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## 1. Key Findings

### 1.1. Trends of Drug prices

**Table1: Summary Drug of Prices**

	By Month			By Year		
	December_2019	January_2020	Change %	January_2019	January_2020	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	79	80	+2%	84	80	-4%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	83	84	+0.4%	90	84	-7%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	64	64	+1%	67	64	-4%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	68	69	+0.5%	74	69	-7%
Heroin High Quality	NA	2,655	NA	2,440	2,655	+9%
Heroin Medium Quality	NA	1,520	NA	1,921	1,520	-21%
Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	6	7	+11%	NA	7	NA
Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	3	4	+34%	NA	4	NA
Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1	1	+13%	NA	1	NA
Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.7	0.9	+33%	NA	0.9	NA
MDMA ( Tablet -K ) A (US\$/Tablet)	12	16	+33%	NA	16	NA
MDMA ( Tablet -K ) B (US\$/Tablet)	11	9	-18%	NA	9	NA
MDMA ( Tablet -K ) C (US\$/Tablet)	9	7	-17%	NA	7	NA
MDMA ( Tablet -K ) D (US\$/Tablet)	3	5	+51%	NA	5	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\$ 80/kg**) at the end of January 2020 which is 2% higher compared to the price reported in December 2019 (**US\$ 79/kg**). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in January 2020 is 4% lower than the price reported in January 2019 which was (**US\$ 84/kg**).

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



**Table 2: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (December 2019 to January 2020)**

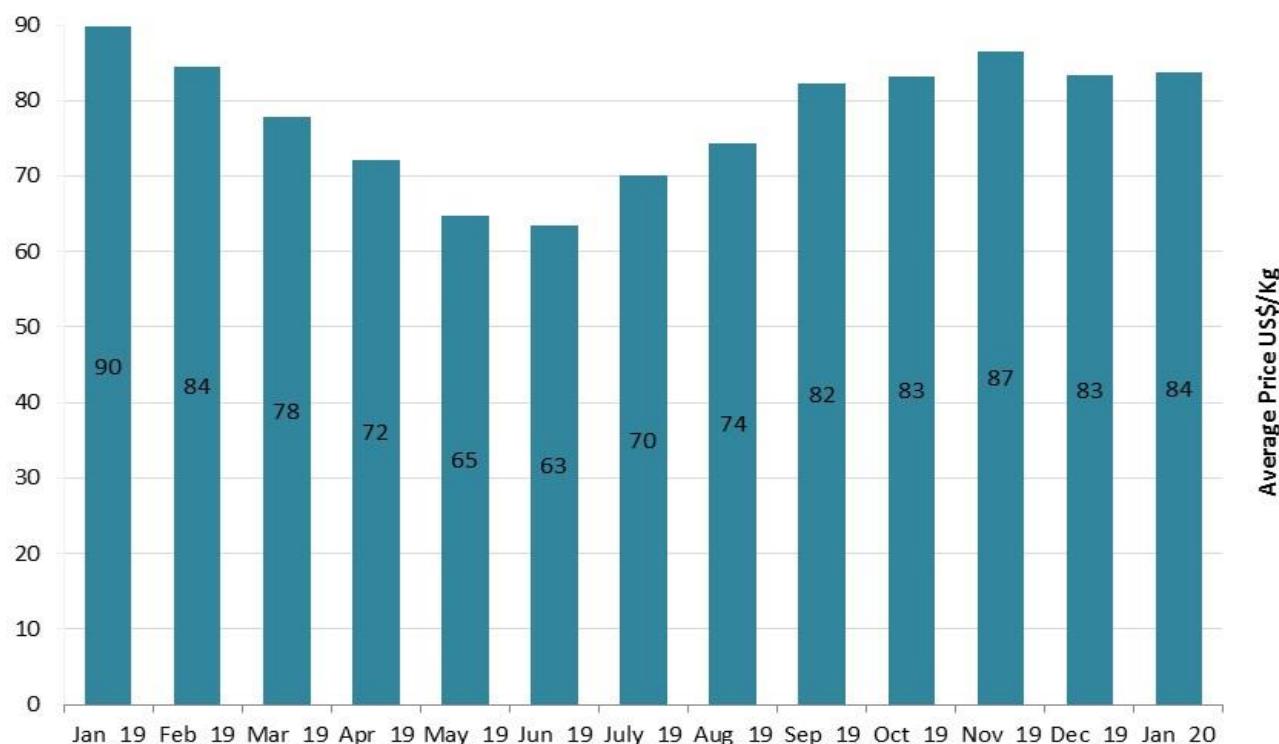
Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Dec-19	Jan-20	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	104	111	+6%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	69	64	-7%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	99	110	+11%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	57	45	-22%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan )	56	54	-3%
<b>Average</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>+2%</b>

### 3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was (**US\$ 84/kg**) at the end of January 2020 showing **0.4%** increase compared to the price reported last month December 2019 (**US\$ 83/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in January 2020 is **7%** lower than the price reported last year January 2019 which was (**US\$ 90/kg**).

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by **14%** and **6%** Western and Eastern regions respectively. Price has decreased by **29%, 9%** and **4%** in North-eastern, Southern and Northern regions respectively.

