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1. Key Findings

1.1. Trends of Drug prices

Table1: Summary Drug of Prices

	By Month			By Year		
	February_2020	March_2020	Change %	March_2019	March_2020	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	77	71	-8%	73	71	-3%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	81	75	-7%	78	75	-4%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	59	54	-9%	57	54	-5%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	64	58	-9%	63	58	-7%
Heroin High Quality	2,537	2,441	-4%	2,394	2,441	+2%
Heroin Medium Quality	1,539	1,493	-3%	1,784	1,493	-16%
Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	5.2	5.4	+4%	NA	5.4	NA
Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	2.9	2.9	0%	NA	2.9	NA
Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.9	0.9	+5%	NA	0.9	NA
Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.6	0.6	-3%	NA	0.6	NA
MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14.0	13.5	-4%	NA	13.5	NA
MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	9.3	8.5	-9%	NA	8.5	NA
MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7.0	7.0	+1%	NA	7.0	NA
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5.4	6.2	+16%	NA	6.2	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\$ 71/kg) at the end of March 2020 which is 8% lower compared to the price reported in February 2020 (US\$ 77/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in March 2020 is 3% lower than the price reported in March 2019 which was (US\$ 73/kg).

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



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

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Feb-20	Mar-20	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	110	99	-11%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	61	56	-8%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	100	91	-9%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	43.6	43.9	+1%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	54	52	-4%
Average	77	71	-8%

3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **(US\$ 75/kg)** at the end of March 2020 showing **7%** decrease compared to the price reported last month February **(US\$ 81/kg)**. The average dry opium price at trader level in March 2020 is **4%** lower than the price reported last year March 2019 which was **(US\$ 78/kg)**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by **3%** in North-eastern region. Price has decreased by 11%, 9%, 6% and 3% in Eastern, Western, Southern and Northern regions respectively.

