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1. Key Findings

1.1. Trends of Drug prices

Table1: Summary Drug of Prices

	By Month			By Year		
	January_2020	February_2020	Change %	February_2019	February_2020	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	80	77	-4%	79	77	-3%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	84	81	-4%	84	81	-5%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	64	59	-7%	66	59	-10%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	69	64	-7%	72	64	-12%
Heroin High Quality	2,624	2,567	-2%	2461	2,567	+4%
Heroin Medium Quality	1,583	1,539	-3%	1867	1,539	-18%
Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	6.9	5.2	-25%	NA	5.2	NA
Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	3.6	2.9	-20%	NA	2.9	NA
Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.0	0.9	-18%	NA	0.9	NA
Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.9	0.6	-30%	NA	0.6	NA
MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	15.7	14.0	-11%	NA	14.0	NA
MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	9.0	9.3	+3%	NA	9.3	NA
MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7.4	7.0	-6%	NA	7.0	NA
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5.2	5.4	+2%	NA	5.4	NA

2. Introduction

The Afghanistan drug price-monitoring report is implemented by the Narcotics Survey & Analysis Directorate. 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 on a monthly basis. 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, precursor-chemicals, illicit crops and syntactic drugs which are included in the report since October 2019. On the last page, the methodology section explained the method, that we prepared this report.

3. Opium

3.1 Dry opium

3.1.1 Farm-gate price

The national average price for one kilogram of dry opium in Afghanistan at the farm-gate level was (US\$ 77/kg) at the end of February 2020 which is 4% lower compared to the price reported in January 2020 (US\$ 80/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in February 2020 is 3% lower than the price reported in February 2019 which was (US\$ 79/kg).

Figure 1: National average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from (June 2004 to February 2020)



Table 2: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (January 2020 to February 2020)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jan-20	Feb-20	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	111	110	-1%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	64	61	-5%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	110	100	-9%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	45	44	-2%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	54	54	0%
Average	80	77	-4%

3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was (US\$ 81/kg) at the end of February 2020 showing 4% decrease compared to the price reported last month January (US\$ 84/kg). The average dry opium price at trader level in February 2020 is 5% lower than the price reported last year February 2019 which was (US\$ 84/kg).

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 9%, 3% and 1% Western, Southern and Eastern regions respectively.

Figure 2: National average price of dry opium at trader level US\$/kg (February 2019 to February 2020)

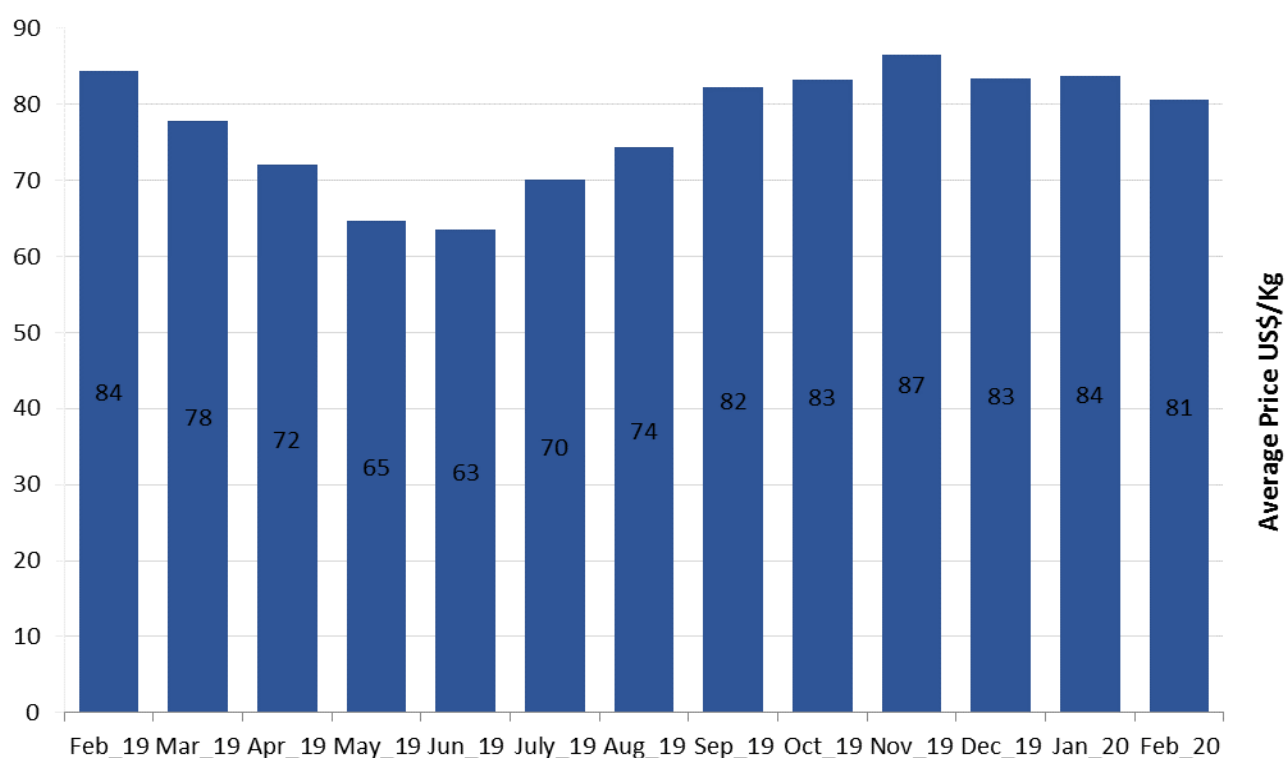


Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (January 2020 to February 2020)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jan-20	Feb-20	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	113.5	112.7	-1%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	70	67	-3%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	114	104	-9%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	47	47	0%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	58	58	0%
Average	84	81	-4%

