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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		
	Aug_2018	Sep_2018	Change %	Sep_2017	Sep_2018	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	88	82	-6%	133	82	-38%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	94	88	-6%	140	88	-37%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	67	68	+1%	108	68	-37%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	73	78	+6%	115	78	-33%
Heroin High Quality	2,866	2,916	+2%	3,300	2,916	-12%
Heroin Medium Quality	2,206	2,177	-1%	2,264	2,177	-4%

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) 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\$ 82 kg** at the end of September 2018 which is **6%** lower compared to price reported in August 2018 (**US\$ 88/kg**). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in September 2018 is **38%** lower than the price reported in September 2017 which was **US\$ 133/kg**.

Figure 1: National average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from (June 2004 to September 2018)



Table 1: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (August 2018 to September 2018)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Aug-18	Sep-18	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	110	98	-11%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	81	79	-2%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	117	112	-4%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	68	63	-7%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	54	51	-6%
Average	88	82	-7%

Trader price:

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 88/kg** at the end of September 2018 showing **6%** decrease compared to the price reported last month (August 2018) (**US\$ 94/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in September 2018 is **37%** lower than the price reported last year (September 2017) which was **US\$ 140/kg**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has decreased by 11%, 8%, 6%, 5% and 2% Eastern, North-eastern, Northern, Western and Southern regions respectively.

Table 2: National average price of dry opium at Trader level US\$/kg (September 2017 to September 2018)

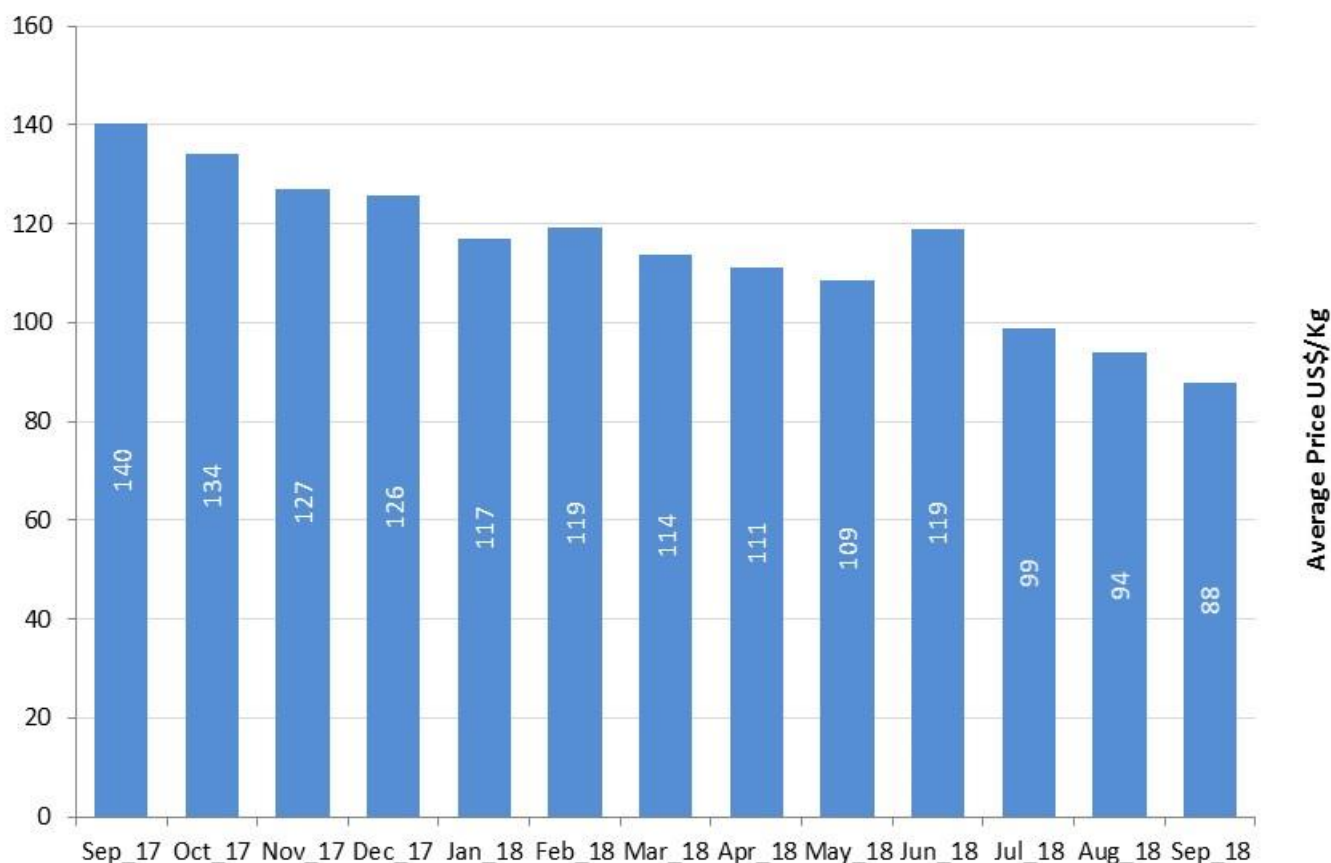


Figure 2: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (August 2018 to September 2018)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Aug-18	Sep-18	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	113	101	-11%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	88	86	-2%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	125	119	-5%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	75	69	-8%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan, Samangan)	59	56	-6%
Average	94	88	-6%

