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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_2019	May_2019	Change %	May_2018	May_2019	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	67	61	-10%	101	61	-40%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	72	65	-10%	109	65	-40%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	52	45	-13%	89	45	-49%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	58	50	-15%	98	50	-49%
Heroin High Quality	2,300	2,122	-8%	3,243	2,122	-35%
Heroin Medium Quality	1,675	1,532	-9%	2,033	1,532	-25%

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\$ 61 kg at the end of May 2019 which is 10% lower compared to price reported in April 2019 (US\$ 67/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in May 2019 is 40% lower than the price reported in May 2018 which was US\$ 101/kg.

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

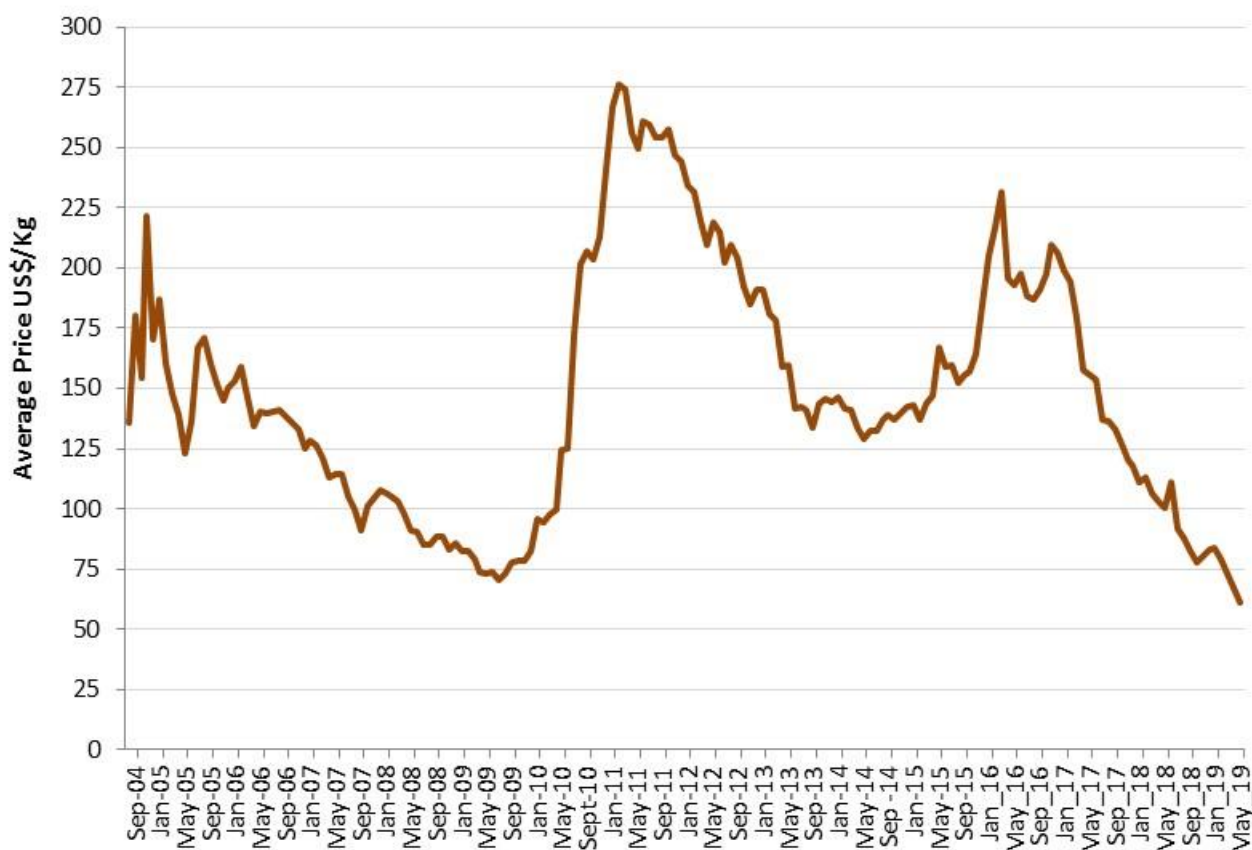


Table 1: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (April 2019 to May 2019)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Apr-19	May-19	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	96	87	-9%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	72	64	-11%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	82	73	-10%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	32	33	2%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	46	39	-15%
Average	67	61	-10%