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



**Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (December 2019 to January 2020)**

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Dec-19	Jan-20	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	107	113	+6%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	76	70	-9%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	100	114	+14%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	66	47	-29%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan )	60	58	-4%
<b>Average</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>+0.4%</b>

### 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\$ 80/kg**) in January 2020 showing a decrease of **9%** compared to the price reported in December 2019 (**US\$ 88/kg**). The average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is (**US\$ 117/kg**) in January 2020 with a decreased by **6%** compared to the price reported in December (**US\$ 124/kg**).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Jan-Dec) %	Hilmand		Price change (Jan-Dec) %
	Dec-19	Jan-20		Dec-19	Jan-20	
Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	88	80	-9%	124	117	-6%

#### 3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (**US\$ 91/kg**) in January 2020 showing a decrease of **3%** compared to the price reported in December 2019 (**US\$ 93kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (**US\$ 124/kg**) in January 2020 with a decreased by **6%** compared to the price reported in December 2019 (**US\$ 132/kg**).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Jan-Dec) %	Hilmand		Price change (Jan-Dec) %
	Dec-19	Jan-20		Dec-19	Jan-20	
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	93	91	-3%	132	124	-6%

**Table 6: Regional average price of dry opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD Currency**

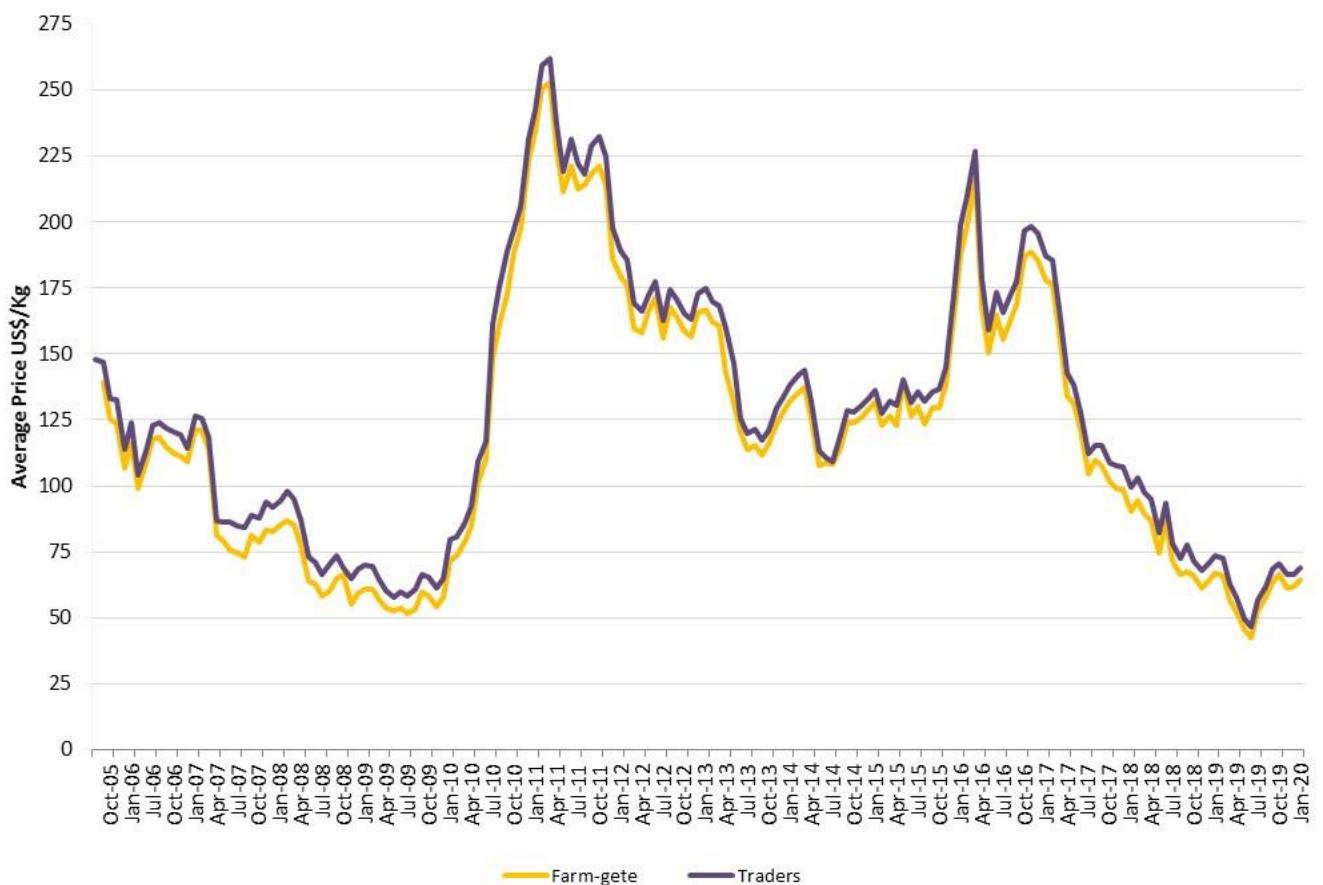
Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Dry Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate lavel (Jan- Dec) (%)	Change at trader lavel (Jan-Dec) (%)		
		Dec-19		Jan-20					
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader				
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	16,105	16,532	17,150	17,510	+6%	+6%		
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	10,684	11,760	9,893	10,740	-7%	-9%		
Western region (Badghis, Hirat and Ghor) *	Afghani	6,729	7,080	8,271	8,636	+23%	+22%		
Western region (Farah and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	1,433,782	1,480,520	1,539,735	1,575,131	+7%	+6%		
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	4,469	5,160	3,450	3,608	-23%	-30%		
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	4,351	4,718	4,171	4,485	-4%	-5%		