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\$ 77.6/kg** in September 2018 showing a decrease of 1% compared to the price reported in August 2018 (**US\$ 78.3**). The average price of 1 kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 172/kg** in September 2018 with a decreased by 3% compared to the price reported in August 2018 (**US\$ 178**).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Sep-Aug) %	Hilmand		Price change (Sep-Aug) %
	Aug-18	Sep-18		Aug-18	Sep-18	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	78.3	77.6	-1%	178	172	-3%

Trader price:

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 85/kg** in September 2018 showing a decrease of 0.2% compared to the price reported in August 2018 (**US\$ 84.8/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 182/kg** in September 2018 with a decreased by 2% compared to the price reported in August 2018 (**US\$ 186**).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Sep-Aug) %	Hilmand		Price change (Sep-Aug) %
	Aug-18	Sep-18		Aug-18	Sep-18	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	84.8	85.0	0.2%	186	182	-2%

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 (Sep-Aug) (%)	Change at trader level (Sep-Aug) (%)
		Aug-18		Sep-18			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	13,514	13,872	12,068	12,426	-11%	-10%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	9,881	10,825	9,715	10,647	-2%	-2%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	6,889	7,974	6,295	7,379	-9%	-7%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	1,415,430	1,457,306	2,066,016	2,107,892	+46%	+45%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	4,904	5,414	4,709	5,148	-4%	-5%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan Samangan)	Afghani	3,903	4,310	3,818	4,196	-2%	-3%

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

3.2 FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of September 2018, the national average price of fresh opium increased by **1%** from **US\$ 67/kg** in **August 2018** to **US\$ 68/kg in September 2018** at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level increased by **6%** from **US\$ 73/kg** in August 2018 to **US\$ 78/kg** in September 2018)

Figure 3: National average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level, US\$/kg (Jun 2005 to September 2018)