Trader price:

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 65/kg** at the end of May 2019 showing **10%** decrease compared to the price reported last month (April 2019) (**US\$ 72/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in May 2019 is **40%** lower than the price reported last year (May 2018) which was **US\$ 109/kg**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 2% in North-eastern region. Price has decreased by 14%, 13%, 10% and 9% in Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern regions respectively.

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

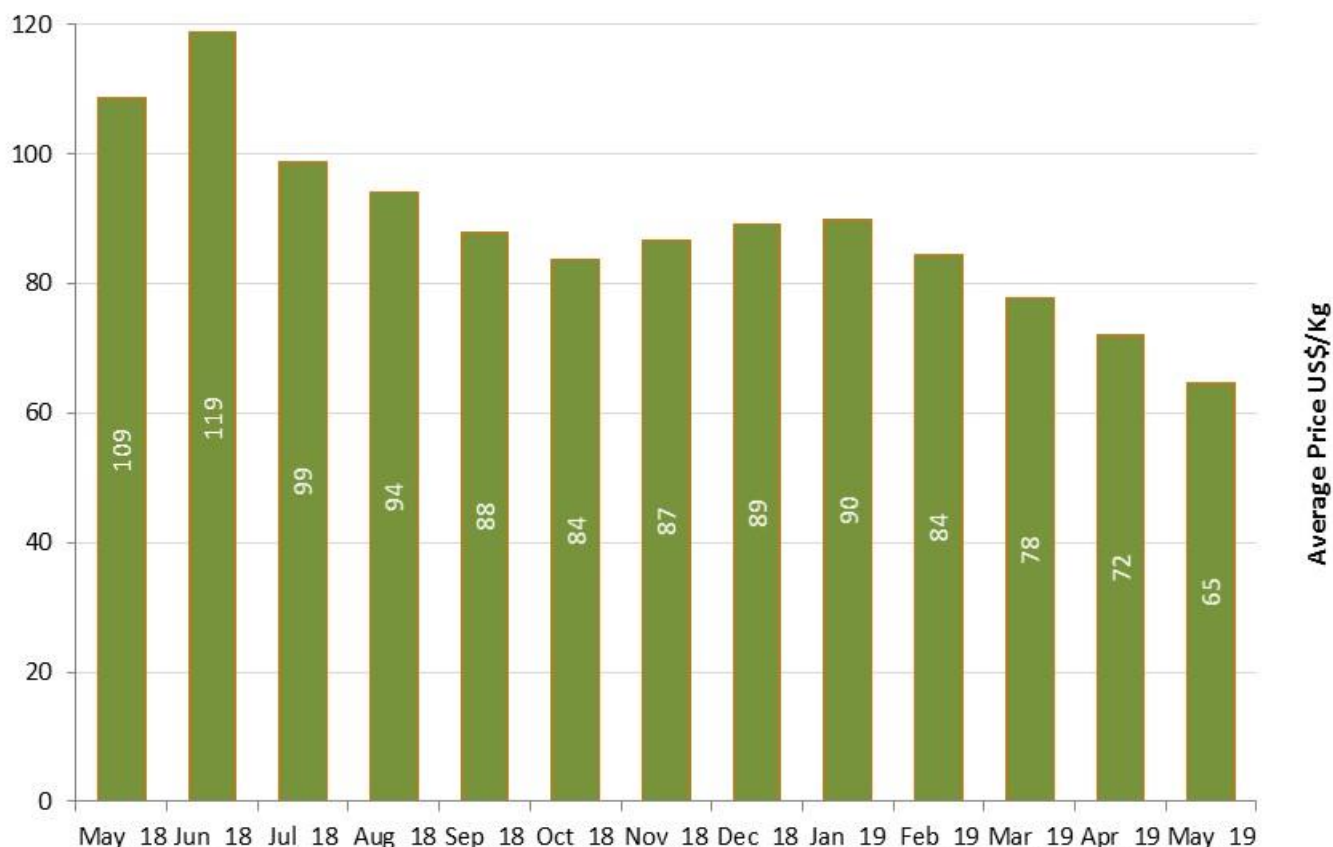


Figure 2: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (April 2019 to May 2019)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Mar-19	Apr-19	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	99	90	-9%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	79	71	-10%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	88	76	-13%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	36	36	+2%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	51	44	-14%
Average	72	65	-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\$ 63/kg** in May 2019 showing a decrease of 13% compared to the price reported in April 2019 (**US\$ 72**). The average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 129/kg** in May 2019 with a decreased by 12% compared to the price reported in April (**US\$ 146**).

Table 3: Average 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-19	May-19		Apr-19	May-19	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	72	63	-13%	146	129	-12%

Trader price:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 69/kg** in May 2019 showing a decrease of 13% compared to the price reported in April 2019 (**US\$ 79/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 137/kg** in May 2019 with a decreased by 10% compared to the price reported in April 2019 (**US\$ 153**).

Table 4: Average 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-19	May-19		Apr-19	May-19	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	79	69	-13%	153	137	-10%

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 (May- Apr) (%)	Change at trader level (May-Apr) (%)
		Apr-19		May-19			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	13,547	13,905	13,181	13,545	-3%	-3%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	10,211	11,173	9,738	10,729	-5%	-4%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	4,321	5,405	4,492	4,947	+4%	-8%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	1,400,668	1,442,582	1,141,671	1,183,547	-18%	-18%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	2,516	2,759	2,636	2,888	+5%	+5%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	3,839	4,271	3,132	3,529	-18%	-17%

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

3.2 FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of May 2019, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by **13%** from **US\$ 52/kg** in **April 2019** to **US\$ 45/kg** in **May 2019** at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by **15%** from **US\$ 58/kg** in April 2019 to **US\$ 50/kg** in May 2019).