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

### 3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of January 2020, the national average price of fresh opium increased by **4%** from (**US\$ 62/kg**) in December 2019 to (**US\$ 64/kg**) in January 2020 at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level increased by **3%** from (**US\$ 66/kg**) in December 2019 to (**US\$ 69/kg**) in January 2020.

**Figure 3: National average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level, US\$/kg (June 2005 to January 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 (Jan-Dec) (%)	Change at trader level (Jan-Dec) (%)		
		Dec-19		Jan-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	8,974	10,468	7,645	8,770	-15%	-16%		
Western region (Badghis, Hiran and Ghor) *	Afghani	4,921	5,193	6,124	6,403	+24%	+23%		
Western region (Farah and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	1,113,509	1,155,484	1,299,053	1,329,790	+17%	+15%		
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	3,349	3,711	3,022	3,337	-10%	-10%		

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

## 4. Heroin

There are several types of heroin<sup>1</sup> 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\$ 49/kg**) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

Province	Types of heroin	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Change (Jan-Dec) %
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	NA	4,771	NA											
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	NA	1,093	NA											
Takhar	Batan (100)	NA	5,268	NA											
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	NA	1,938	NA											
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	NA	1,963	NA											
Nangarhar	Bist powder	1,112	1,117	1,091	1,077	1,003	925	947	969	997	1,009	1,021	1,013	1,019	+1%
	Chara # 1	79	79	78	75	68	62	65	69	73	77	78	75	75	0%
	Chara # 2	54	58	55	53	48	43	44	44	48	48	52	52	54	+4%
	Khata # 1	61	61	57	57	51	46	48	50	54	58	58	58	60	+3%
	Khata # 2	53	54	51	50	45	41	41	43	45	48	52	47	49	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	2,237	2,242	2,204	2,176	2,025	1,869	2,075	2,109	2,160	2,185	2,211	2,195	2,201	0%
	White powder (Injection)	2,591	2,595	2,546	2,516	2,337	2,159	2,206	2,241	2,287	2,314	2,340	2,325	2,331	0%
	Bist powder	2,764	2,740	2,608	2,492	2,249	2,211	1,568	1,701	1,662	1,709	1,536	1,569	1,292	-18%
Faryab	White powder (Crystal)	3,328	3,325	3,300	3,184	2,933	2,878	2,186	2,341	2,344	2,413	2,368	2,412	2,068	-14%
Balkh	Bist powder	NA	1,486	NA											
	White powder (Crystal)	NA	2,455	NA											
Helmand	White powder (Crystal)	NA	1,818	NA											
	Morphine	NA	1,104	NA											
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	NA	2,078	NA											
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	NA	779	NA											
	White powder (Crystal)	2,453	2,374	2,221	2,124	1,984	1,910	1,875	1,994	2,034	2,056	2,066	2,115	1,851	-13%
	Morphine	2,056	2,015	1,827	1,770	1,620	1,579	1,563	1,710	1,759	1,799	1,808	1,843	1,156	-37%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,299	1,223	1,074	991	893	878	875	1,013	1,056	1,092	1,097	NA	2,143	NA
Badghis	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	974	935	860	779	694	688	688	760	781	771	775	809	812	0%
	Morphine	NA	1,938	NA											
	white powder-first quality	NA	1,809	NA											
Hirat	white powder-second quality	NA	1,292	NA											
	Morphine	3,090	3,306	3,112	3,102	2,978	2,933	3,002	3,040	3,040	3,044	3,045	2,691	2,585	-4%
	white powder-first quality	2,960	3,167	2,981	2,971	2,852	2,816	2,901	2,937	2,886	2,891	2,559	2,115	2,326	+10%
Farah	white powder-second quality	1,799	1,925	1,819	1,813	1,740	1,704	1,748	1,770	1,482	1,663	1,609	1,538	1,292	-16%
	Morphine	NA	2,197	NA											
	white powder-first quality	NA	1,680	NA											
Nimruz	white powder-second quality	NA	1,292	NA											
	Morphine	NA	2,068	NA											
	white powder-first quality	NA	1,551	NA											
	white powder-second quality	NA	1,163	NA											