3.2. Dry Opium (Chaynaki Quality)

3.2.1. Farm-gate price

The 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 one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at the farm-gate level in Balkh province is (US\$ 82/kg) in February 2020 showing an increase of 2% compared to the price reported in January 2020 (US\$ 80/kg). The average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is (US\$ 132/kg) in February 2020 with an increased by 13% compared to the price reported in January 2020 (US\$ 117/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Feb-Jan) %	Hilmand		Price change (Feb-Jan) %
	Jan-20	Feb-20		Jan-20	Feb-20	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	80	82	+2%	117	132	+13%

3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 87/kg) in February 2020 showing a decrease of 4% compared to the price reported in January 2020 (US\$ 91/kg). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 137/kg) in February 2020 with an increased by 10% compared to the price reported in January 2020 (US\$ 124/kg).

Table 5: Average price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at trader level (US\$/Kg)

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Feb-Jan) %	Hilmand		Price change (Feb-Jan) %
	Jan-20	Feb-20		Jan-20	Feb-20	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	91	87	-4%	124	137	+10%

Table 6: 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 (Feb-Jan) (%)	Change at trader level (Feb-Jan) (%)
		Jan-20		Feb-20			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	17,150	17,510	16,950	17,309	-1%	-1%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	9,893	10,740	9,362	10,366	-5%	-3%
Western region (Badghis, Hirat and Ghor) *	Afghani	8,271	8,636	7,871	8,236	-5%	-5%
Western region (Farah and Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	1,539,735	1,575,131	1,469,735	1,505,131	-5%	-4%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	3,450	3,608	3,349	3,586	-3%	-1%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Farvab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	4,171	4,485	4,163	4,463	-0.2%	-0.5%

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

3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of February 2020, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by 7% from (US\$ 64/kg) in January 2020 to (US\$ 59/kg) in February 2020 at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by 7% from (US\$ 69/kg) in January 2020 to (US\$ 64/kg) in February 2020.

Figure 3: National average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level, US\$/kg (June 2005 to February 2020)