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

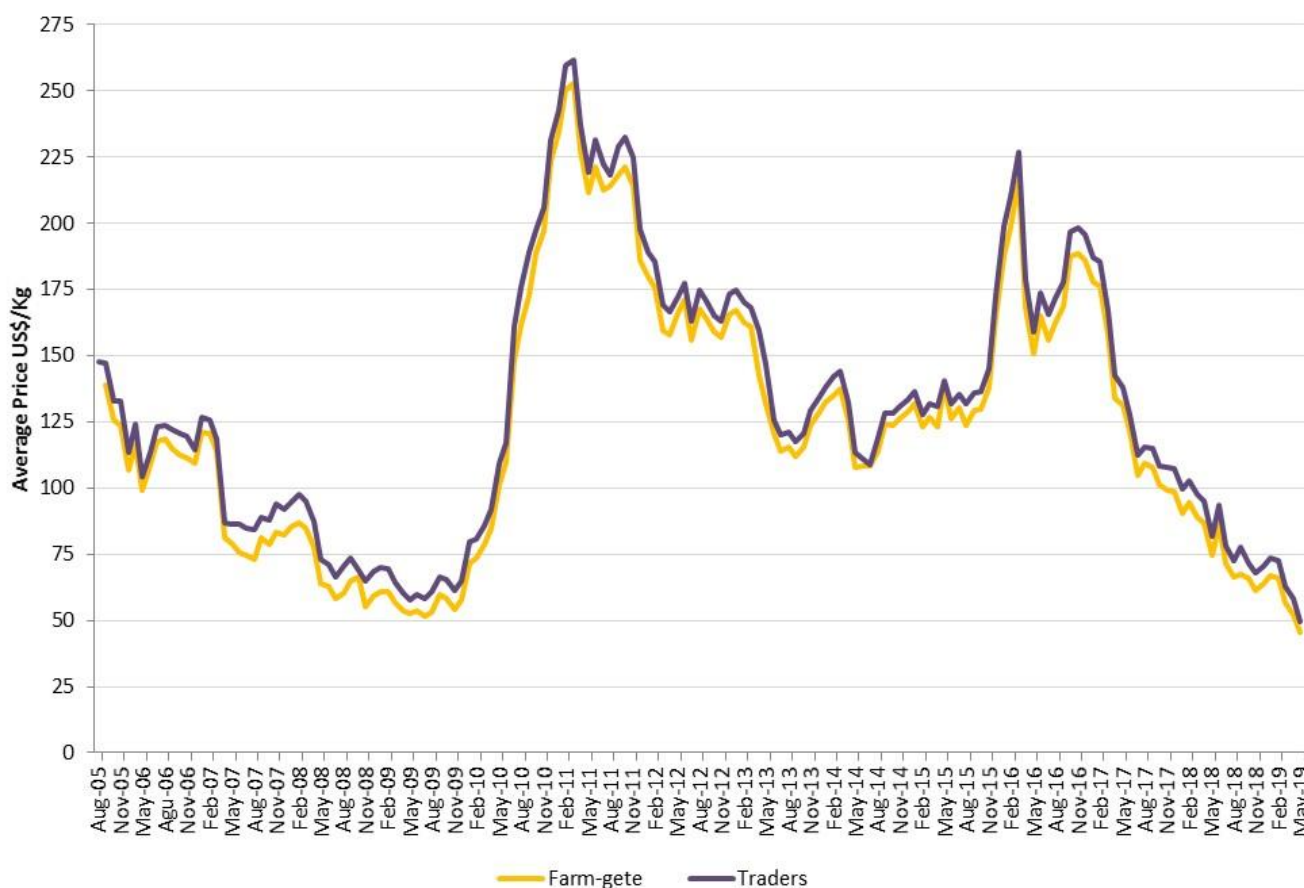


Table 6: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency.

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate level (May-Apr) (%)	Change at trader level (May-Apr) (%)
		Apr-19		May-19			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	NA	NA	6,436	6,800	NA	NA
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	8,666	9,688	8,132	9,155	-6%	-6%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	2,579	2,442	2,870	3,125	+11%	+28%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	1,148,696	1,188,358	889,661	929,375	-23%	-22%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	3,118	3,518	2,380	2,777	-24%	-21%

* 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\$ 45/kg) is called as Khata # 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

Province	Types of Heroin	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Change (May-Apr) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	201	210	202	NA	NA	NA	1,408	2,267	1,504	1,203	1,217	904	751	-17%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	2,708	2,649	2,016	2,621	2,987	2,203	2,011	2,533	1,605	1,603	1,600	1,303	1,126	-14%
Balkh	Best powder	3,152	3,195	3,228	3,244	3,144	3,198	2,844	3,360	2,764	2,740	2,608	2,492	2,249	-10%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,863	3,889	3,949	4,003	4,006	4,064	3,638	4,155	3,328	3,325	3,300	3,184	2,933	-8%