<sup>1</sup> 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 (Jan-Dec) %
			Dec-19	Jan-20	
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	Afghani	NA	369,216	NA
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	NA	84,612	NA
Takhar	Batan (100)	Afghani	NA	407,676	NA
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	NA	149,994	NA
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	NA	153,840	NA
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	156000	157,000	+1%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	11500	11,500	0%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8000	8,300	+4%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	9000	9,300	+3%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7300	7,500	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	338000	339,000	0%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	358000	359,000	0%
Faryab	Bist powder	Afghani	NA	100,000	NA
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	NA	160,000	NA
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	122400	115,000	-6%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	188200	190,000	+1%
Helmand	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	NA	280,000	NA
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	NA	170,000	NA
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	NA	320,000	NA
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	NA	120,000	NA
Kandahar	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	NA	285,000	NA
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	NA	178,000	NA
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	NA	330,000	NA
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	NA	125,000	NA
Badghis	Morphine	Afghani	NA	150,000	NA
	white powder-first quality	Afghani	NA	140,000	NA
	white powder-second quality	Afghani	NA	100,000	NA
Hirat	Morphine	Afghani	NA	200,000	NA
	white powder-first quality	Afghani	NA	180,000	NA
	white powder-second quality	Afghani	NA	100,000	NA
Farah	Morphine	Afghani	NA	170,000	NA
	white powder-first quality	Afghani	NA	130,000	NA
	white powder-second quality	Afghani	NA	100,000	NA
Nimruz	Morphine	Afghani	NA	160,000	NA
	white powder-first quality	Afghani	NA	120,000	NA
	white powder-second quality	Afghani	NA	90,000	NA

## 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. Methamphetamine<sup>2</sup>, Tablet K and Sosegon are available in Afghanistan, which Methamphetamine is

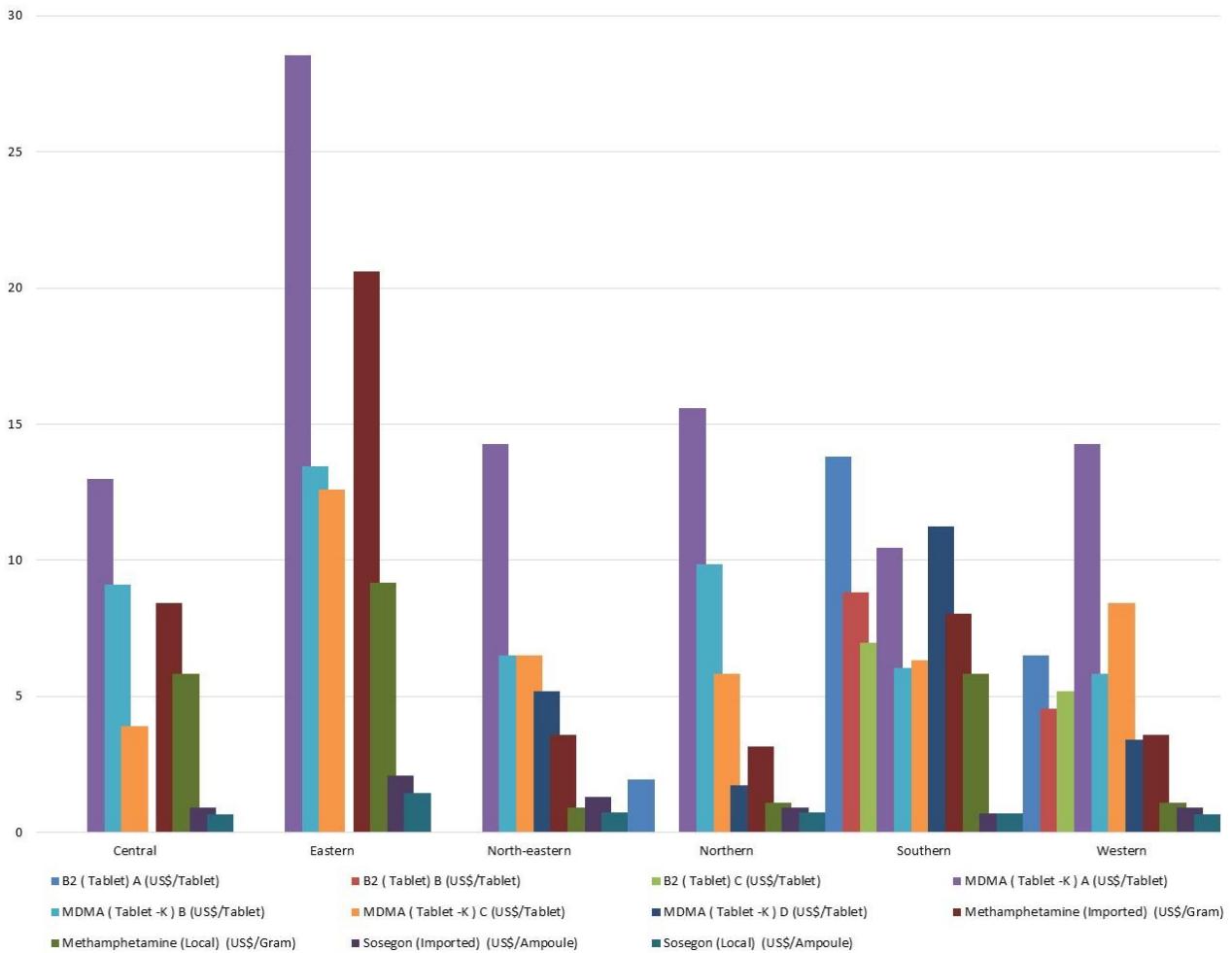
<sup>2</sup> Methamphetamine is a powerful, highly addictive stimulant that affects the central nervous system. Also known as meth, blue, ice, and crystal, among many other terms, it takes the form of a white, odorless, bitter-tasting crystalline powder that easily dissolves in water or alcohol.