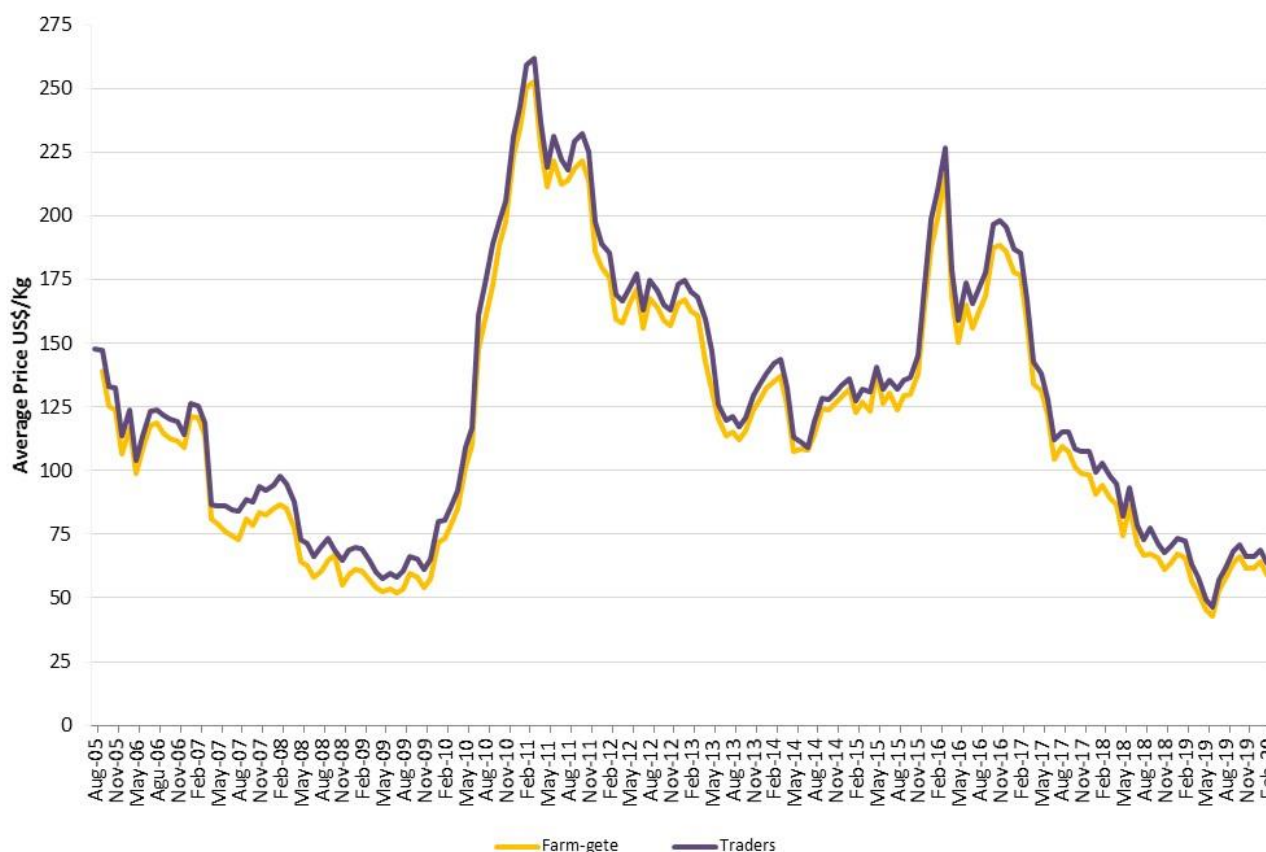


Table 7: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate level (Feb- Jan) (%)	Change at trader level (Feb-Jan) (%)
		Jan-20		Feb-20			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	7,645	8,770	7,420	8,545	-3%	-3%
Western region (Badghis, Hiran and Ghor) *	Afghani	6,124	6,403	5,724	6,003	-7%	-6%
Western region (Farah and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	1,299,053	1,329,790	1,229,053	1,259,790	-5%	-5%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	3,022	3,337	2,989	3,285	-1%	-2%

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

4. Heroin

There are several types of heroin¹ available in Afghanistan with different qualities. The prices of white powder (injection) in Nangarhar province, white powder (Batan) high and low quality in Kandahar and Helmand provinces, White powder (Crystal) in Balkh and Faryab Provinces, Batan 100% and white powder (Crystal)-60% in Badakhshan, Takhar and Kunduz provinces and white powder-high quality and second quality in Hirat, Farah, Nimroz and Badghis provinces are the most expensive heroin reported in Afghanistan. The cheapest heroin (US\$ 46/kg) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

Table 8: Prices of different types of Heroin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), February 2019 – February 2020

Province	Types of heroin	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Change (Feb-Jan)
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4,771	4,795	+0.5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,790	1,785	-0.3%
Takhar	Batan (100)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,268	4,897	-7%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,938	1,938	0%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,963	2,040	4%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	1,117	1,091	1,077	1,003	925	947	969	997	1,009	1,021	1,013	1,019	1,009	-1%
	Chara # 1	79	78	75	68	62	65	69	73	77	78	75	75	72	-4%
	Chara # 2	58	55	53	48	43	44	44	48	48	52	52	54	52	-3%
	Khata # 1	61	57	57	51	46	48	50	54	58	58	58	60	59	-3%
	Khata # 2	54	51	50	45	41	41	43	45	48	52	47	49	46	-6%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	2,242	2,204	2,176	2,025	1,869	2,075	2,109	2,160	2,185	2,211	2,195	2,201	2,181	-1%
	White powder (Injection)	2,595	2,546	2,516	2,337	2,159	2,206	2,241	2,287	2,314	2,340	2,325	2,331	2,311	-1%
Faryab	Bist powder	2,740	2,608	2,492	2,249	2,211	1,568	1,701	1,662	1,709	1,536	1,569	1,292	1,302	1%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,325	3,300	3,184	2,933	2,878	2,186	2,341	2,344	2,413	2,368	2,412	2,068	2,057	-1%
Balkh	Bist powder	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,486	1,432	-4%
	White powder (Crystal)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,455	2,213	-10%
Helmand	White powder (Crystal)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,818	1,756	-3%
	Morphine	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,104	1,041	-6%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,078	2,016	-3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	779	715	-8%
Kandahar	White powder (Crystal)	2,374	2,221	2,124	1,984	1,910	1,875	1,994	2,034	2,056	2,066	2,115	1,851	1,821	-2%
	Morphine	2,015	1,827	1,770	1,620	1,579	1,563	1,710	1,759	1,799	1,808	1,843	1,156	1,106	-4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,223	1,074	991	893	878	875	1,013	1,056	1,092	1,097	NA	2,143	2,081	-3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	935	860	779	694	688	688	760	781	771	775	809	812	780	-4%
Badghis	Morphine	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,938	1,808	-7%
	white powder-first quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,809	1,679	-7%
	white powder-second quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,292	1,162	-10%
Hirat	Morphine	3,306	3,112	3,102	2,978	2,933	3,002	3,040	3,040	3,044	3,045	2,691	2,585	2,325	-10%
	white powder-first quality	3,167	2,981	2,971	2,852	2,816	2,901	2,937	2,886	2,891	2,559	2,115	2,326	2,067	-11%
	white powder-second quality	1,925	1,819	1,813	1,740	1,704	1,748	1,770	1,482	1,663	1,609	1,538	1,292	1,162	-10%
Farah	Morphine	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,197	1,937	-12%
	white powder-first quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,680	1,550	-8%
	white powder-second quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,292	1,227	-5%
Nimruz	Morphine	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,068	2,325	+12%
	white powder-first quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,551	1,937	+25%
	white powder-second quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,163	1,162	-0.1%

