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Afghanistan Opium Price Monitoring Monthly Report



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Summary

- Prices are collected in the last week of every month from around twenty farmers and twenty traders depending on the availability of the farmers and traders. 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 18 of 34 provinces namely Badakhshan, Baghlan, Badghis, Balkh, Farah, Faryab, Ghor, Hilmand, Hirat, Kandahar, Kunar, Kunduz, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nimroz, Uruzgan, Takhar and Zabul. The province of Baghlan has been included in the opium price monitoring as of August 2011 and the provinces of Uruzgan and Zabul have been included in the opium price monitoring as of September 2011. 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.
- As of February 2011, prices of some licit crops such as wheat, saffron, imported and local rice is also collected from six provinces of Afghanistan.
- As of March 2012, prices of poppy seeds, cannabis seeds and acetic anhydride are included in the report as well.
- Different varieties of opium, heroin and hashish prices are also collected for Peshawar the nearest town in Pakistan. Prices are collected and reported by UNODC office in Peshawar, Pakistan.
- As of August 2012, drug prices from Quetta province of Pakistan are collected and included in this report as well. Quetta has common border with Kandahar province of Afghanistan in the south.
- As of August 2011, 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) and North-eastern (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar) regions, the prices are reported in Afghani. However, prices are reported in two different currencies namely Afghani and Iranian Tuman in Western 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.
- Average¹ price of dry Opium in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg)**

Dry Opium	Nov-11	Nov-12	Increase/ Decrease (%)
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	247	185	-25%
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	261	190	-27%

- Average² price of fresh Opium in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg)**

Fresh Opium	Nov-11	Nov-12	Increase/ Decrease (%)
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	214	157	-27%
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	225	163	-27%

¹ Simple average of all observations

² Simple average of all observations

- **Average³ price of Cannabis Resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg)**

Types of cannabis resin	Nov-11	Nov-12	Increase/ Decrease (%)
<i>Cannabis resin (Garda # 1) price (US\$/kg)</i>	143	92	-36%
<i>Cannabis resin (Garda # 2) price (US\$/kg)</i>	87	59	-32%
<i>Cannabis resin (Garda # 3) price (US\$/kg)</i>	38	28	-26%

- **Heroin and Hashish (best quality) prices in Peshawar, Pakistan (US\$/kg)**

Best quality of Heroin/Hashish	Nov-11	Nov-12	Increase/Decrease (%)
<i>Heroin - White (Injection) price (US\$/kg)</i>	5,073	5,041	-1%
<i>Hashish - (Garda # 1) price (US\$/kg)</i>	577	551	-5%

- **Heroin and Hashish (best quality) prices in Quetta, Pakistan (US\$/kg)**

Best quality of Heroin/Hashish	Oct-12	Nov-12	Increase/Decrease (%)
<i>Heroin - High quality (Crystal) price (US\$/kg)</i>	6,362	6,365	+0.1%
<i>Hashish - High quality price (US\$/kg)</i>	382	382	+0%

Note: Price for 2011 is not available.

- **Average⁴ price of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg)**

Types of drugs	Nov-11	Nov-12	Increase/Decrease (%)
Heroin	6,419	5,922	-8%
Opium	567	456	-20%
Hashish	274	210	-23%

- **Average price of Wheat, Cotton, Saffron, Imported and Local Rice in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg)**

Types of crops	Nov-11	Nov-12	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat	0.40	0.40	+0%
Cotton	1.90	1.5	-22%
Saffron	1,772	1,805	+2%
Rice (imported)*	NA	1.4	-
Rice (local)*	NA	1.0	-

* Price for November 2011 is not available for imported and local rice.

³ Simple average of all observations

⁴ Simple average of all observations

- **Average price of poppy and cannabis seeds in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg)**

Types of seeds	Oct-12	Nov-12	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.42	0.42	-1%
Poppy seed	0.68	0.74	+9%

Note: Price for 2011 is not available.