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

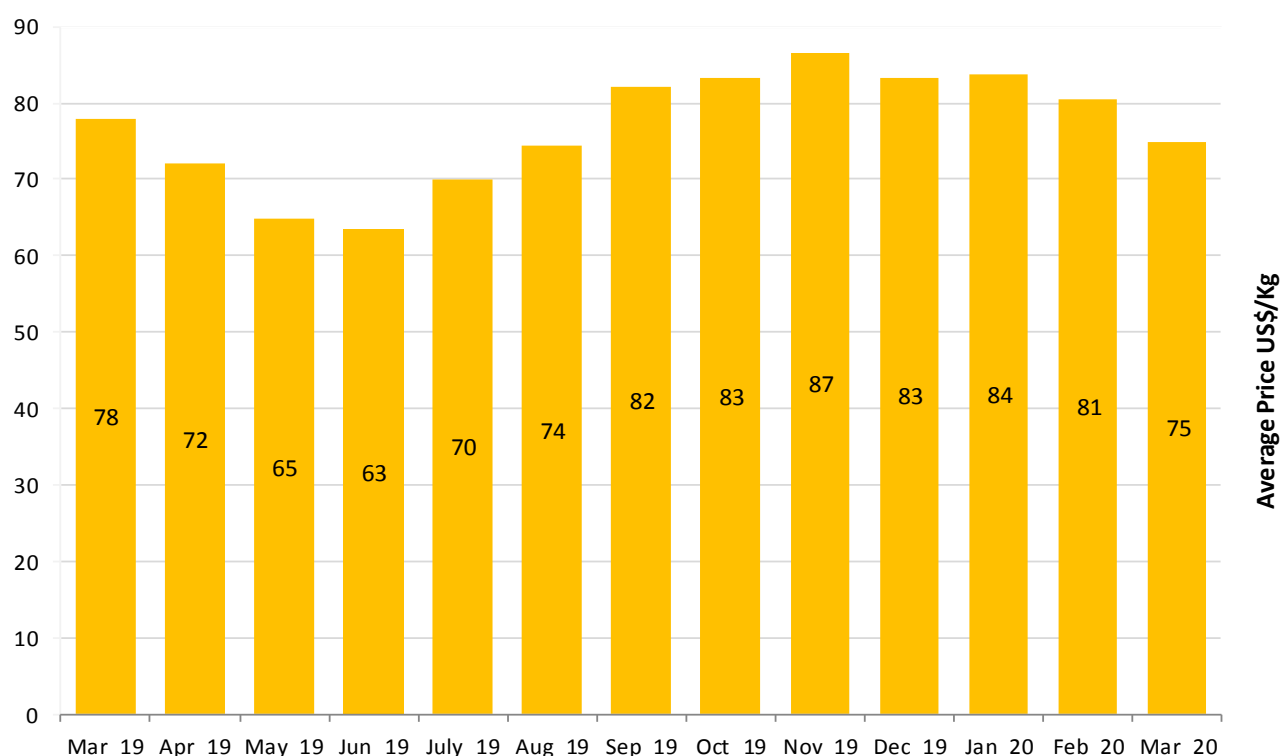


Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (February 2020 to March 2020)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Feb-20	Mar-20	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	113	101	-11%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	67	63	-6%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	104	95	-9%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	47	48	+3%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	58	56	-3%
Average	81	75	-7%

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\$ 78/kg) in March 2020 showing a decrease of 5% compared to the price reported in February 2020 (US\$ 82/kg). The average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is (US\$ 108/kg) in March 2020 with a decreased by 18% compared to the price reported in February 2020 (US\$ 132/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Mar-Feb) %	Hilmand		Price change (Mar-Feb) %
	Feb-20	Mar-20		Feb-20	Mar-20	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	82	78	-5%	132	108	-18%

3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 83/kg) in March 2020 showing a decrease of 4% compared to the price reported in February 2020 (US\$ 87/kg). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 114/kg) in March 2020 with a decreased by 16% compared to the price reported in February 2020 (US\$ 137/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Mar-Feb) %	Hilmand		Price change (Mar-Feb) %
	Feb-20	Mar-20		Feb-20	Mar-20	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	87	83	-4%	137	114	-16%

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 (Mar-Feb) (%)	Change at trader level (Mar-Feb) (%)
		Feb-20		Mar-20			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	16,950	17,309	15,814	16,174	-7%	-7%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	9,362	10,366	8,919	10,014	-5%	-3%
Western region (Badghis, Hirat and Ghor) *	Afghani	7,871	8,236	7,481	7,845	-5%	-5%
Western region (Farah and Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	1,469,735	1,505,131	1,291,735	1,327,131	-12%	-12%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	3,349	3,586	3,343	3,655	-0.2%	+2%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	4,163	4,463	3,967	4,293	-5%	-4%

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

3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of March 2020, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by **9%** from (US\$ 59/kg) in February 2020 to (US\$ 54/kg) in March 2020 at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by **7%** from (US\$ 64/kg) in February 2020 to (US\$ 58/kg) in March 2020).