¹ Heroin is an opioid drug made from morphine, a natural substance taken from the seed pod of the various opium poppy plants grown in Southeast and Southwest Asia, Mexico, and Colombia. Heroin can be a white or brown powder, or a black sticky substance known as black tar heroin. Other common names for heroin include *big H*, *horse*, *hell dust*, and *smack*.

Table 9: 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 (Feb-Jan) %
			Jan-20	Feb-20	
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	Afghani	369,216	367,000	-1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	138,500	137,287	-1%
Takhar	Batan (100)	Afghani	407,676	376,560	-8%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	149,994	149,055	-1%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	153,840	156,900	2%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	157,000	155,000	-1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	11,500	11,000	-4%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,300	8,000	-4%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	9,300	9,000	-3%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,500	7,000	-7%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	339,000	335,000	-1%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	359,000	355,000	-1%
Faryab	Bist powder	Afghani	100,000	100,000	0%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	160,000	158,000	-1%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	115,000	110,000	-4%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	190,000	170,000	-11%
Helmand	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	280,000	270,000	-4%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	170,000	160,000	-6%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	320,000	310,000	-3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	120,000	110,000	-8%
Kandahar	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	285,000	280,000	-2%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	178,000	170,000	-4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	330,000	320,000	-3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	125,000	120,000	-4%
Badghis	Morphine	Afghani	150,000	140,000	-7%
	white powder-first quality	Afghani	140,000	130,000	-7%
	white powder-second quality	Afghani	100,000	90,000	-10%
Hirat	Morphine	Afghani	200,000	180,000	-10%
	white powder-first quality	Afghani	180,000	160,000	-11%
	white powder-second quality	Afghani	100,000	90,000	-10%
Farah	Morphine	Afghani	170,000	150,000	-12%
	white powder-first quality	Afghani	130,000	120,000	-8%
	white powder-second quality	Afghani	100,000	95,000	-5%
Nimruz	Morphine	Afghani	160,000	180,000	+13%
	white powder-first quality	Afghani	120,000	150,000	+25%
	white powder-second quality	Afghani	90,000	90,000	0%

5. Synthetic Drugs

Synthetic drugs are a dangerous chemical and it has intensive effects on health, and after a long time it makes consumer addicted, and can be potentially life threatening. Primary users, of these synthetic drugs are youths in Afghanistan; because products are cheap and easily accessible to teenagers everywhere, at stores, smoke shops and party ceremonies.

Synthetic drugs, could be addictive and creates a serious threat on the health of every one in daily life. Methamphetamine², Tablet K and Sosegon are available in Afghanistan, which Methamphetamine is