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	Jan-20
Central	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	8
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	6
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.6
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) A (US\$/Tablet)	13
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) B (US\$/Tablet)	9
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) C (US\$/Tablet)	4
Eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	21
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	9
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	2.1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.4
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) A (US\$/Tablet)	29
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) B (US\$/Tablet)	13
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) C (US\$/Tablet)	13
North-eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	4
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) A (US\$/Tablet)	14
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) B (US\$/Tablet)	6
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) C (US\$/Tablet)	6
	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)	16
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) B (US\$/Tablet)	10
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) C (US\$/Tablet)	6
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) D (US\$/Tablet)	2
	B2 ( Tablet ) A (US\$/Tablet)	2
Southern	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
	B2 ( Tablet ) B (US\$/Tablet)	9
Western	B2 ( Tablet ) C (US\$/Tablet)	7
	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	4
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.6
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) A (US\$/Tablet)	14
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) B (US\$/Tablet)	6
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) C (US\$/Tablet)	8
	MDMA ( Tablet -K ) D (US\$/Tablet)	4
	B2 ( Tablet ) A (US\$/Tablet)	6

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



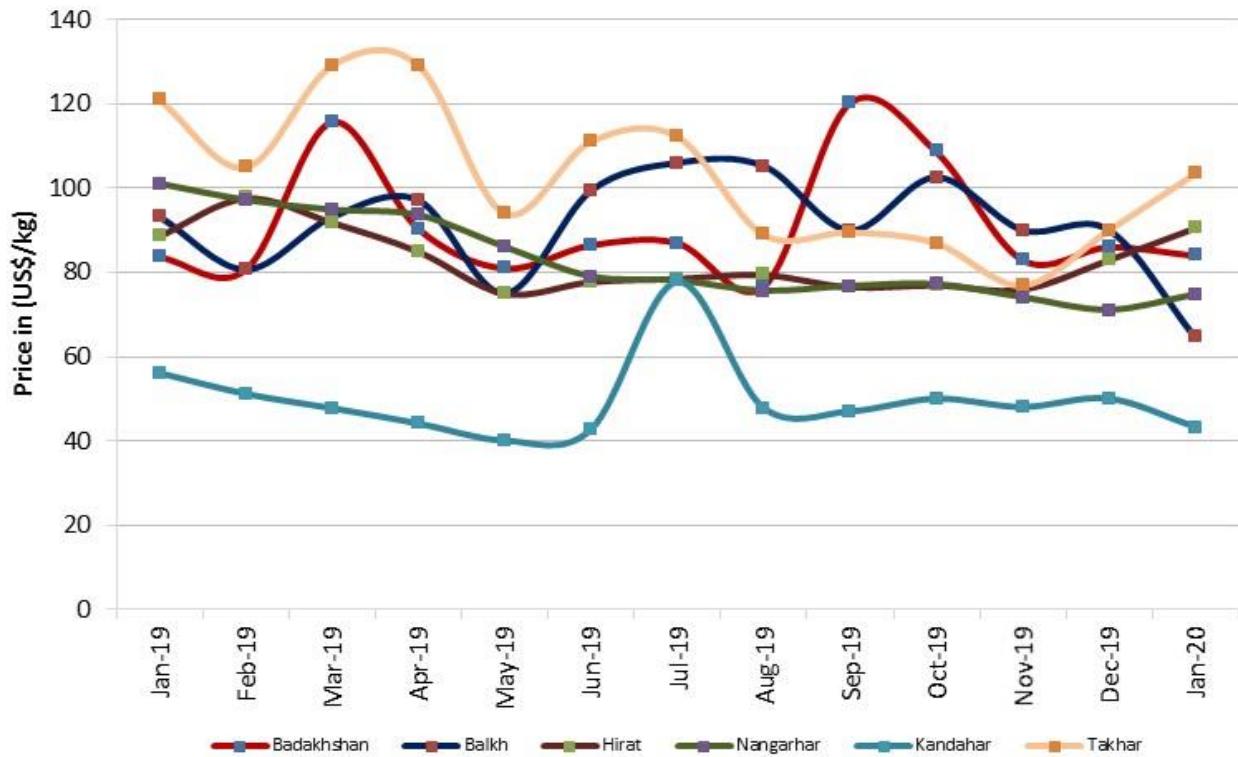
## 6. Cannabis Resin

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.