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

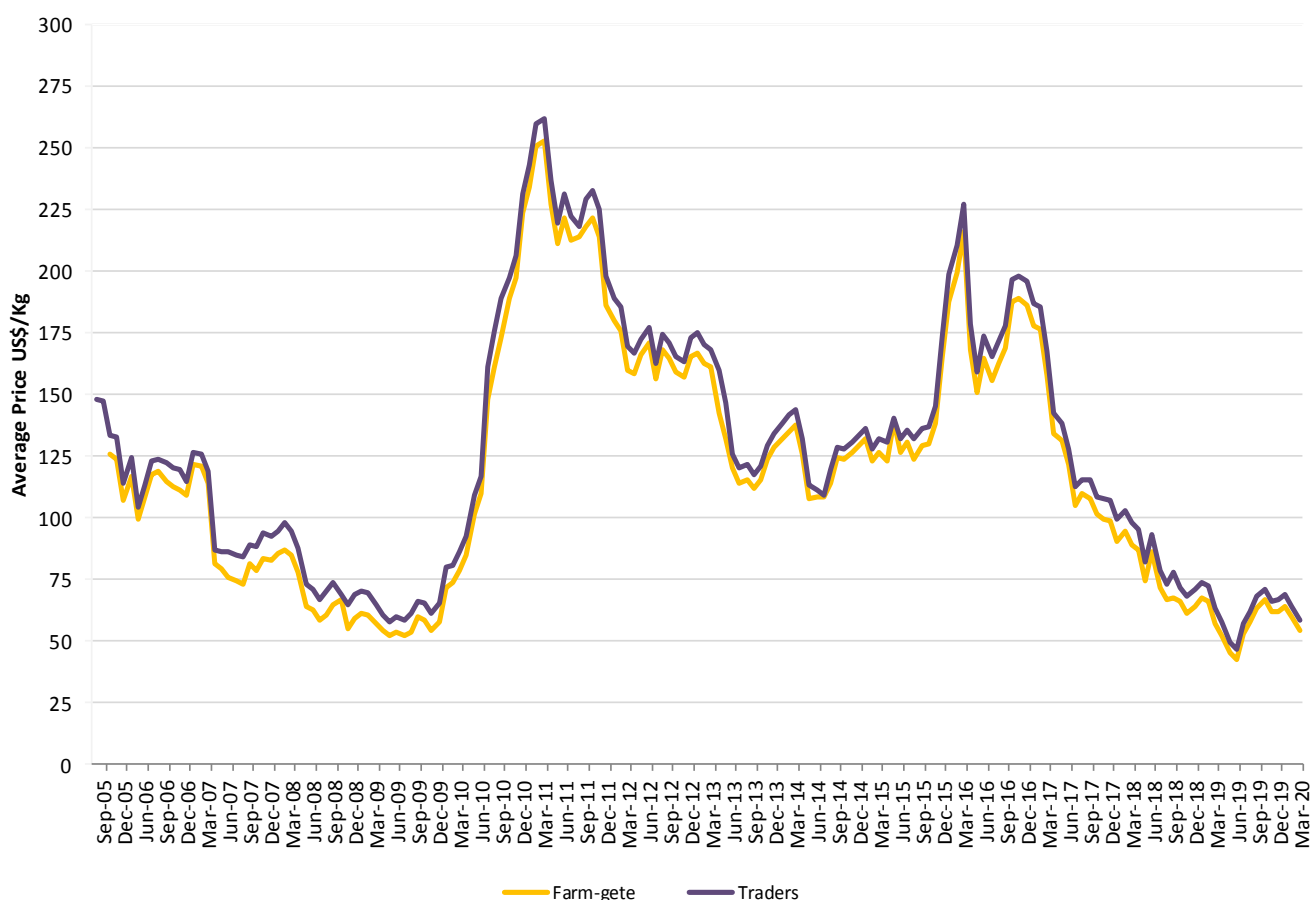


Table 7: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				Change at farm-gate level (Mar-Feb) (%)	Change at trader level (Mar-Feb) (%)
		Feb-20		Mar-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	7,420	8,545	7,102	8,260	-4%	-3%
Western region (Badghis, Hiran and Ghor) *	Afghani	5,724	6,003	5,333	5,612	-7%	-7%
Western region (Farah and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	1,229,053	1,259,790	1,051,053	1,081,790	-14%	-14%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Farvab, Suri-Pul, Jawzian and Samangan)	Afghani	2,989	3,285	2,830	3,133	-5%	-5%

* 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\$ 43/kg) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

Province	Types of heroin	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Change (Mar-Feb) %
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4,771	4,795	4,731	-1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,790	1,785	1,711	-4%
Takhar	Batan (100)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,268	4,897	4,530	-7%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,938	1,938	1,912	-1%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,963	2,040	1,812	-11%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	1,091	1,077	1,003	925	947	969	997	1,009	1,021	1,013	1,019	1,009	929	-8%
	Chara # 1	78	75	68	62	65	69	73	77	78	75	75	72	64	-10%
	Chara # 2	55	53	48	43	44	44	48	48	52	52	54	52	49	-6%
	Khata # 1	57	57	51	46	48	50	54	58	58	58	60	59	52	-11%
	Khata # 2	51	50	45	41	41	43	45	48	52	47	49	46	43	-6%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	2,204	2,176	2,025	1,869	2,075	2,109	2,160	2,185	2,211	2,195	2,201	2,181	2,023	-7%
	White powder (Injection)	2,546	2,516	2,337	2,159	2,206	2,241	2,287	2,314	2,340	2,325	2,331	2,311	2,139	-7%
Faryab	Bist powder	2,608	2,492	2,249	2,211	1,568	1,701	1,662	1,709	1,536	1,569	1,292	1,302	1,313	+1%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,300	3,184	2,933	2,878	2,186	2,341	2,344	2,413	2,368	2,412	2,068	2,057	1,969	-4%