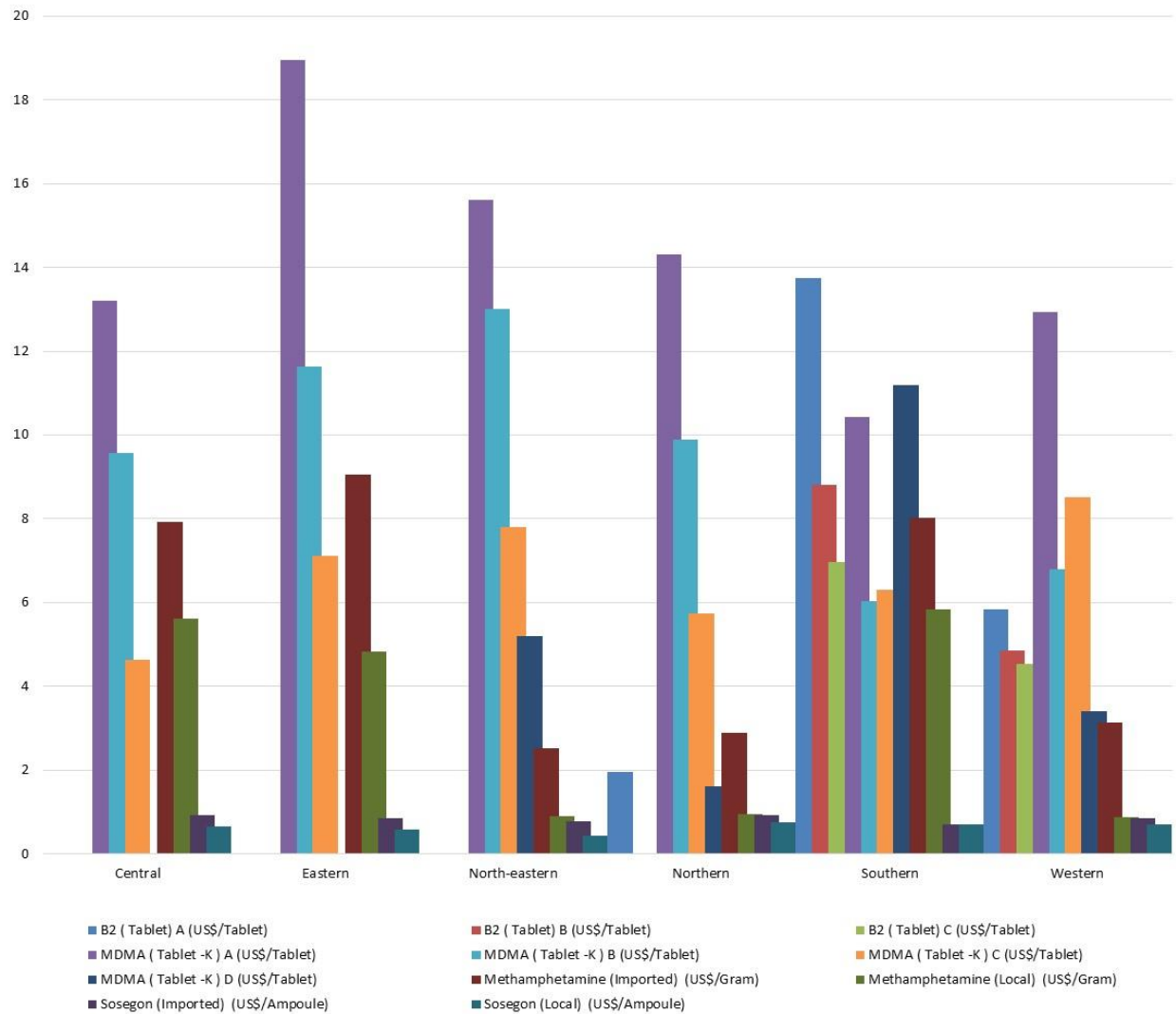
² Methamphetamine is a powerful, highly addictive stimulant that affects the central nervous system. Also known as meth, blue, ice, and crystal, among many other terms, it takes the form of a white, odorless, bitter-tasting crystalline powder that easily dissolves in water or alcohol.

sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine, for details of its cheap price and accessible for youth.

Table 10: Prices of all types of Synthetic Drugs in (US\$/UNIT)

Region	Types of Synthetic Drugs	Feb-20
Central	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	8
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	6
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	13
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	10
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	5
Eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	9
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	5
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.8
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	19
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	12
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7
North-eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	3
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	16
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	13
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	8
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5
Northern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	3
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	10
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	2
Southern	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	2
	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	8
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	6
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	10
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	11
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	14
Western	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	9
	B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet)	7
	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	3
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	13
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	9
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5
Western	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	6
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	5
	B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet)	5

Figure 4: Types of Synthetic Drugs in US Dollar- February 2020



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 11: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Feb 2019 – Feb 2020

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Chang (Feb-Jan) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	81	116	90	81	86	87	77	120	109	83	86	84	98	+16%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	81	93	97	75	99	106	105	90	102	90	90	65	85	+31%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	54	60	65	56	72	81	77	58	77	64	64	58	65	+12%
Hirat	Garda # 1	98	93	85	75	78	79	79	77	77	76	83	91	88	-3%
	Garda # 2	67	60	56	50	49	51	51	55	58	57	61	58	57	-2%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	51	48	44	40	43	44	48	47	50	48	50	43	43	0%
	Garda # 2	29	25	22	19	21	24	26	25	26	25	26	20	22	+7%
	Garda # 3	14	13	9	8.8	11	13	14.1	14	16	14	16	13	13	0%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	97	95	94	86	79	78	76	77	77	74	71	75	78	+5%
	Garda # 2	65	64	62	57	52	50	50	48	47	45	45	49	46	-6%
	Garda # 3	52	50	50	46	43	44	44	45	45	43	42	47	42	-9%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	105	129	129	94	111	112	89	90	87	77	90	103	117	+13%

Figure 5: Average price of cannabis resin (Garda # 1, best quality) in US\$/kg, Feb 2019 - Feb 2020