- **Average price of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan, (US\$/Lit)**

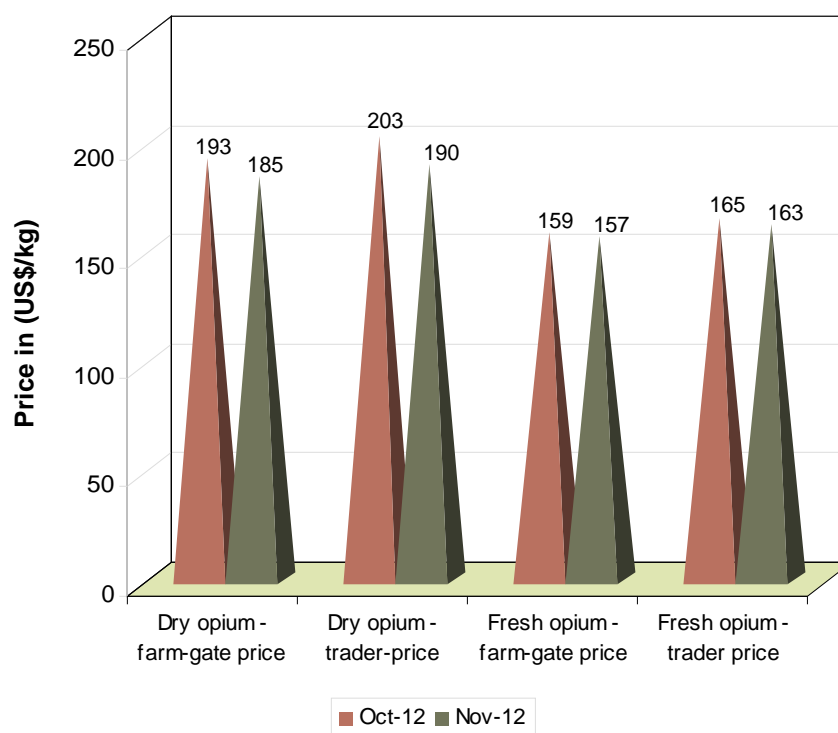
Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Oct-12	Nov-12	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A*	217	244	+12%
Acetic Anhydride - B*	191	292	+53%
Acetic Anhydride - C*	157	161	+2%
Acetic Anhydride - D*	180	177	-2%
Acetic Anhydride - E*	180	281	+56%
Acetic Anhydride - F*	173	195	+12%

Note: Price for 2011 is not available.

* A, B, C, D, E, F represent different variety of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan.

* The significant increase in the price could be due to increasing law enforcement check-points.