Balkh	Bist powder	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,486	1,432	1,444	+1%
	White powder (Crystal)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,455	2,213	2,100	-5%
Helmand	White powder (Crystal)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,818	1,756	1,705	-3%
	Morphine	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,104	1,041	1,010	-3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,078	2,016	1,957	-3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	779	715	694	-3%
Kandahar	White powder (Crystal)	2,221	2,124	1,984	1,910	1,875	1,994	2,034	2,056	2,066	2,115	1,851	1,821	1,768	-3%
	Morphine	1,827	1,770	1,620	1,579	1,563	1,710	1,759	1,799	1,808	1,843	1,156	1,106	1,073	-3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	1,074	991	893	878	875	1,013	1,056	1,092	1,097	NA	2,143	2,081	2,020	-3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	860	779	694	688	688	760	781	771	775	809	812	780	758	-3%
Badghis	Morphine	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,938	1,808	1,712	-5%
	white powder-first quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,809	1,679	1,580	-6%
	white powder-second quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,292	1,162	1,119	-4%
Hirat	Morphine	3,112	3,102	2,978	2,933	3,002	3,040	3,040	3,044	3,045	2,691	2,585	2,325	2,239	-4%
	white powder-first quality	2,981	2,971	2,852	2,816	2,901	2,937	2,886	2,891	2,559	2,115	2,326	2,067	1,976	-4%
	white powder-second quality	1,819	1,813	1,740	1,704	1,748	1,770	1,482	1,663	1,609	1,538	1,292	1,162	1,119	-4%
Farah	Morphine	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,197	1,937	1,844	-5%
	white powder-first quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,680	1,550	1,449	-7%
	white powder-second quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,292	1,227	1,185	-3%
Nimroz	Morphine	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,068	2,325	2,239	-4%
	white powder-first quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,551	1,937	1,844	-5%
	white powder-second quality	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,163	1,162	1,119	-4%