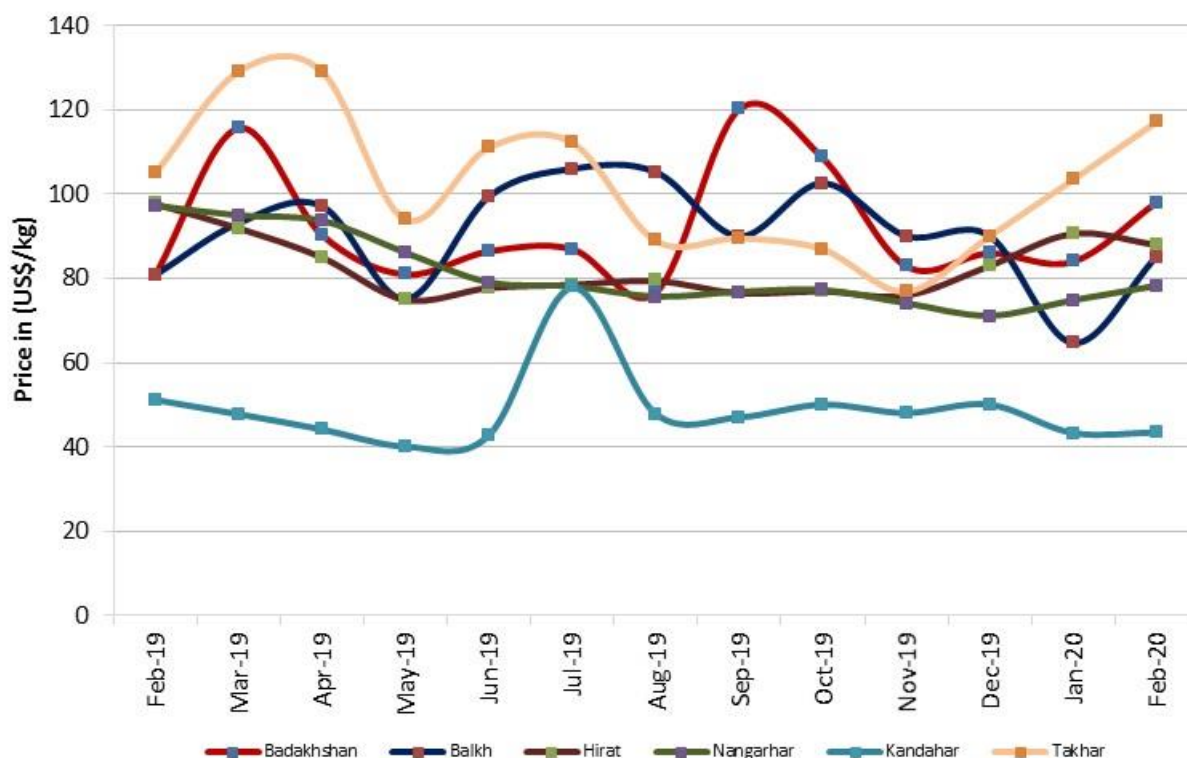


Figure 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), February 2020

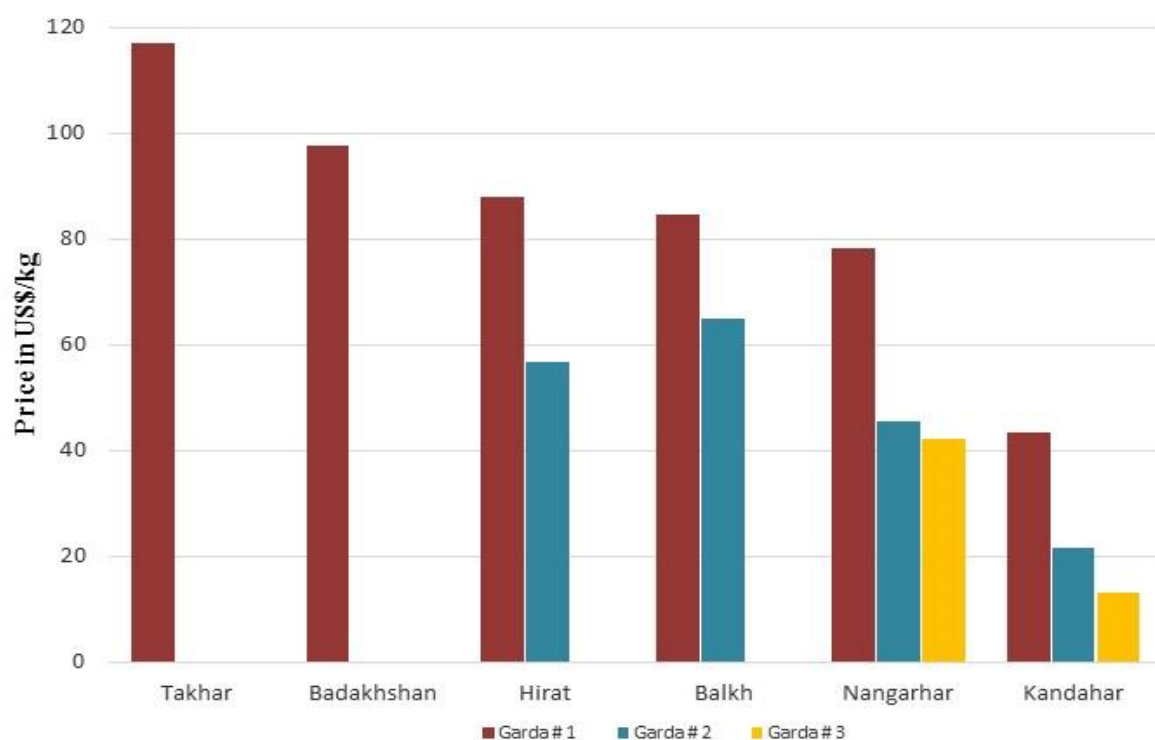


Table 12: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in local currency, Jan 2020 – Feb 2020

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Feb-Jan) %
			Jan-20	Feb-20	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6,500	7,500	+15%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	5,000	6,500	+30%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	4,500	5,000	+11%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Afghani	7,000	6,800	-3%
	Garda # 2	Afghani	4,500	4,400	-2%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	6,667	6,667	0%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	3,111	3,333	+7%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	2,000	2,000	0%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	11,500	12,000	+4%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,500	7,000	-7%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	7,200	6,500	-10%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	8,000	9,000	+13%

7. Seeds: Cannabis and Poppy

Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds collected from eighteen provinces of Afghanistan are tabulated below.