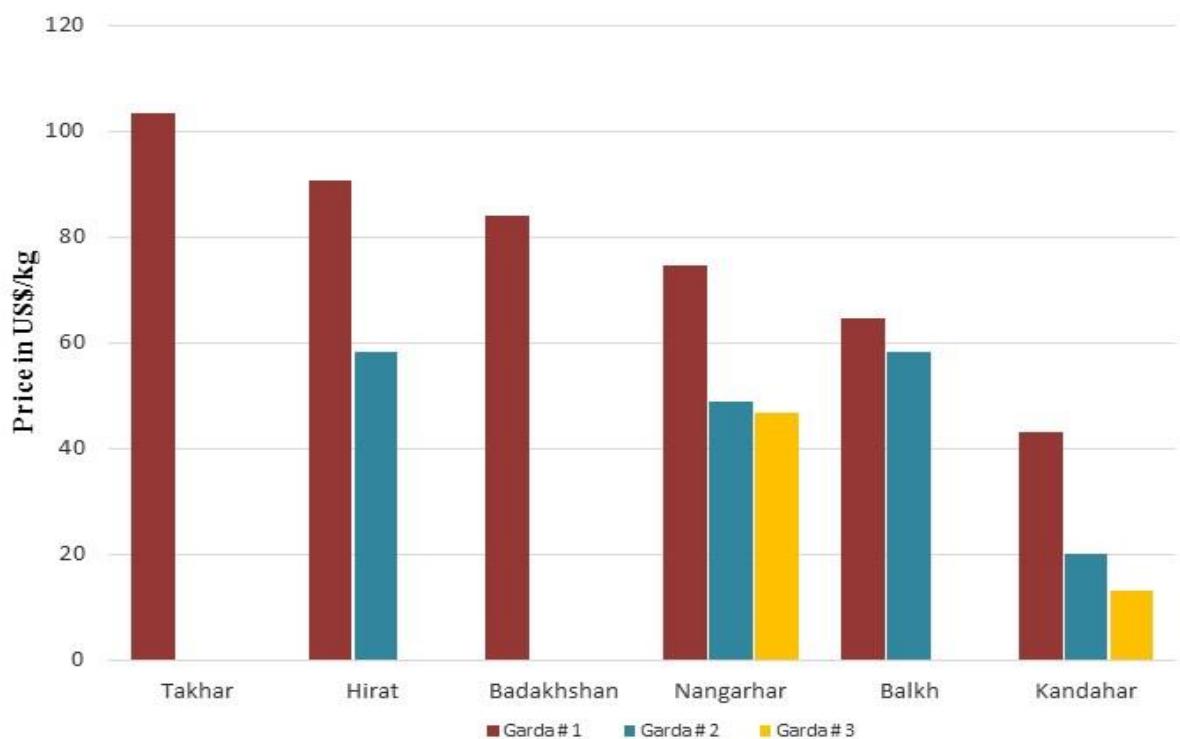
**Table 11: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Jan 2019 – Jan 2020**

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Chang (Jan-Dec) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	84	81	116	90	81	86	87	77	120	109	83	86	84	-2%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	93	81	93	97	75	99	106	105	90	102	90	90	65	-28%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	67	54	60	65	56	72	81	77	58	77	64	64	58	-9%
Hirat	Garda # 1	89	98	93	85	75	78	79	79	77	77	76	83	91	+9%
	Garda # 2	65	67	60	56	50	49	51	51	55	58	57	61	58	-5%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	56	51	48	44	40	43	44	48	47	50	48	50	43	-14%
	Garda # 2	32	29	25	22	19	21	24	26	25	26	25	26	20	-22%
	Garda # 3	15	14	13	9	8.8	11	13	14.1	14	16	14	16	13	-18%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	101	97	95	94	86	79	78	76	77	77	74	71	75	+5%
	Garda # 2	66	65	64	62	57	52	50	50	48	47	45	45	49	+7%
	Garda # 3	53	52	50	50	46	43	44	44	45	45	43	42	47	+11%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	121	105	129	129	94	111	112	89	90	87	77	90	103	+15%

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



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



**Table 12: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in local currency, Dec 2019 – Jan 2020**

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Jan-Dec) %
			Dec-19	Jan-20	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6,700	6,500	-3%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	7,000	5,000	-29%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	5,000	4,500	-10%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Afghani	6,500	7,000	+8%
	Garda # 2	Afghani	4,300	4,500	+5%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,778	6,667	-14%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	4,000	3,111	-22%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	2,444	2,000	-18%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	11,000	11,500	+5%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,500	+7%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	6,500	7,200	+11%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	7,000	8,000	+14%

## 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, December 2019 – January 2020**

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Jan-Dec) (%)
			Dec-19	Jan-20	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	55	43	-22%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	36	-28%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	80	70	-13%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	20	-33%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	120	100	-17%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	35	25	-29%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	63	63	0%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	100	-23%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	71	71	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	91	+37%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	75	-25%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	50	-33%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	70	72	+3%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	73	76	+3%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	78	+17%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	51	+2%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	80	75	-6%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	85	70	-18%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	45	+13%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	90	80	-11%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	25	25	0%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	30	35	+17%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	65	50	-23%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	60	43	-28%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	89	67	-25%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	67	78	+17%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	73	67	-9%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	69	89	+29%