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 (Mar-Feb) %
			Feb-20	Mar-20	
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	Afghani	367,000	360,255	-2%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	137,287	130,305	-5%
Takhar	Batan (100)	Afghani	376,560	344,925	-8%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	149,055	145,635	-2%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	156,900	137,970	-12%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	155,000	152,000	-2%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	11,000	10,500	-5%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,000	8,000	0%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	9,000	8,500	-6%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	335,000	331,000	-1%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	355,000	350,000	-1%
Faryab	Bist powder	Afghani	100,000	100,000	0%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	158,000	150,000	-5%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	110,000	110,000	0%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	170,000	160,000	-6%
Helmand	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	270,000	270,000	0%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	160,000	160,000	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	310,000	310,000	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	110,000	110,000	0%
Kandahar	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	280,000	280,000	0%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	170,000	170,000	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	320,000	320,000	0%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	120,000	120,000	0%
Badghis	Morphine	Afghani	140,000	130,000	-7%
	white powder-first quality	Afghani	130,000	120,000	-8%
	white powder-second quality	Afghani	90,000	85,000	-6%
Hirat	Morphine	Afghani	180,000	170,000	-6%
	white powder-first quality	Afghani	160,000	150,000	-6%
	white powder-second quality	Afghani	90,000	85,000	-6%
Farah	Morphine	Afghani	150,000	140,000	-7%
	white powder-first quality	Afghani	120,000	110,000	-8%
	white powder-second quality	Afghani	95,000	90,000	-5%
Nimruz	Morphine	Afghani	180,000	170,000	-6%
	white powder-first quality	Afghani	150,000	140,000	-7%
	white powder-second quality	Afghani	90,000	85,000	-6%