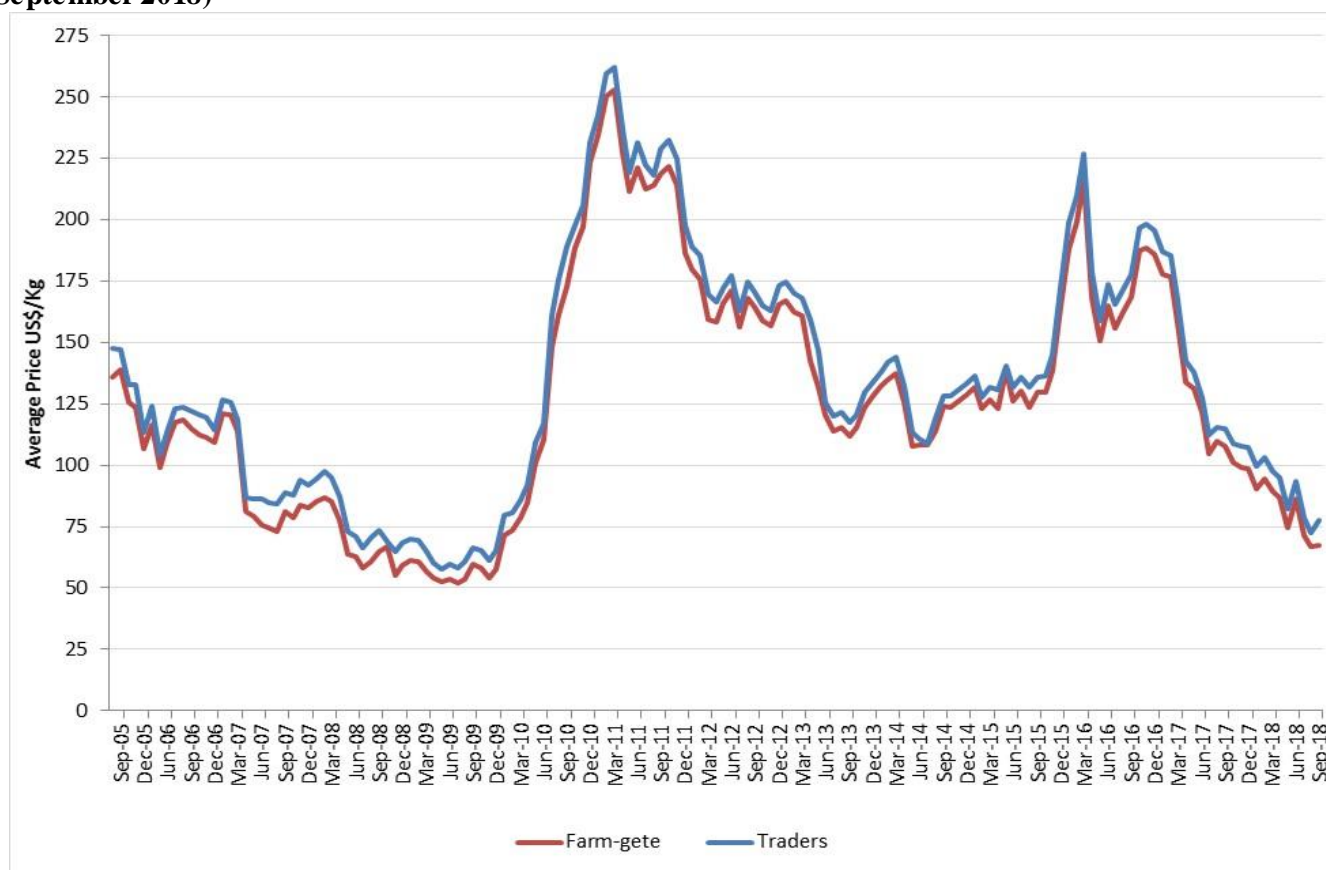


Table 6: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency.

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate level (Sep-Aug) (%)	Change at trader level (Sep-Aug) (%)
		Aug-18		Sep-18			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	9,734	10,092	10,694	11,052	+10%	+10%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	8,731	9,768	8,547	12,185	-2%	25%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	4,247	5,011	3,653	4,416	-14%	-12%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	1,162,420	1,203,134	1,813,006	1,853,720	+56%	+54%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	3,545	4,057	3,654	4,297	+3%	+6%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Farvab, Suri-Pul, Jawzian Samangan)	Afghani	2,917	3,238	2,924	3,253	+0.3%	+0.5%

* 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\$ 55/kg) is called as Khata # 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

Table 7: Prices of different types of Heroin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), September 2017 – September 2018

Province	Types of Heroin	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Change (Sep-Aug) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	1,007	1,513	710	705	894	900	754	561	201	210	202	NA	NA	NA
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	3,022	3,984	2,841	2,750	2,981	2,999	2,611	2,807	2,708	2,649	2,016	2,621	2,987	+14%
Balkh	Best powder	3,177	3,128	3,156	3,188	3,186	3,167	3,134	3,172	3,152	3,195	3,228	3,244	3,144	-3%
	White powder (Crystal)	4,019	3,984	4,036	4,029	4,037	3,981	3,918	3,915	3,863	3,889	3,949	4,003	4,006	+0.1%
Hirat	Morphine	3,834	3,912	3,899	3,994	3,803	4,106	4,395	4,353	4,881	5,646	3,257	3,090	2,993	-3%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	3,980	4,049	4,043	4,147	3,939	4,160	4,530	4,510	5,076	5,869	3,386	3,212	3,111	-3%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	2,570	2,027	2,021	2,677	2,538	2,531	2,545	2,673	2,981	3,454	1,986	1,884	1,838	-2%
Kandahar	Morphine	2,558	2,587	2,593	2,448	2,356	2,266	2,190	2,123	2,171	2,147	1,991	2,031	2,063	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,563	1,569	1,537	1,451	1,359	1,269	1,227	1,196	1,216	1,239	1,210	1,218	1,246	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	1,023	1,046	1,056	997	952	906	876	867	955	974	937	894	922	+3%
	White powder (Crystal)	2,884	2,929	2,977	2,811	2,773	2,719	2,629	2,600	2,692	2,642	2,515	2,559	2,549	+0%
Nangarhar	Best powder	1,512	1,474	1,469	1,381	1,356	1,341	1,278	1,265	1,273	1,228	1,144	1,206	1,208	+0%
	Chara # 1	105	95	91	84	81	79	74	74	78	78	74	79	81	+3%
	Chara # 2	72	67	67	64	63	62	58	56	59	59	54	57	57	-1%
	Khata # 1	77	71	69	65	65	63	61	62	65	62	57	61	62	+2%
	Khata # 2	64	62	61	56	54	54	52	55	56	58	53	55	55	-1%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	3,005	2,957	2,949	2,771	2,731	2,728	2,609	2,599	2,615	2,513	2,358	2,477	2,480	+0.1%
	White powder (Injection)	3,474	3,414	3,400	3,198	3,147	3,136	3,000	2,998	3,013	2,892	2,700	2,844	2,853	+0.3%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,418	2,622	2,030	2,014	2,484	2,499	2,249	1,683	2,105	2,242	1,613	1,959	1,992	+2%