Table 13: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in other than USD currency, January 2020 – February 2020

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Feb-Jan) (%)
			Jan-20	Feb-20	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	43	45	+5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	36	40	+11%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	70	60	-14%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	17	-15%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	100	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	25	20	-20%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	63	63	+1%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	100	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	71	71	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	91	91	0%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	75	75	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	72	60	-17%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	76	76	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	78	93	+20%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	51	45	-12%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	75	80	+7%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	NA	35	NA
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	70	75	+7%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	NA	40	NA
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	45	43	-4%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	80	84	+5%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	25	30	+20%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	35	31	-11%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	55	+10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	43	45	+5%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	78	96	+23%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	67	67	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	89	89	0%

Table 14: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Feb 2019 – Feb 2020

Types of seeds	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.62	0.60	0.58	0.56	0.52	0.542	0.542	0.572	0.590	0.652	0.687	0.684	0.653	-5%
Poppy seed	1.02	0.97	0.93	0.82	0.79	0.746	0.710	0.7536	0.8006	0.8872	0.8720	0.7783	0.7664	-2%

8. 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 7: Regional average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in (US\$/Kg), Feb 2020

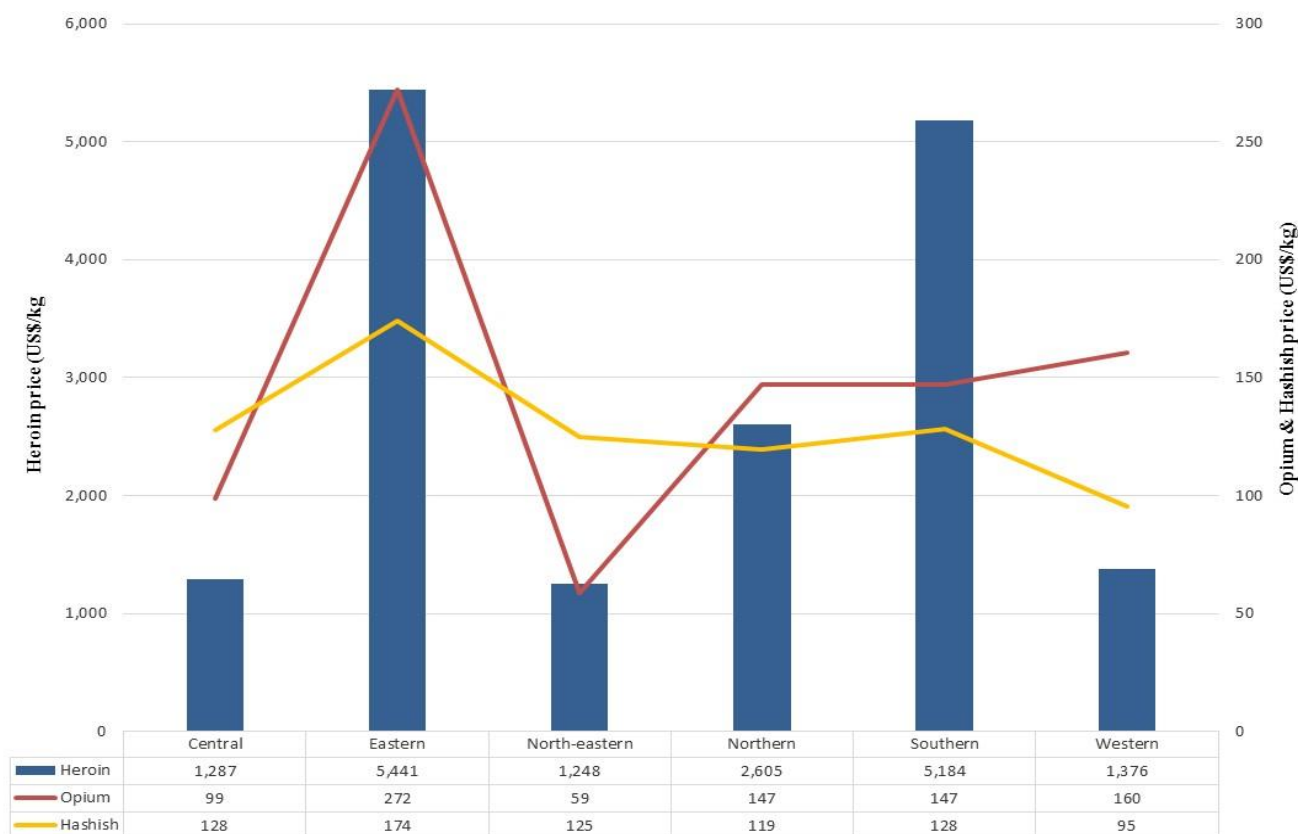


Table 15: Average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Feb 2019 – Feb 2020