Price change of Dry Opium and Fresh Opium between October 2012 and November 2012

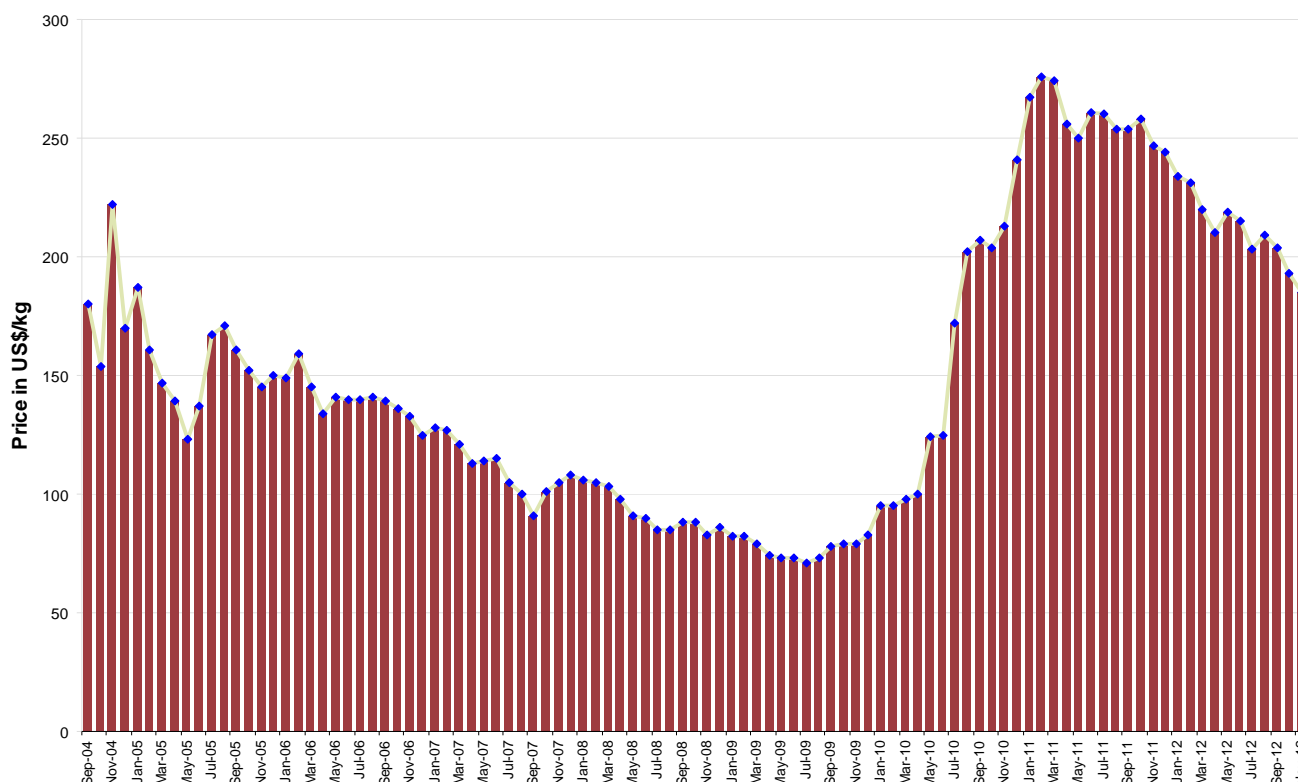


DRY OPIUM:

FARM-GATE PRICE:

The national average price for one kilogram of dry opium in Afghanistan at the farm-gate level was **US\$ 185/kg** at the end of November with **4%** drop compared to price reported in October 2012 (**US\$ 193/kg**). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in November 2012 is **25%** lower than the price reported in November 2011 which was **US\$ 247/kg**. The dry opium price has a decreasing trend since February 2011.

Graph 1: National ⁵Average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from September 2004 to November 2012



Dry Opium (Chaynaki Quality):

FARM-GATE PRICE

Price of opium (dry) was not found to be varying in different regions depending on the quality except in Balkh and Hilmand provinces where another quality of dry opium by the name of **Chaynaki** is available at Farm-gate and trader level. The **Chaynaki** quality of dry opium is too much air dried. The average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at Farm-gate level in Balkh province is **US\$ 179/kg** in November 2012 showing an increase of **6%** compared to the price reported in October 2012 (**US\$ 170**). The average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at farm-gate level in Hilmand province is **US\$ 418/kg** in November 2012 with a decrease of **1%** compared to the price reported in October 2012 (**US\$ 422**).

Table 1: Average⁶ price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at farm-gate level (US\$/Kg)

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Change (Nov-Oct) %	Hilmand		Change (Nov-Oct) %
	Oct-12	Nov-12		Oct-12	Nov-12	
Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	170	179	+6%	422	418	-1%

⁵ Simple average of all observations

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TRADER PRICE:

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was **US\$ 190/kg** at the end of November showing **5%** decrease compared to the price reported in October 2012 (**US\$ 201/kg**). The average dry opium price at trader level in November 2012 is **27%** lower than the price reported in November 2011 which was **US\$ 261/kg**.

Dry opium price collected from traders has decreased by 15%, 3%, and 2% in Eastern, Western and Southern regions respectively. Price has increased by 5% and 3% in Northern and North-eastern regions respectively.

