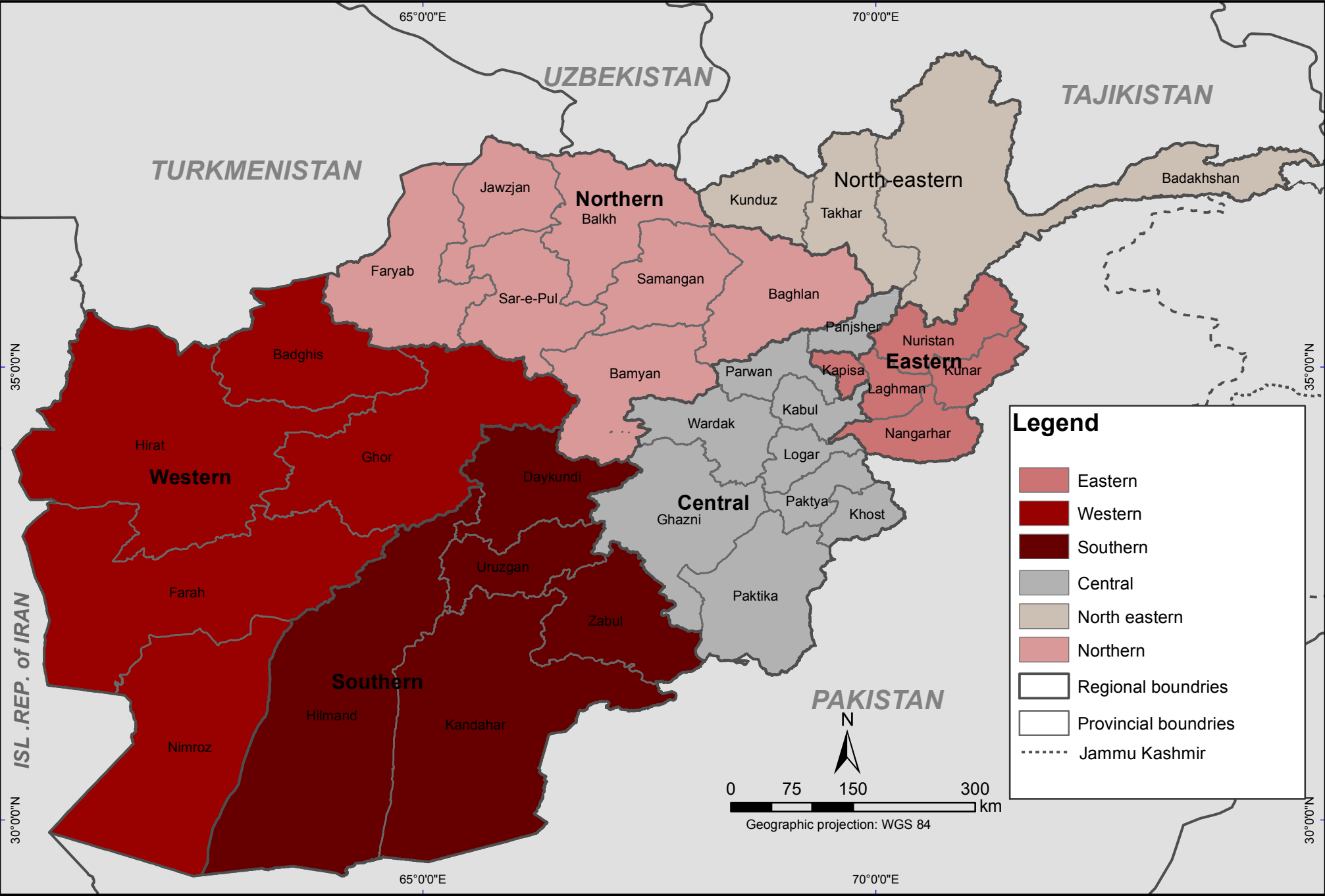


Source: Government of Afghanistan - National monitoring system implemented by UNODC/MCN

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Regional grouping of provinces for the opium poppy survey in Afghanistan



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