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 (Sep-Aug) %
			Aug-18	Sep-18	
Badakhshan	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	190,000	225,300	+19%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	235,000	237,000	+1%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	290,000	302,000	+4%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	34852000	49375000	+42%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	33529000	47500000	+42%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	20441000	29166000	+43%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	250,000	255,000	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	150,000	154,000	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	110,000	114,000	+4%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	315,000	315,000	0%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	148,000	149,000	+1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	9,700	10,000	+3%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	0%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,500	7,700	+3%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	6,800	6,800	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	304,000	306,000	+1%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	349,000	352,000	+1%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	142,000	150,200	+6%

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), September 2017–September 2018

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Chang (Sep-Aug) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	118	111	110	109	113	91	109	171	132	111	104	76	74	-2%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	66	66	81	83	87	73	55	71	56	56	60	69	82	+19%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	47	52	59	65	70	58	39	51	35	35	36	44	64	+44%
Hirat	Garda # 1	116	120	118	123	113	109	106	115	119	173	100	91	98	+8%
	Garda # 2	69	69	66	67	60	58	58	71	54	85	69	64	68	+7%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	66	57	60	54	58	58	57	54	58	59	57	60	59	-0.4%
	Garda # 2	36	32	36	32	34	34	33	30	32	33	31	34	36	+6%
	Garda # 3	21	17	21	17	19	19	19	17	19	20	17	18	20	+10%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	153	148	145	132	129	127	124	126	130	127	117	127	122	-4%
	Garda # 2	115	110	106	97	95	93	91	91	93	91	82	90	85	-5%
	Garda # 3	86	83	82	73	72	73	70	69	69	66	62	65	65	-1%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	89	89	88	87	90	65	73	107	98	104	101	97	99	+3%

Figure 4: Average price of cannabis resin (Garda # 1, best quality) in US\$/kg, September 2017–September 2018