Table 2: Regional average⁷ price of dry opium collected from traders (US\$/Kg)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Oct-12	Nov-12	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	275	234	-15%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	179	176	-2%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz)	233	227	-3%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	159	164	+3%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab)	128	135	+5%
Average	201	190	-5%

Dry Opium (Chaynaki Quality):**TRADER PRICE:**

In Balkh province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 196/kg** in November 2012 showing an Increase of **9%** compared to the price reported in October 2012 (**US\$ 181/kg**). In Hilmand province, the average price of 1 kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level is **US\$ 423/kg** in November 2012 decreased by **1%** compared to the price reported in October 2012 (**US\$ 426**)

Table 3: Average⁸ price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at trader level (US\$/Kg)

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Change (Nov-Oct) %	Hilmand		Change (Nov-Oct) %
	Oct-12	Nov-12		Oct-12	Nov-12	
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	181	196	+9%	426	423	-1%

⁷ Simple average of all observations

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Graph 2: Regional average² price of dry opium from traders (January 2005 to November 2012)

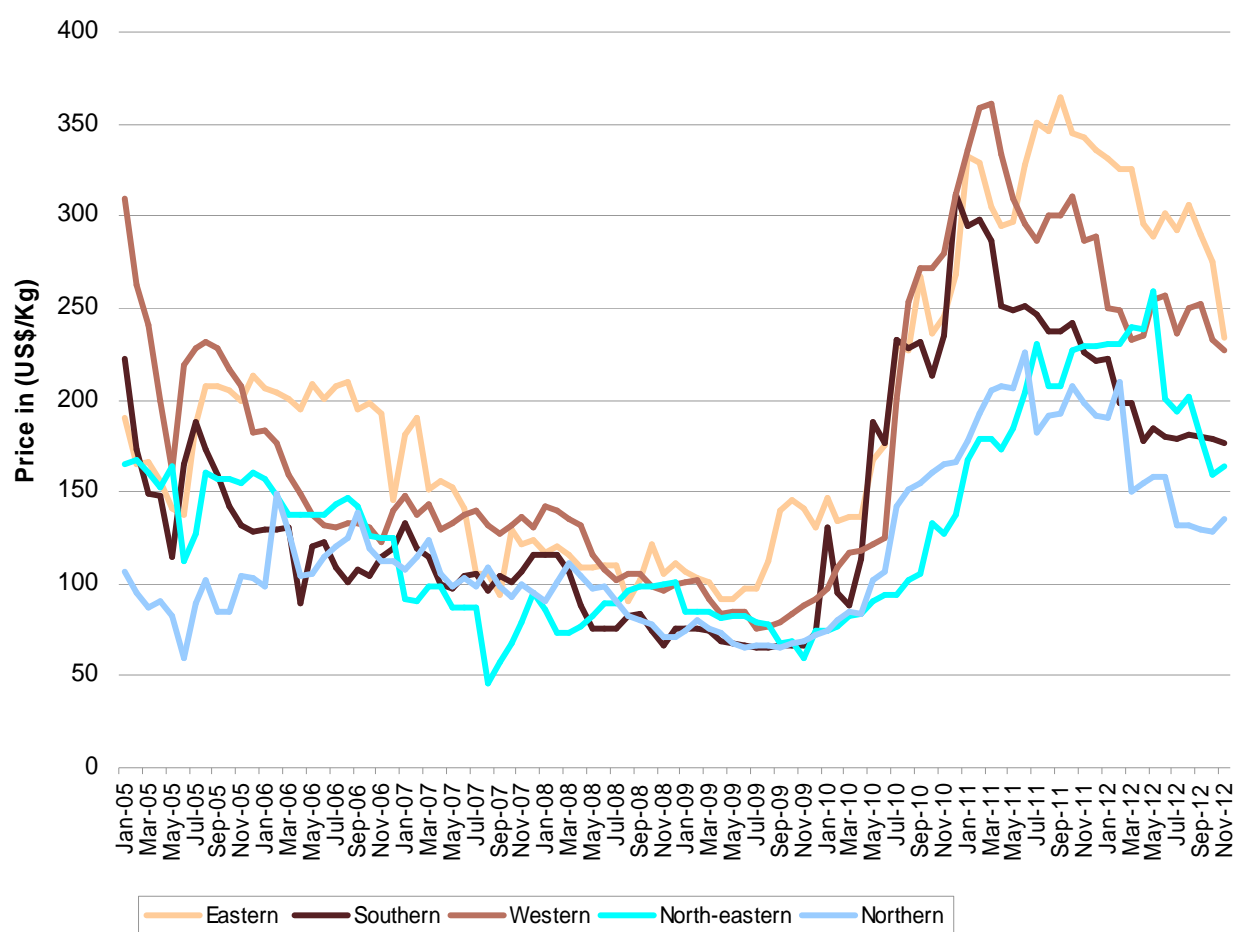


Table 4: Regional average⁹ price of dry opium at farm-gate and trader level in local currency