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

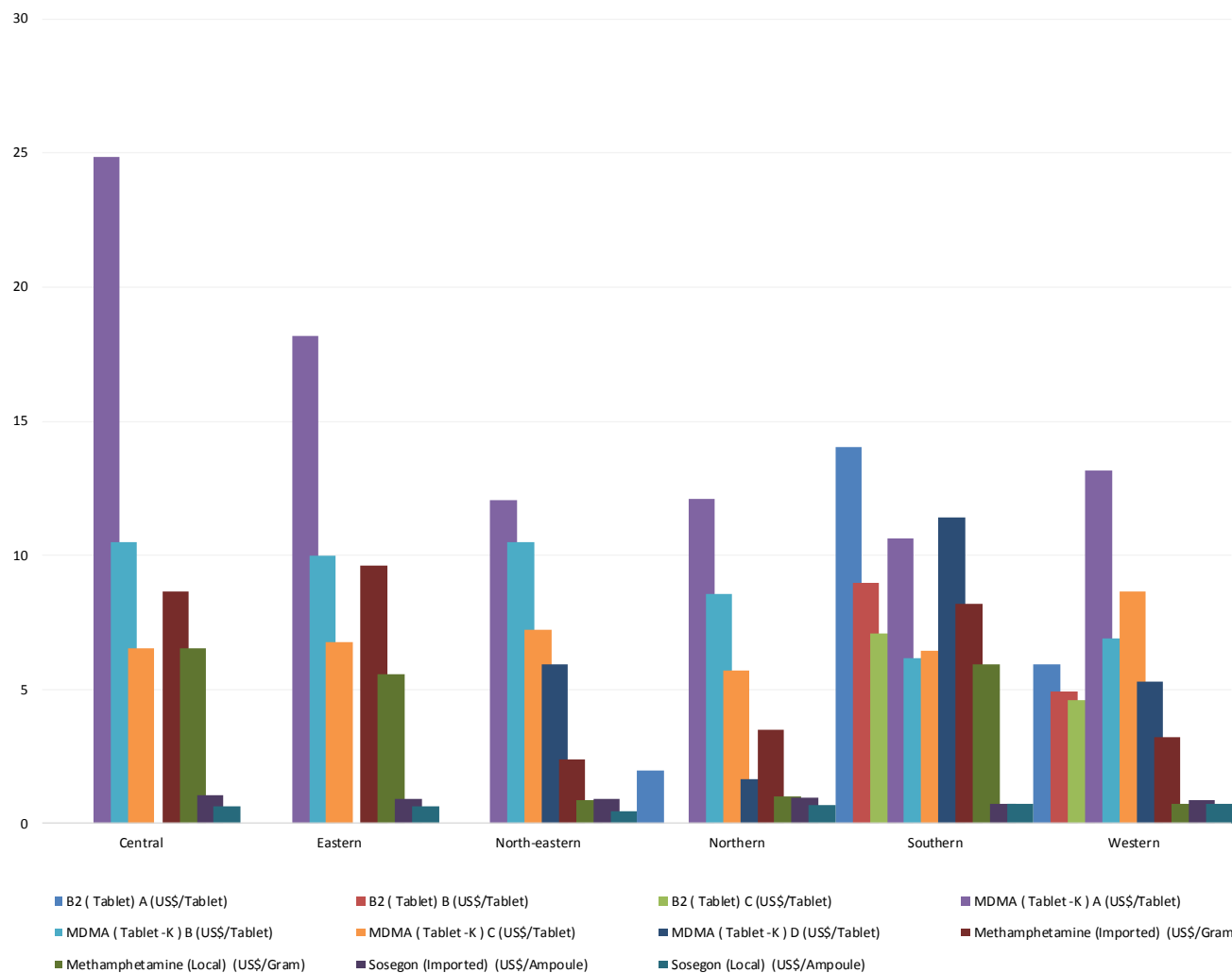
² Methamphetamine is a powerful, highly addictive stimulant that affects the central nervous system. Also known as meth, blue, ice, and crystal, among many other terms, it takes the form of a white, odorless, bitter-tasting crystalline powder that easily dissolves in water or alcohol.

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	Mar_20
Central	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	9
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	7
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	25
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	10
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7
Eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	10
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	6
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.9
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	18
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	10
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7
North-eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	2
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	12
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	11
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	6
Northern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	4
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	12
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	9
	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)	11
	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
	B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet)	7
Western	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
	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- March 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), Mar 2019 – Mar 2020

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Chang (Mar-Feb) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	116	90	81	86	87	77	120	109	83	86	84	98	92	-6%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	93	97	75	99	106	105	90	102	90	90	65	85	73	-14%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	60	65	56	72	81	77	58	77	64	64	58	65	59	-9%
Hirat	Garda # 1	93	85	75	78	79	79	77	77	76	83	91	88	86	-3%
	Garda # 2	60	56	50	49	51	51	55	58	57	61	58	57	55	+3%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	48	44	40	43	44	48	47	50	48	50	43	43	45	+3%
	Garda # 2	25	22	19	21	24	26	25	26	25	26	20	22	22	+3%
	Garda # 3	13	9	8.8	11	13	14.1	14	16	14	16	13	13	13	-3%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	95	94	86	79	78	76	77	77	74	71	75	78	73	-6%
	Garda # 2	64	62	57	52	50	50	48	47	45	45	49	46	43	-6%
	Garda # 3	50	50	46	43	44	44	45	45	43	42	47	42	37	-13%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	129	129	94	111	112	89	90	87	77	90	103	117	105	-10%