Hirat	Morphine	4,881	5,646	3,257	3,090	2,993	2,991	3,808	3,112	3,090	3,306	3,112	3,102	2,978	-4%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	5,076	5,869	3,386	3,212	3,111	3,110	3,655	3,006	2,960	3,167	2,981	2,971	2,852	-4%
Kandahar	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	2,981	3,454	1,986	1,884	1,838	1,826	2,227	1,834	1,799	1,925	1,819	1,813	1,740	-4%
	Morphine	2,171	2,147	1,991	2,031	2,063	1,961	1,989	2,020	2,056	2,015	1,827	1,770	1,620	-8%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,216	1,239	1,210	1,218	1,246	1,207	1,260	1,284	1,299	1,223	1,074	991	893	-10%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	955	974	937	894	922	905	943	938	974	935	860	779	694	-11%
Nangarhar	White powder (Crystal)	2,692	2,642	2,515	2,559	2,549	2,413	2,431	2,417	2,453	2,374	2,221	2,124	1,984	-7%
	Best powder	1,273	1,228	1,144	1,206	1,208	1,123	1,144	1,096	1,112	1,117	1,091	1,077	1,003	-7%
	Chara # 1	78	78	74	79	81	76	71	78	79	79	78	75	68	-10%
	Chara # 2	59	59	54	57	57	52	52	54	54	58	55	53	48	-10%
	Khata # 1	65	62	57	61	62	60	54	60	61	61	57	57	51	-10%
	Khata # 2	56	58	53	55	55	51	47	53	53	54	51	50	45	-9%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	2,615	2,513	2,358	2,477	2,480	2,306	2,296	2,232	2,237	2,242	2,204	2,176	2,025	-7%
White powder (Injection)	3,013	2,892	2,700	2,844	2,853	2,650	2,647	2,575	2,591	2,595	2,546	2,516	2,337	-7%	
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,105	2,242	1,613	1,959	1,992	1,803	1,760	2,200	1,705	1,704	1,719	1,704	1,502	-12%