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)														Change (Feb-Jan) (%)
	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20		
Heroin	4,161	3,286	3,741	3,636	3,711	3,316	3,557	3,739	3,686	3,545	3,579	3,122	3,025	-3%	
Opium	210	191	202	188	172	175	187	222	236	173	164	156	151	-3%	
Hashish	148	143	164	138	144	147	145	145	130	128	130	123	121	-1%	

9. Price of Acetic Anhydride³

Table 16: Average price of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan, (US\$/Lit) February 2019 – February 2020

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Increase/D decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	342	306	295	300	261	255	266	306	321	311	295	394	330	-16%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	140	139	138	127	117	125	126	128	129	132	130	130	212	+63%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	125	121	118	110	102	106	110	115	119	122	121	123	117	-5%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	123	111	103	96	92	90	92	99	97	99	96	143	171	+20%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	122	116	110	104	101	87	106	106	108	107	104	225	223	-1%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	140	129	107	134	98	89	104	138	170	145	134	141	232	+64%

³ Acetic anhydride is the chemical compound with the formula (CH₃CO)₂O. Commonly abbreviated Ac₂O, it is the simplest isolable anhydride of a carboxylic acid and is widely used as a reagent in organic synthesis. It is a colourless liquid that smells strongly of acetic acid, which is formed by its reaction with moisture in the air.

10. Licit Crops

Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, rice (imported) and rice (local) collected in six provinces of Afghanistan are shown in below table.

Table 17: Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan in local currency, Feb 2020

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	34	0.4
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	114	1.5
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	42	0.5
Balkh	Wheat	-	24	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	53	0.7
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	90	1.2
Balkh	Rice Local	-	56	0.7
Hirat	Wheat	-	23	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	1.2
Hirat	Saffron	-	55,000	710
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	80	1.0
Hirat	Rice Local	-	70	0.9
Helmand	Wheat	58	-	0.4
Helmand	Cotton	230	-	1.5
Helmand	Rice Imported	130	-	0.8
Helmand	Rice Local	90	-	0.6
Kandahar	Wheat	60	-	0.4
Kandahar	Cotton	250	-	1.6
Kandahar	Rice Imported	130	-	0.8
Kandahar	Rice Local	90	-	0.6
Nangarhar	Wheat	53	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	190	-	1.2
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	180	-	1.2
Nangarhar	Rice Local	56	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	26	0.3
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	100	1.3
Takhar	Rice Local	-	37	0.5

Table 18: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Feb 2019 – Feb 2020

Types of crops	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.31	0.29	0.30	0.28	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.31	0.32	0.37	0.36	-4%
Cotton	1.28	1.25	1.25	1.19	1.12	1.14	1.09	1.11	1.18	1.15	1.16	1.25	1.24	-1%
Saffron	739	757	777	814	871	846	832	870	705	641	612	647	710	+10%
Rice (Imported)	1.07	1.12	1.11	1.08	1.04	1.09	1.09	1.05	1.03	1.06	1.05	1.11	1.12	+1%
Rice (Local)	0.68	0.74	0.69	0.70	0.69	0.71	0.74	0.69	0.58	0.65	0.62	0.58	0.60	+4%

11. Methodology

- ❖ Prices are collected in the last week of every month from around twenty farmers and equal numbers of traders by NSAD Survey coordinators generally from different farmers and traders each month. The price data collection is sourced from a few known farmers and traders as well.
- ❖ Opium prices are collected from 21 out 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, morphine⁴ 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 19: 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	210	210	21
Fresh Opium	118	118	15

⁴ This medication is used to help relieve moderate to severe pain. Morphine belongs to a class of drugs known as opioid (narcotic) analgesics. It works in the brain to change how your body feels and responds to pain.

Legend

- Price not collected
- Price collected
- Trader: Price at trader level (US\$/kg)
- Farmer: Price at Farm-gate level (US\$/kg)
- Provincial boundary
- International boundary

Geographic projection: WGS 84

Province	Trader (US\$/kg)	Farmer (US\$/kg)
Badakhshan	43	40
Takhar	47	44
Kunduz	51	48
Balkh	56	51
Jawzjan	57	53
Samangan	56	53
Baghlan	55	52
Sar-e-Pul	55	52
Faryab	65	60
Badghis	90	87
Hirat	137	132
Ghor	89	83
Uruzgan	69	62
Zabul	60	53
Kandahar	64	56
Hilmand	75	69
Nimroz	103	100
Farah	95	93
Parwan	-	-
Wardak	-	-
Ghazni	-	-
Daykundi	-	-
Bamyan	-	-
Paktika	-	-
Paktya	-	-
Logar	-	-
Kabul	-	-
Kapisa	-	-
Panjsher	-	-
Nuristan	-	-
Laghman	104	102
Kunar	107	104
Nangarhar	121	118

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