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

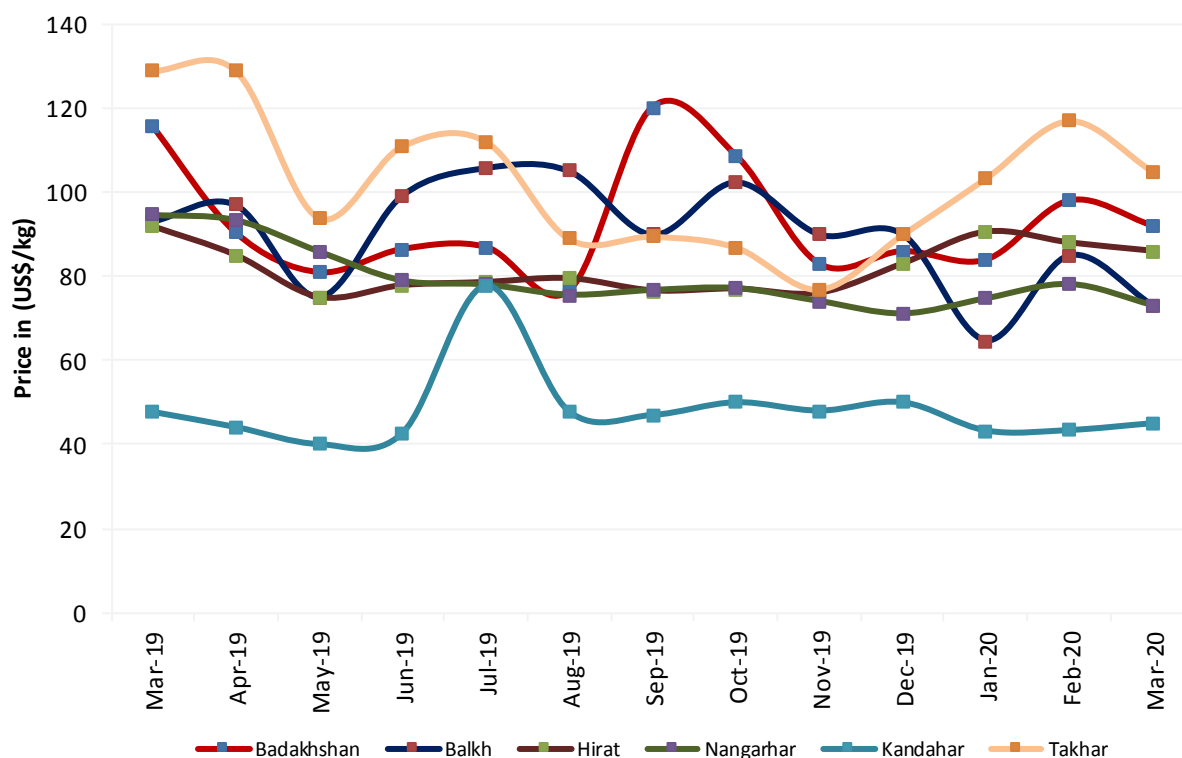


Figure 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), March 2020

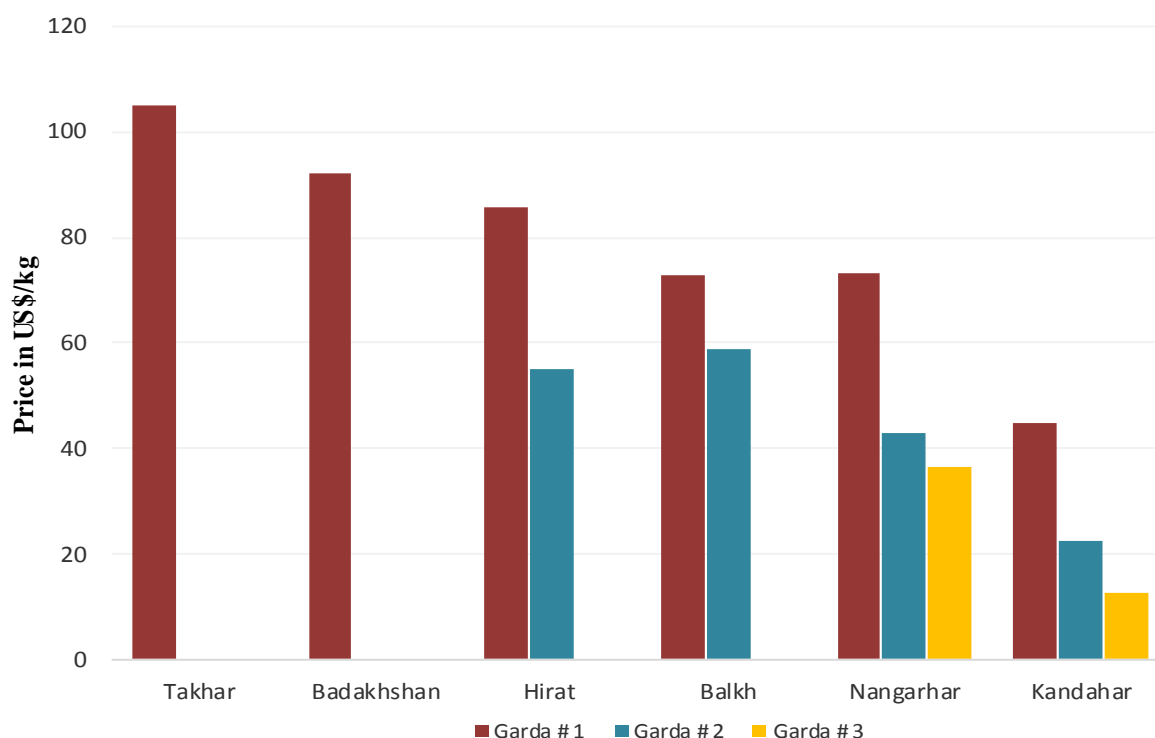


Table 12: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in local currency, Feb 2020 – Mar 2020

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Mar-Feb) %
			Feb-20	Mar-20	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	7,500	7,000	-7%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	6,500	5,500	-15%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	5,000	4,500	-10%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Afghani	6,800	6,500	-4%
	Garda # 2	Afghani	4,400	4,200	-5%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	6,667	7,111	+7%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	3,333	3,556	+7%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	2,000	2,000	0%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	12,000	12,000	0%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	0%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	6,500	6,000	-8%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	9,000	8,000	-11%

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, February 2020 – March 2020

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Mar-Feb) (%)
			Feb-20	Mar-20	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	45	50	+11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	45	+13%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	60	60	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	17	20	+18%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	90	-10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	25	+25%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	63	63	-1%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	90	-10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	40	-20%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	71	73	+3%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	91	91	0%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	75	75	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	50	0%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	60	50	-17%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	76	78	+3%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	93	93	0%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	45	41	-9%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	80	90	+13%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	35	45	+29%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	75	90	+20%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	40	50	+25%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	43	42	-2%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	84	85	+1%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	30	40	+33%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	31	30	-3%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	55	60	+9%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	45	50	+11%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	67	78	+17%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	96	96	0%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	67	78	+17%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	89	98	+10%

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

Types of seeds	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.60	0.58	0.56	0.52	0.542	0.542	0.572	0.590	0.652	0.687	0.684	0.653	0.689	+6%
Poppy seed	0.97	0.93	0.82	0.79	0.746	0.710	0.7536	0.8006	0.8872	0.8720	0.7783	0.7664	0.7800	+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), Mar 2020