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-19	May-19	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	70,000	60,000	-14%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	100,880	90,000	-11%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	192,600	179,300	-7%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	246,100	233,800	-5%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	43,888,000	40,169,492	-8%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	42,037,000	38,474,576	-8%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	25,648,000	23,474,576	-8%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	250,000	245,000	-2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	140,000	135,000	-4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	110,000	105,000	-5%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	300,000	300,000	0%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	152,000	151,000	-1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	10,600	10,200	-4%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,500	7,200	-4%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	8,000	7,700	-4%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	6,800	-3%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	307,000	305,000	-1%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	355,000	352,000	-1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	131,920	120,000	-9%

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), May 2018 – May 2019

Province	Types of cannabis resin	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Chang (May-Apr) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	132	111	104	76	74	67	66	83	84	81	116	90	81	-10%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	56	56	60	69	82	80	99	87	93	81	93	97	75	-22%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	35	35	36	44	64	57	73	67	67	54	60	65	56	-13%
Hirat	Garda # 1	119	173	100	91	98	93	113	93	89	98	93	85	75	-11%
	Garda # 2	54	85	69	64	68	66	81	65	65	67	60	56	50	-11%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	58	59	57	60	59	57	58	59	56	51	48	44	40	-10%
	Garda # 2	32	33	31	34	36	35	33	34	32	29	25	22	19	-14%
	Garda # 3	19	20	17	18	20	20	17	18	15	14	13	9.4	8.8	-7%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	130	127	117	127	122	110	109	103	101	97	95	94	86	-8%
	Garda # 2	93	91	82	90	85	75	73	68	66	65	64	62	57	-9%
	Garda # 3	69	66	62	65	65	60	58	54	53	52	50	50	46	-7%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	98	104	101	97	99	80	121	120	121	105	129	129	94	-27%