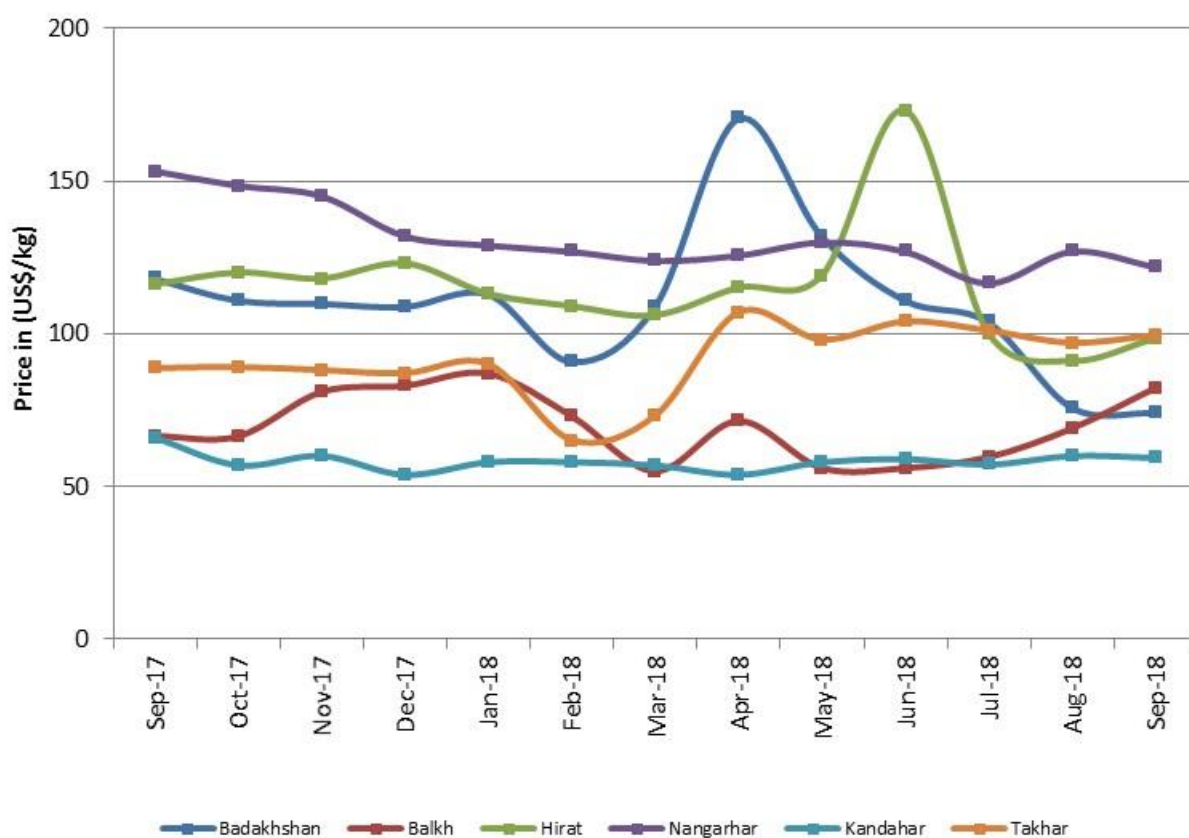


Figure 5: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), September 2018

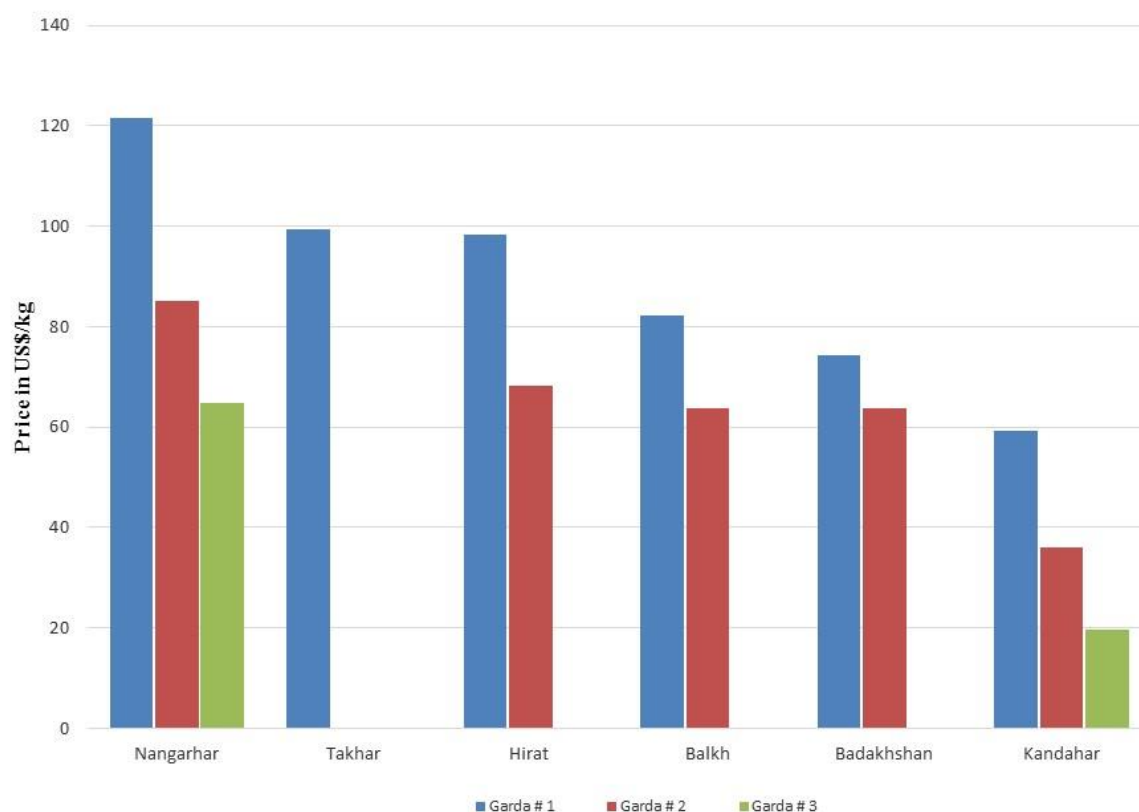


Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in other than USD currency, August 2018 – September 2018

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Sep-Aug) %
			Aug-18	Sep-18	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	5500	5600	+2%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	5,000	6,200	+24%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	3,200	4,800	+50%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	985,000	1,562,000	+59%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	691,000	1,083,000	+57%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,333	7,333	0%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	4,178	4,444	+6%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	2,222	2,444	+10%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	15,500	15,000	-3%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	11,000	10,500	-5%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	8,000	8,000	0%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	7000	7500	+7%

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, August 2018 – September 2018

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Sep-Aug) (%)
			Aug-18	Sep-18	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	65	43	-34%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	29	-62%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	170	185	+9%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	30	0%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	160	170	6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	35	40	+14%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	45	+13%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	48	50	+5%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	170	180	+6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	25	30	+20%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	84	84	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	71	71	0%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	45	50	+11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	55	+10%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	89	89	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	69	0%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	35	40	+14%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	40	45	+13%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	45	50	+11%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	28	25	-11%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	40	0%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	80	45	-44%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	36	-52%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	93	93	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	89	89	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	69	0%

Table 12: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), September 2017 – September 2018