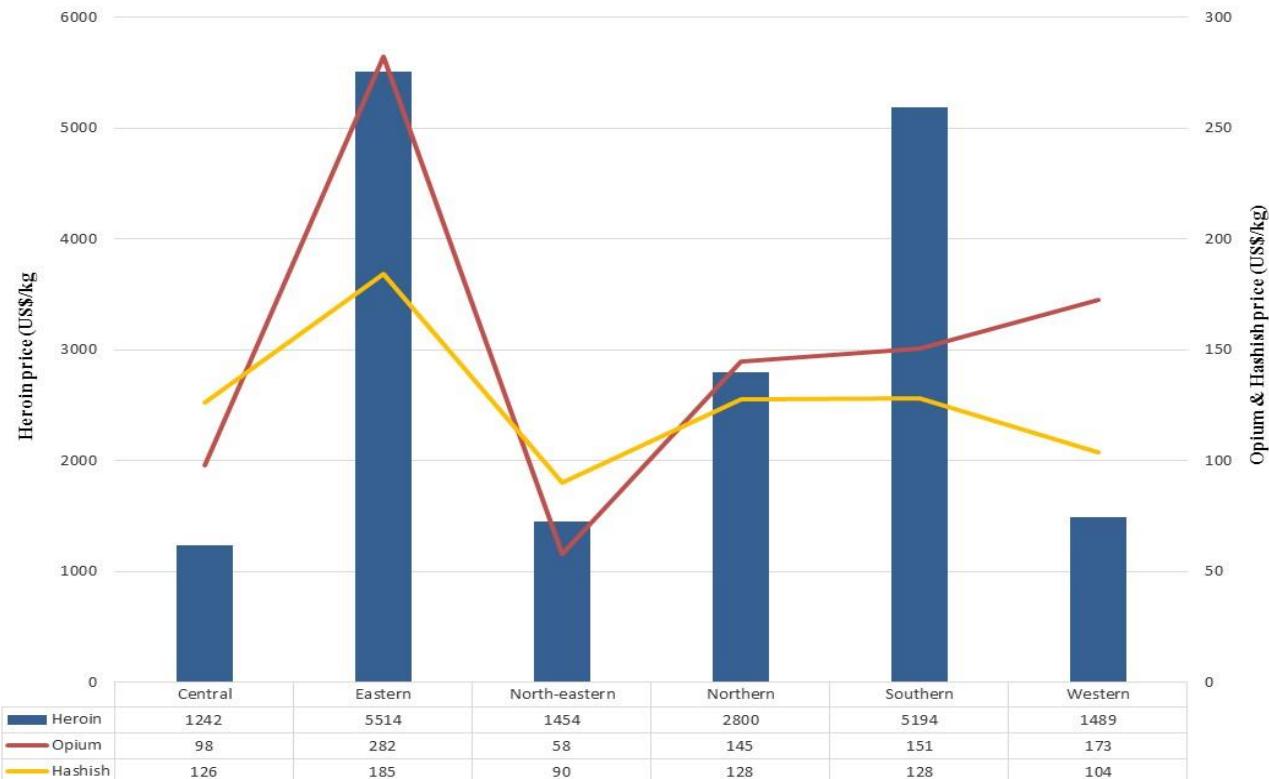
**Table 14: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Jan 2019 – Jan 2020**

Types of seeds	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.63	0.62	0.60	0.58	0.56	0.52	0.542	0.542	0.572	0.590	0.652	0.687	0.684	-0.4%
Poppy seed	1.04	1.02	0.97	0.93	0.82	0.79	0.746	0.710	0.7536	0.8006	0.8872	0.8720	0.7783	-11%

## 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), Jan 2020**



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

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)												Change (Jan-Dec) (%)	
	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	
Heroin	4,205	4,161	3,286	3,741	3,636	3,711	3,316	3,557	3,739	3,686	3,545	3,579	3,122	-13%
Opium	206	210	191	202	188	172	175	187	222	236	173	164	156	-5%
Hashish	144	148	143	164	138	144	147	145	145	130	128	130	123	-6%

## 9. Price of Acetic Anhydride<sup>3</sup>

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

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	343	342	306	295	300	261	255	266	306	321	311	295	394	+34%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	141	140	139	138	127	117	125	126	128	129	132	130	130	0%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	125	125	121	118	110	102	106	110	115	119	122	121	123	+2%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	128	123	111	103	96	92	90	92	99	97	99	96	143	+48%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	125	122	116	110	104	101	87	106	106	108	107	104	225	+116%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	137	140	129	107	134	98	89	104	138	170	145	134	141	+5%

<sup>3</sup> Acetic anhydride is the chemical compound with the formula  $(\text{CH}_3\text{CO})_2\text{O}$ . Commonly abbreviated  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ , 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, Jan 2020**

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	26	0.3
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	115	1.5
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	43	0.6
Balkh	Wheat	-	23	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	53	0.7
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	85	1.1
Balkh	Rice Local	-	55	0.7
Hirat	Wheat	-	24	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	95	1.2
Hirat	Saffron	-	50,000	647
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	75	1.0
Hirat	Rice Local	-	60	0.8
Helmand	Wheat	58.00	-	0.4
Helmand	Cotton	230.00	-	1.5
Helmand	Rice Imported	130.00	-	0.8
Helmand	Rice Local	90.00	-	0.6
Kandahar	Wheat	60.00	-	0.4
Kandahar	Cotton	250	-	1.6
Kandahar	Rice Imported	130	-	0.8
Kandahar	Rice Local	90	-	0.6
Nangarhar	Wheat	52	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	188	-	1.2
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	175	-	1.1
Nangarhar	Rice Local	55	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	23	0.6
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	107	1.4
Takhar	Rice Local	-	37	0.5