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

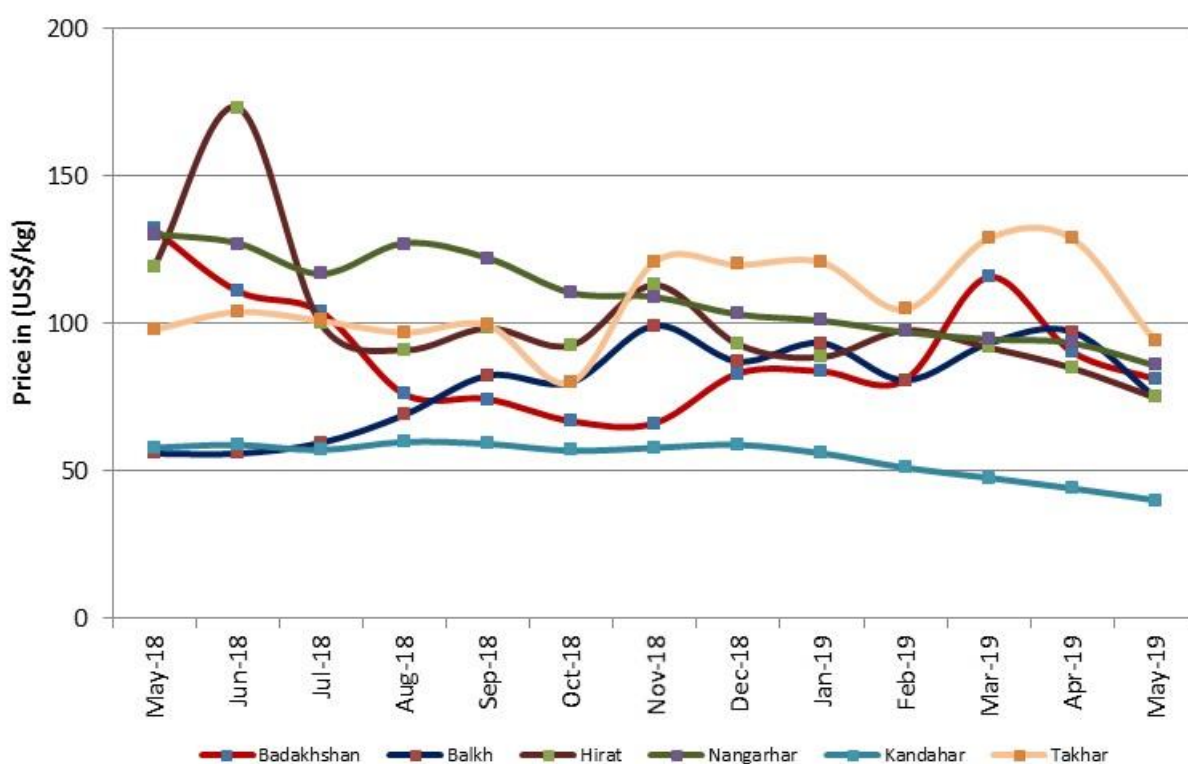


Figure 5: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), May 2019

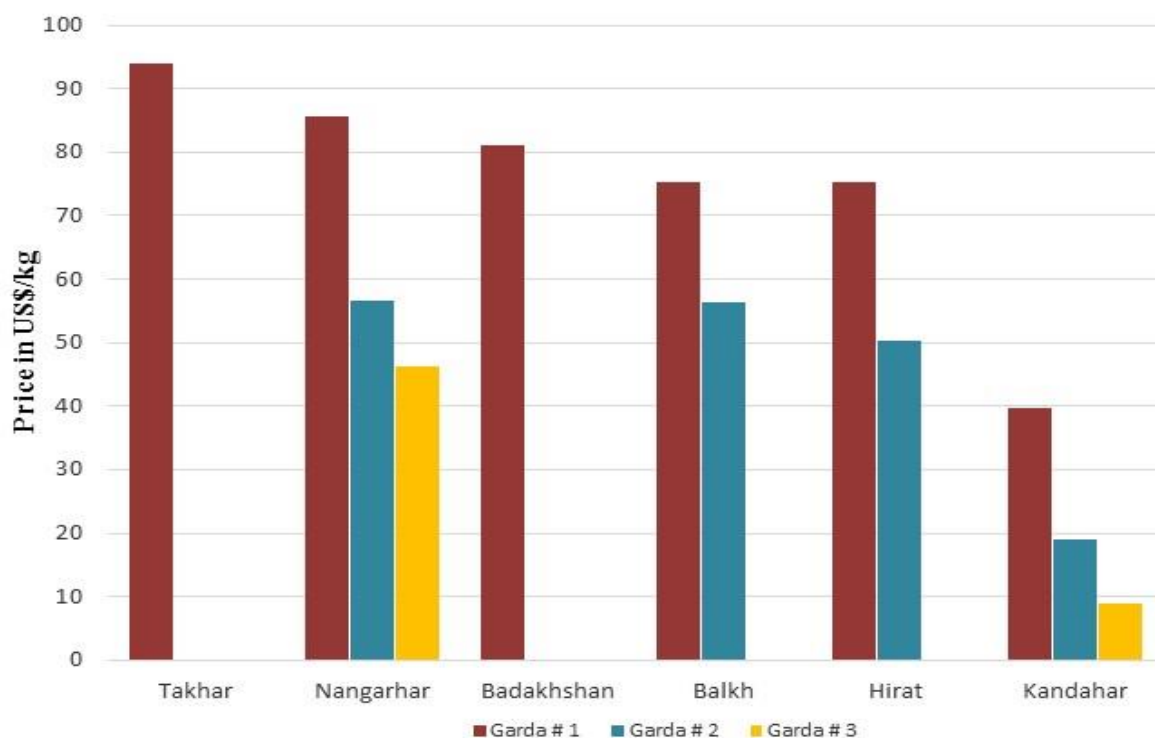


Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in other than USD currency, April 2019 – May 2019

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (May-Apr) %
			Apr-19	May-19	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	7000	6500	-7%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	7,500	6,000	-20%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	5,000	4,500	-10%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	1,203,000	1,016,949	-15%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	796,000	677,966	-15%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	6,222	6,000	-4%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	3,111	2,889	-7%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	1,333	1,333	0%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	13,200	13,000	-2%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,800	8,600	-2%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	0%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	10000	7,500	-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, April 2019 – May 2019

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (May-Apr) (%)
			Apr-19	May-19	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	42	+5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	23	25	+9%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	110	-15%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	10	13	+30%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	120	110	-8%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	10	10	0%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	63	63	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	75	0%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	160	140	-13%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	15	10	-33%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	76	69	-9%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	88	88	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	100	100	0%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	70	50	-29%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	78	71	-9%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	67	-3%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	40	-20%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	55	52	-5%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	60	55	-8%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	60	60	0%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	65	62	-5%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	15	17	+13%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	50	+25%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	45	44	-2%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	27	26	-4%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	93	89	-5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	80	71	-11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%

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

Types of seeds	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.63	0.68	0.72	0.73	0.62	0.63	0.65	0.64	0.63	0.62	0.60	0.58	0.56	-4%
Poppy seed	1.07	1.01	1.04	1.03	0.99	1.05	1.07	1.05	1.04	1.02	0.97	0.93	0.82	-11%