Types of seeds	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.64	0.63	0.65	0.62	0.64	0.63	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.68	0.72	0.73	0.62	-15%
Poppy seed	0.87	0.98	1.05	1.10	1.17	1.13	1.11	1.09	1.07	1.01	1.04	1.03	0.99	-4%

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), September 2018

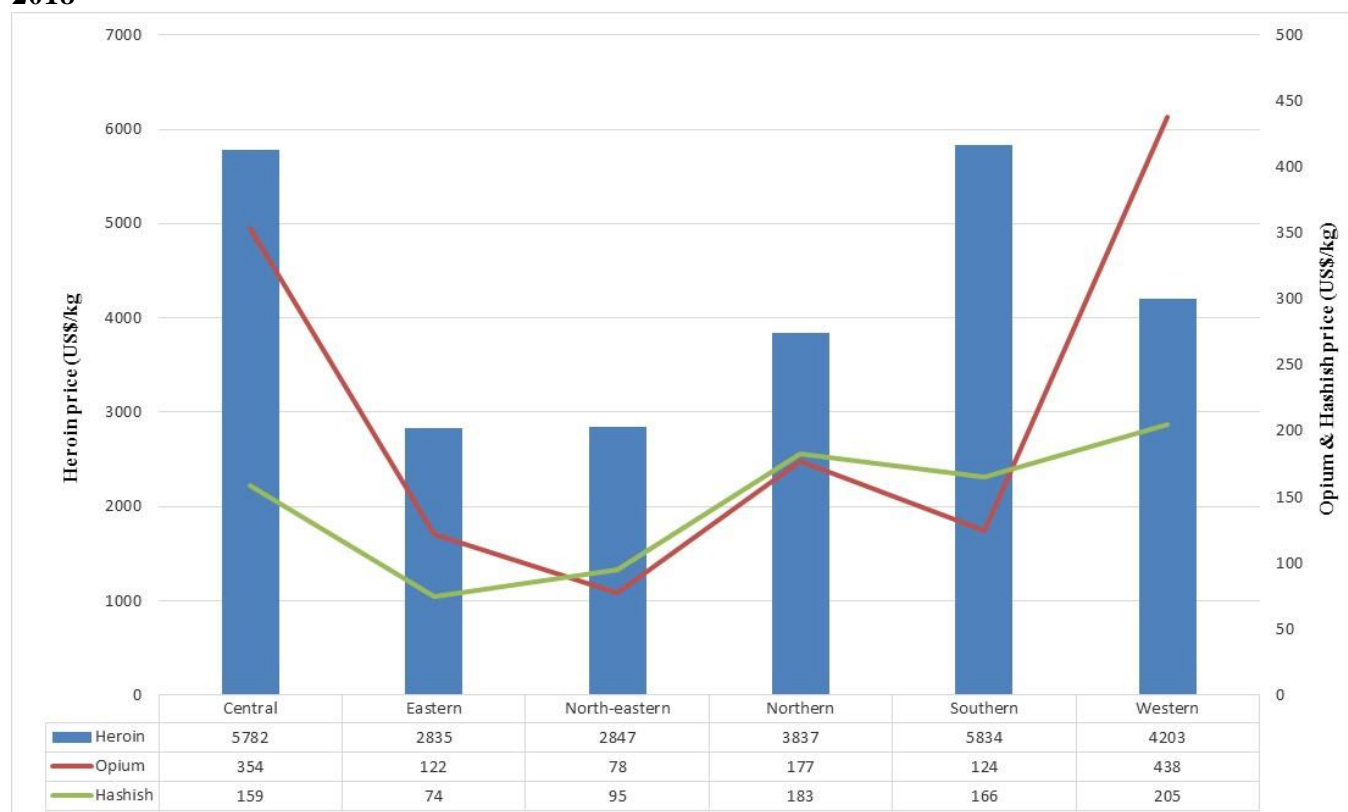


Table 13: Average⁸ prices of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), September 2017 – September 2018

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Sep-Aug) (%)
	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	
Heroin	4,595	4,675	4,520	4,674	4,876	4,501	4,333	4,442	4,450	3,746	3,694	3,968	4,344	+9%
Opium	185	217	213	220	243	225	224	230	227	235	228	245	222	-9%
Hashish	176	177	182	182	165	169	167	166	160	140	140	137	152	+11%

8 PRICE OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

Table 15: Average price of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan, (US\$/Lit) September 2017 – September 2018

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	488	489	534	524	511	506	448	446	440	430	380	392	513	+31%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	187	192	197	191	199	199	194	194	191	165	156	161	156	-3%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	153	158	163	154	159	157	152	152	147	132	132	135	131	-3%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	165	165	165	154	142	143	137	139	137	138	130	131	130	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	147	148	152	158	154	150	144	142	138	135	129	130	128	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	203	204	236	269	263	245	191	185	176	165	146	139	391	+181%