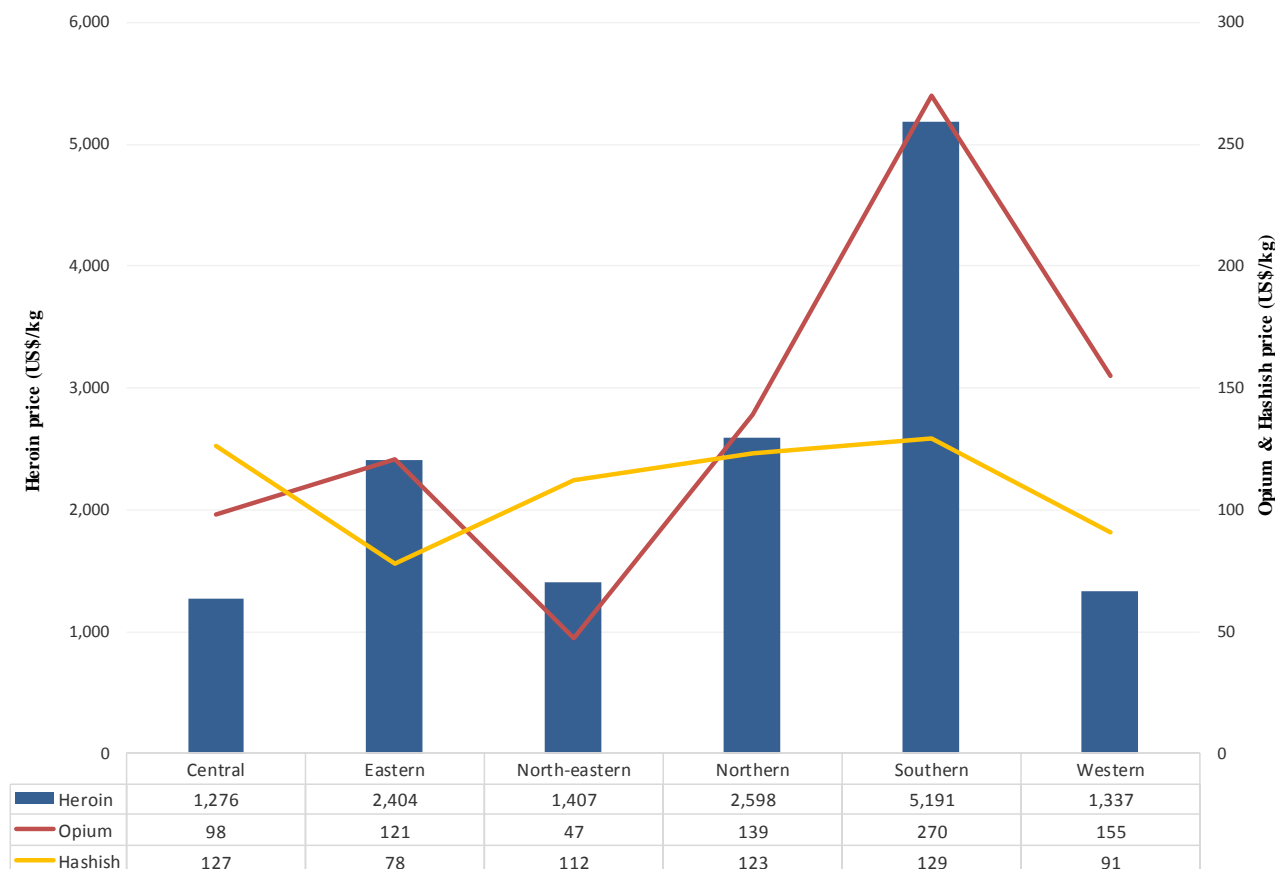


Table 15: Average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Mar 2019 – Mar 2020

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Mar-Feb) (%)
	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	
Heroin	3,286	3,741	3,636	3,711	3,316	3,557	3,739	3,686	3,545	3,579	3,122	3,025	2,807	-7%
Opium	191	202	188	172	175	187	222	236	173	164	156	151	176	+16%
Hashish	143	164	138	144	147	145	145	130	128	130	123	121	112	-8%

9. Price of Acetic Anhydride³

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

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	306	295	300	261	255	266	306	321	311	295	394	330	409	+24%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	139	138	127	117	125	126	128	129	132	130	130	212	204	-4%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	121	118	110	102	106	110	115	119	122	121	123	117	104	-11%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	111	103	96	92	90	92	99	97	99	96	143	171	111	-35%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	116	110	104	101	87	106	106	108	107	104	225	223	212	-5%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	129	107	134	98	89	104	138	170	145	134	141	232	146	-37%

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, Mar 2020

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	35	0.5
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	118	1.5
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	57	0.7
Balkh	Wheat	-	26	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	51	0.7
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	98	1.3
Balkh	Rice Local	-	60	0.8
Hirat	Wheat	-	28	0.4
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	1.2
Hirat	Saffron	-	55,000	724
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	90	1.2
Hirat	Rice Local	-	80	1.1
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	60	-	0.4
Nangarhar	Cotton	190	-	1.2
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	190	-	1.2
Nangarhar	Rice Local	64	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	25	0.3
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	100	1.3
Takhar	Rice Local	-	50	0.7

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

Types of crops	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.29	0.30	0.28	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.31	0.32	0.37	0.36	0.37	+4%
Cotton	1.25	1.25	1.19	1.12	1.14	1.09	1.11	1.18	1.15	1.16	1.25	1.24	1.21	-2%
Saffron	757	777	814	871	846	832	870	705	641	612	647	710	724	+2%
Rice (Imported)	1.12	1.11	1.08	1.04	1.09	1.09	1.05	1.03	1.06	1.05	1.11	1.12	1.16	+4%
Rice (Local)	0.74	0.69	0.70	0.69	0.71	0.74	0.69	0.58	0.65	0.62	0.58	0.60	0.68	+14%

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.