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), May 2019

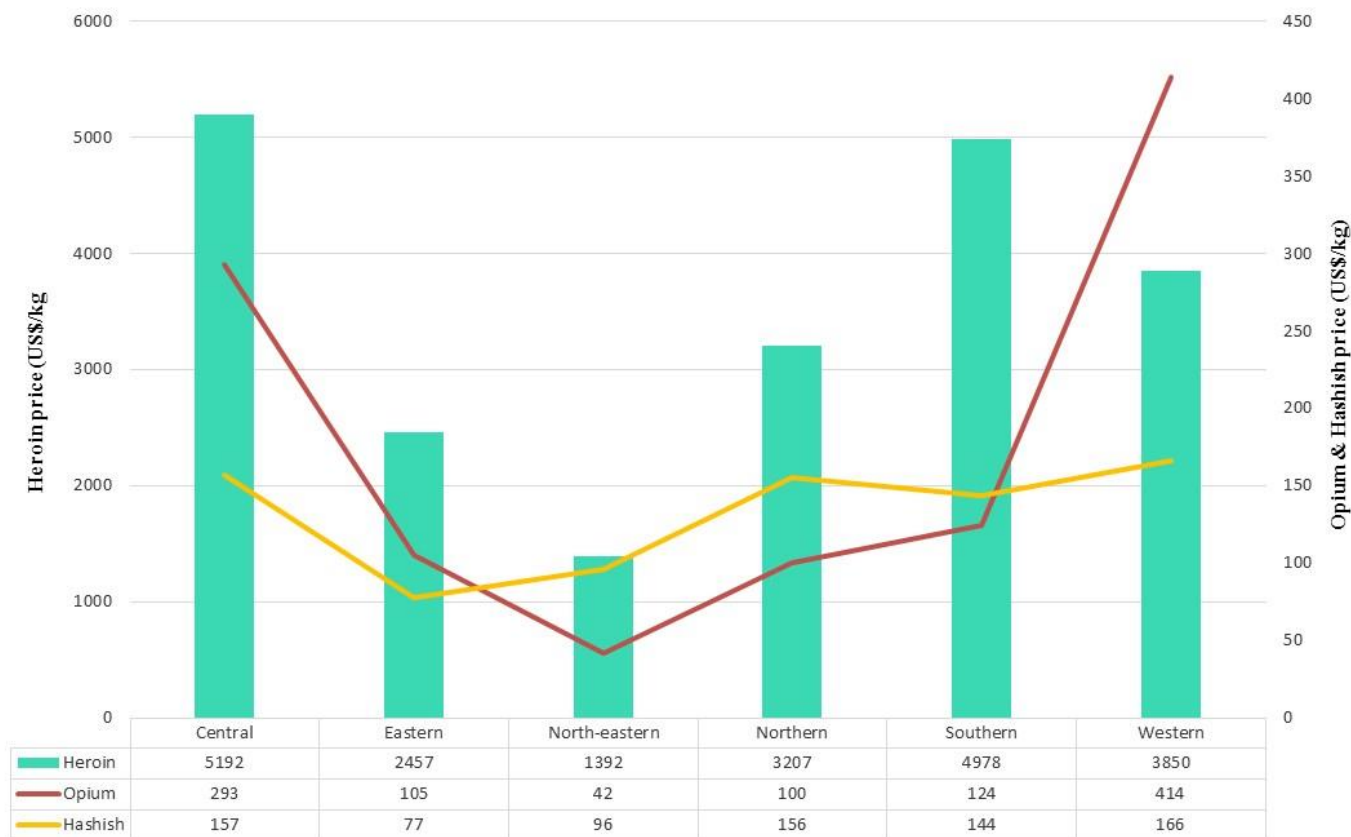


Table 13: Average⁸ prices of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), May 2018 – May 2019

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (May-Apr) (%)
	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	
Heroin	4,450	3,746	3,694	3,968	4,344	4,129	4,162	4,426	4,205	4,161	3,286	3,741	3,636	-3%
Opium	227	235	228	245	222	206	211	233	206	210	191	202	188	-7%
Hashish	160	140	140	137	152	149	211	150	144	148	143	164	138	-15%

8 PRICE OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

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

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	440	430	380	392	513	375	351	349	343	342	306	295	300	+2%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	191	165	156	161	156	143	142	137	141	140	139	138	127	-8%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	147	132	132	135	131	120	123	123	125	125	121	118	110	-7%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	137	138	130	131	130	128	131	128	128	123	111	103	96	-7%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	138	135	129	130	128	124	124	123	125	122	116	110	104	-5%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	176	165	146	139	391	167	126	139	137	140	129	107	134	+25%

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, May 2019

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	22	0.3
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	104	1.3
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	54	0.7
Balkh	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	53	0.7
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	90	1.1
Balkh	Rice Local	-	55	0.7
Hirat	Wheat	-	22	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	1.1
Hirat	Saffron	-	65,000	814
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	85	1.1
Hirat	Rice Local	-	90	1.1
Kandahar	Wheat	51	-	0.3
Kandahar	Cotton	260	-	1.7
Kandahar	Rice Imported	105	-	0.7
Nangarhar	Wheat	40	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	189	-	1.3
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	166	-	1.1
Nangarhar	Rice Local	54	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	95	1.2
Takhar	Rice Local	-	52	0.7

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

Types of crops	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Increase/ Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.36	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.29	0.30	0.28	-9%
Cotton	1.47	1.42	1.37	1.35	1.32	1.28	1.30	1.25	1.23	1.28	1.25	1.25	1.19	-4%
Saffron	914	942	975	982	796	730	663	642	693	739	757	777	814	+5%
Rice (Imported)	1.27	1.21	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.16	1.19	1.13	1.08	1.07	1.12	1.11	1.08	-3%
Rice (Local)	0.77	0.69	0.68	0.77	0.71	0.73	0.78	0.71	0.68	0.68	0.74	0.69	0.70	+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	170	170	18