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

Types of crops	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.30	0.31	0.29	0.30	0.28	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.31	0.32	0.37	+16%
Cotton	1.23	1.28	1.25	1.25	1.19	1.12	1.14	1.09	1.11	1.18	1.15	1.16	1.25	+8%
Saffron	693	739	757	777	814	871	846	832	870	705	641	612	647	+6%
Rice (Imported)	1.08	1.07	1.12	1.11	1.08	1.04	1.09	1.09	1.05	1.03	1.06	1.05	1.11	+5%
Rice (Local)	0.68	0.68	0.74	0.69	0.70	0.69	0.71	0.74	0.69	0.58	0.65	0.62	0.58	-7%

## 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, morphine<sup>4</sup> 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.

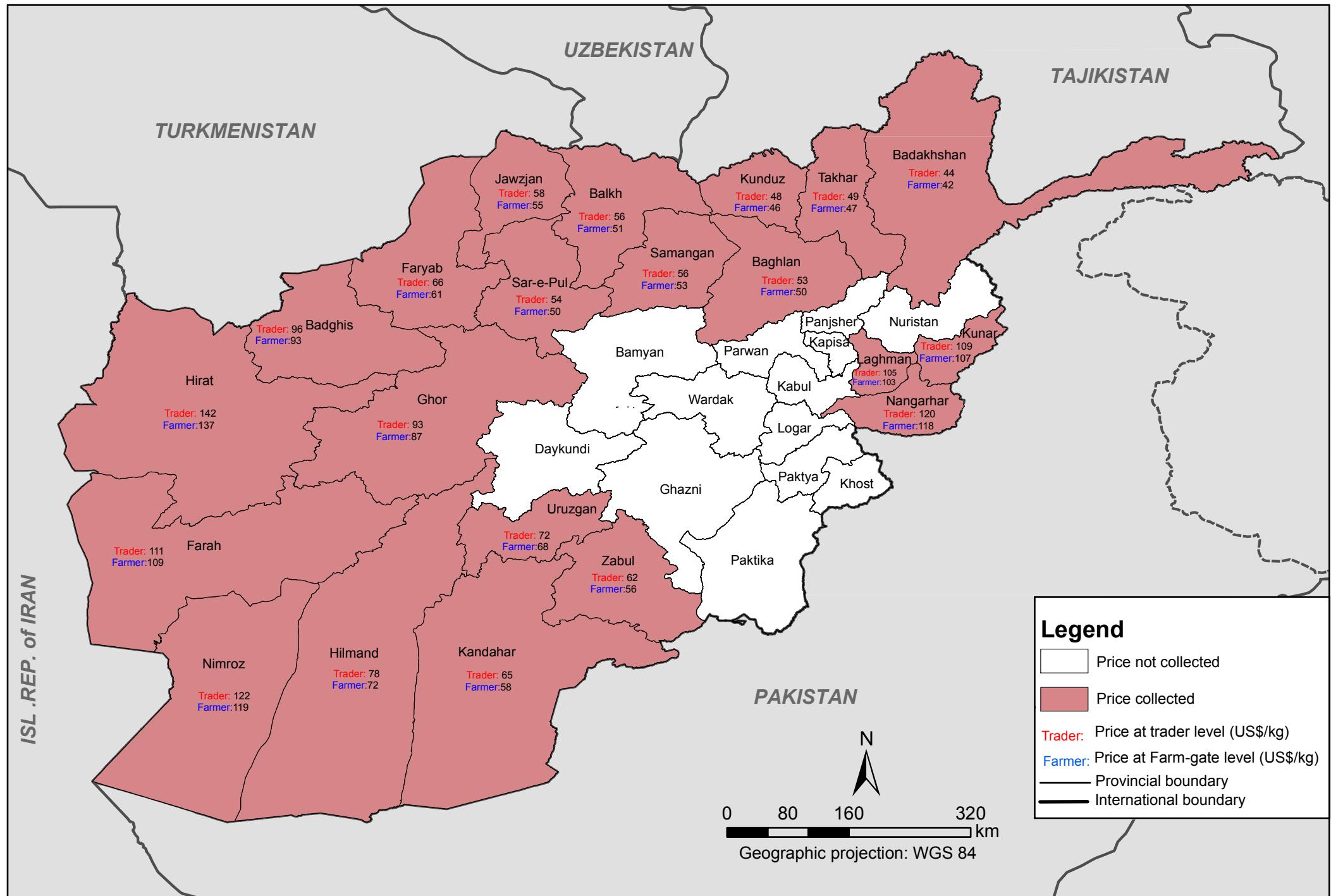
**Table 19: Number of observations of dry and fresh opium prices**

	Number of observations (n)		Number of provinces price collected
	Farm-gate price	Trader price	
Dry Opium	210	210	21
Fresh Opium	118	118	15

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<sup>4</sup> 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.

# Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (January 2020)



Source: Government of Afghanistan - NSAD/DM-CN/Mola

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