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, September 2018

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	-	51	0.7
Balkh	Wheat	-	20	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	50	0.7
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	94	1.2
Balkh	Rice Local	-	65	0.9
Hirat	Wheat	-	22	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	85	1.1
Hirat	Saffron	-	60,000	796
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	100	1.3
Hirat	Rice Local	-	80	1.1
Kandahar	Wheat	50	-	0.4
Kandahar	Cotton	250	-	2.0
Kandahar	Rice Imported	100	-	0.8
Nangarhar	Wheat	38	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	179	-	1.5
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	145	-	1.2
Nangarhar	Rice Local	51	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	17	0.2
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	86	1.1
Takhar	Rice Local	-	40	0.5

Table 17: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), September 2017 – September 2018

Types of crops	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.39	0.38	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.33	0.36	0.39	0.36	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.29	-1%
Cotton	1.53	1.51	1.51	1.50	1.50	1.51	1.46	2.04	1.47	1.42	1.37	1.35	1.32	-3%
Saffron	1,180	1,107	1,101	1,039	1,007	944	917	858	914	942	975	982	796	-19%
Rice (Imported)	1.19	1.22	1.29	1.26	1.32	1.30	1.30	1.29	1.27	1.21	1.17	1.17	1.17	0%
Rice (Local)	0.76	0.78	0.74	0.75	0.83	0.82	0.81	0.66	0.77	0.69	0.68	0.77	0.71	-8%

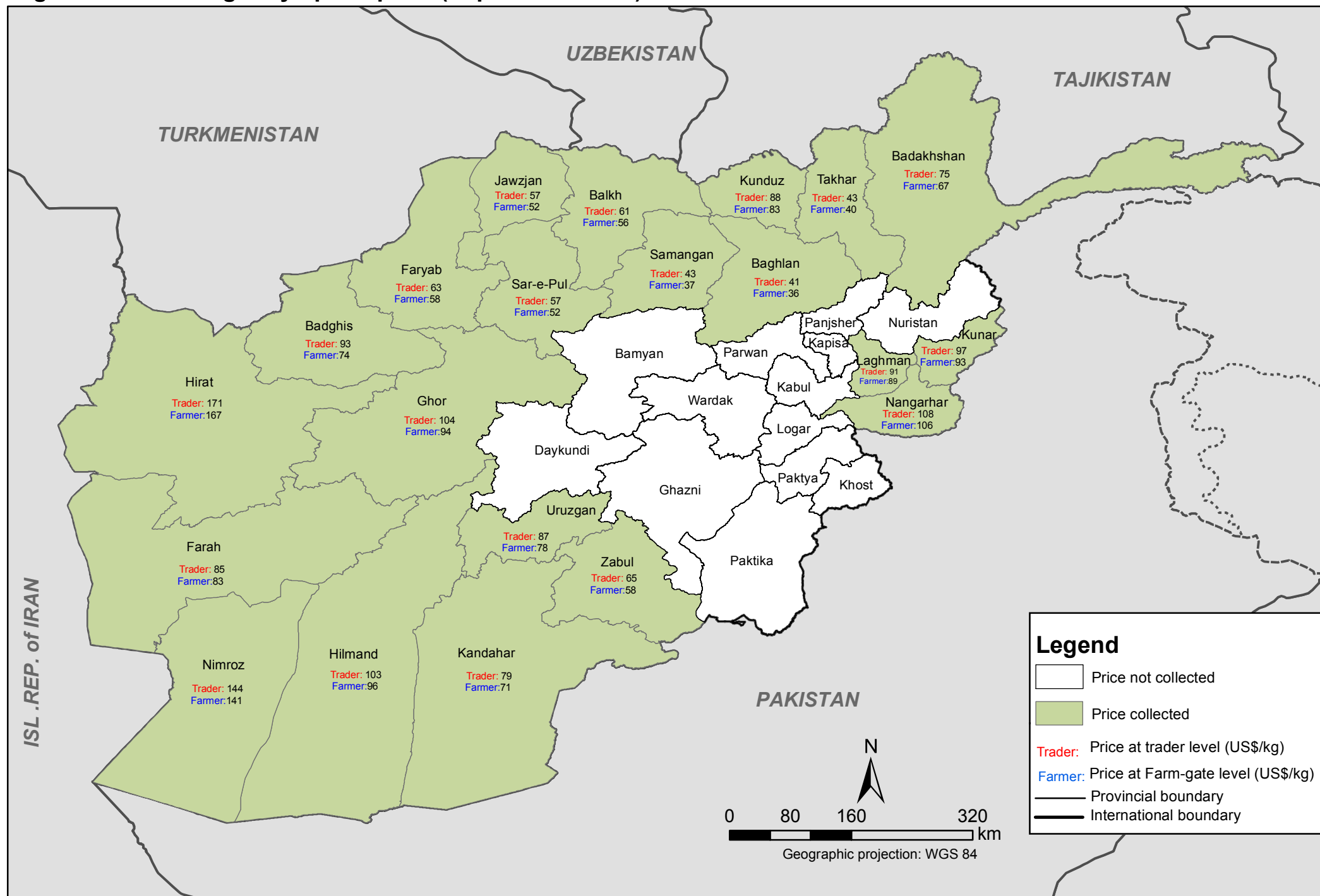
10 METHODOLOGY:

- 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	206	206	21
Fresh Opium	208	208	21

Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (September 2018)

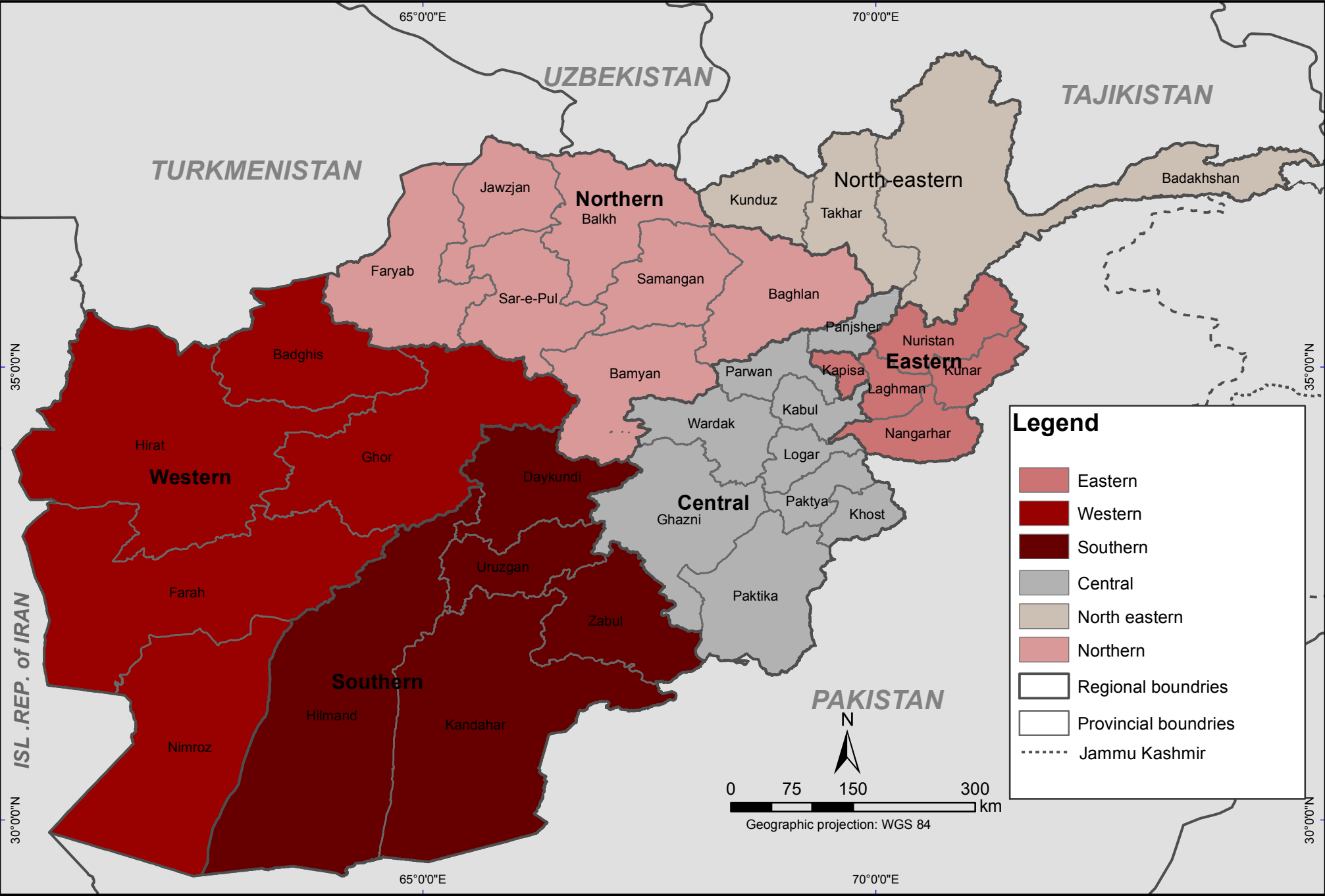


Source: Government of Afghanistan - National monitoring system implemented by UNODC/MCN

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Regional grouping of provinces for the opium poppy survey in Afghanistan



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