		Price of 1 kg of Dry Opium in local currency					
		Oct-12		Nov-12			
Region	Local currency	Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader	Change at farm-gate level (Nov-Oct) (%)	Change at trader level (Nov-Oct) (%)
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	25,740	26,124	22,414	22,716	-13%	-13%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	15,901	16,896	15,854	16,855	-0.3%	-0.2%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	11,773	12,144	11,573	11,944	-2%	-2%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	726,191	744,526	711,746	730,081	-2%	-2%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	7,558	8,428	7,596	8,428	+1%	+0%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab)	Afghani	6,363	6,759	6,564	7,008	+3.2%	+3.7%

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

⁹ Simple average of all observations

FRESH OPIUM:

At the end of November 2012, the national average price of fresh opium dropped by **1.25%** from **US\$ 159/kg** in October to **US\$ 157/kg** at the farm-gate level. Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by **1.11%** from **US\$ 165/kg** in October to **US\$ 163/kg**.

After the harvest season there is no fresh opium available, but farmers keep their fresh opium in plastic bags or dishes covered with leaves in order to preserve moisture. This opium is referred as fresh opium.

Graph 3: National average¹⁰ price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level, US\$/kg (August 2009 to November 2012)

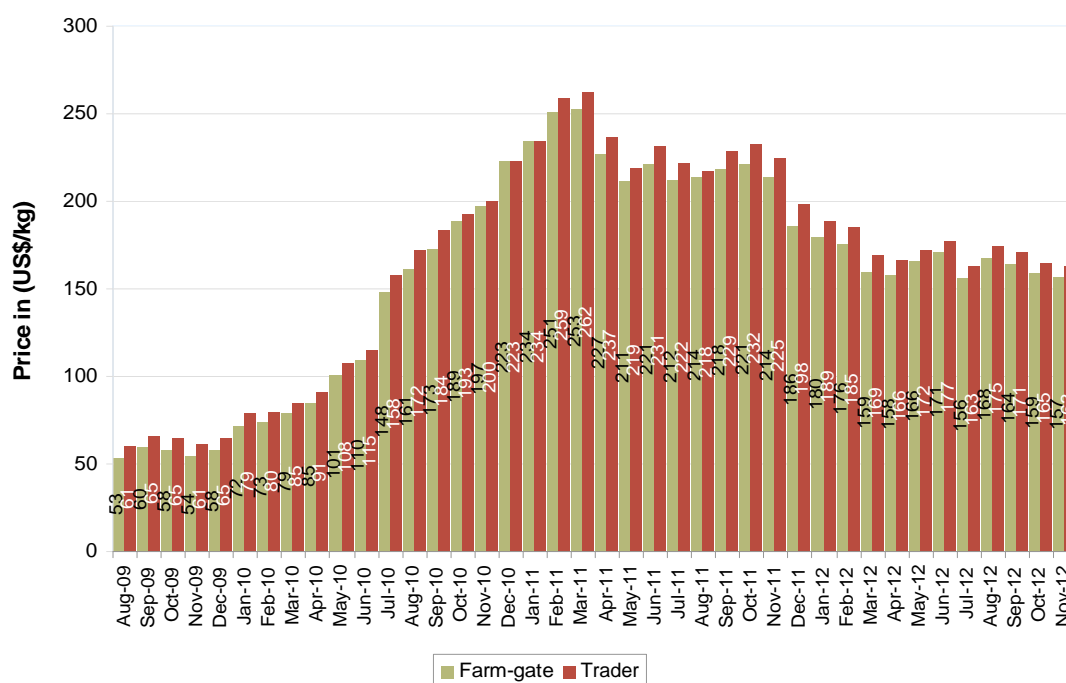


Table 5: Regional average¹¹ price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in local currency

		Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency					
		Oct-12		Nov-12			
Region	Local currency	Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader	Change at farm-gate level (Nov-Oct) (%)	Change at trader level (Nov-Oct) (%)
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	16,953	17,331	16,423	16,786	-3%	-3%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul)	Pakistani Rupee	13,792	14,557	13,760	14,545	-0.2%	-0.1%
Western region (Badghis, Ghor) *	Afghani	9,453	9,744	9,253	9,269	-2%	-5%
Western region (Farah, Hirat, Nimroz) *	Imnian Tuman	655,652	669,639	641,207	655,194	-2%	-2%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar)	Afghani	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab)	Afghani	5,126	5,551	5,437	5,892	+6%	+6%

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

¹⁰ Simple average of all observations

¹¹ Simple average of all observations

Table 6: 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	185	190	18
Fresh Opium	157	156	15

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\$ 52/kg**) is called as Khata # 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

Table 7: Prices of different types of Heroin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Nov 2011 - Nov 2012

Province	Types of Heroin	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Change (Nov-Oct) %
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	932	912	912	913	1,007	1,008	1,299	1,160	1,456	1,364	1733	1511	1561	+3%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	4,351	4,258	4,254	4,260	4,631	4,613	4,798	4,545	3,883	3,411	5199	4722	4879	+3%
Balkh	Bist powder	2,549	2,457	2,471	2,495	2,454	2,467	2,480	2,388	2,350	2,339	2292	2323	2402	+3%
	White powder (Crystal)	4,310	4,184	4,598	4,625	4,583	4,573	4,579	4,427	4,388	4,385	4275	4231	4255	+1%
Hirat	Morphine	1,185	1,111	NA	1,081	1,053	1,047	1,295	1,306	1,298	1,429	1191	946	872	-8%
	Off- white coarse powder (Crystal)	1,630	1,250	NA	1,622	1,658	1,623	1,928	1,833	1,667	2,049	1939	1546	1463	-5%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	na	na	na	na	na	na	4,250	4,031	3,794	3,941	3271	2603	2491	-4%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure) *	1,481	1,736	1,750	2,703	2,737	2,618	2,500	2,389	2,227	2,365	1939	1577	1494	-5%
Kandahar	Morphine	2,998	3,041	2,528	2,516	2,449	2,205	2,202	2,121	2,119	2,141	2137	2121	2084	-2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	2,306	2,383	2,183	2,124	2,059	2,040	2,037	1,983	1,960	1,927	1816	1803	1771	-2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	1,730	1,793	1,413	1,342	1,224	1,213	1,211	1,166	1,165	1,177	1175	1166	1146	-2%
	White powder (Crystal)	3,920	3,914	3,390	3,242	3,651	3,473	3,414	3,287	3,284	3,372	3312	3287	3229.8	-2%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	2,883	2,795	3,447	2,617	2,520	2,479	2,423	2,334	2,336	2,243	2239	2333	2,188	-6%
	Chara # 1	115	157	161	178	175	149	143	95	106	107	117	117	115	-2%
	Chara # 2	58	89	92	111	110	72	55	64	64	64	64	64	63	-2%
	Khata # 1	69	112	138	89	88	88	77	74	74	75	75	74	73	-2%
	Khata # 2	46	56	57	45	44	55	44	42	42	43	53	53	52	-2%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	4,093	3,690	4,367	3,731	3,670	3,526	3,469	3,342	3,504	3,311	3306	3520	3126	-11%
	White powder (Injection)	5,073	4,808	5,056	4,956	5,039	4,848	4,735	4,562	4,459	4,593	4425	4644	4168	-10%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,108	3,041	3,039	3,043	3,021	3,008	3,199	2,901	2,427	2,534	2696	2550	2635	+3%

* Due to change of information source in February 2012, the price may not be directly comparable with previous months.

Note: Price of White powder-high quality heroin in Hirat province was collected for the first time during May 2012.

Graph 4: Prices of different types of heroin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), November 2012

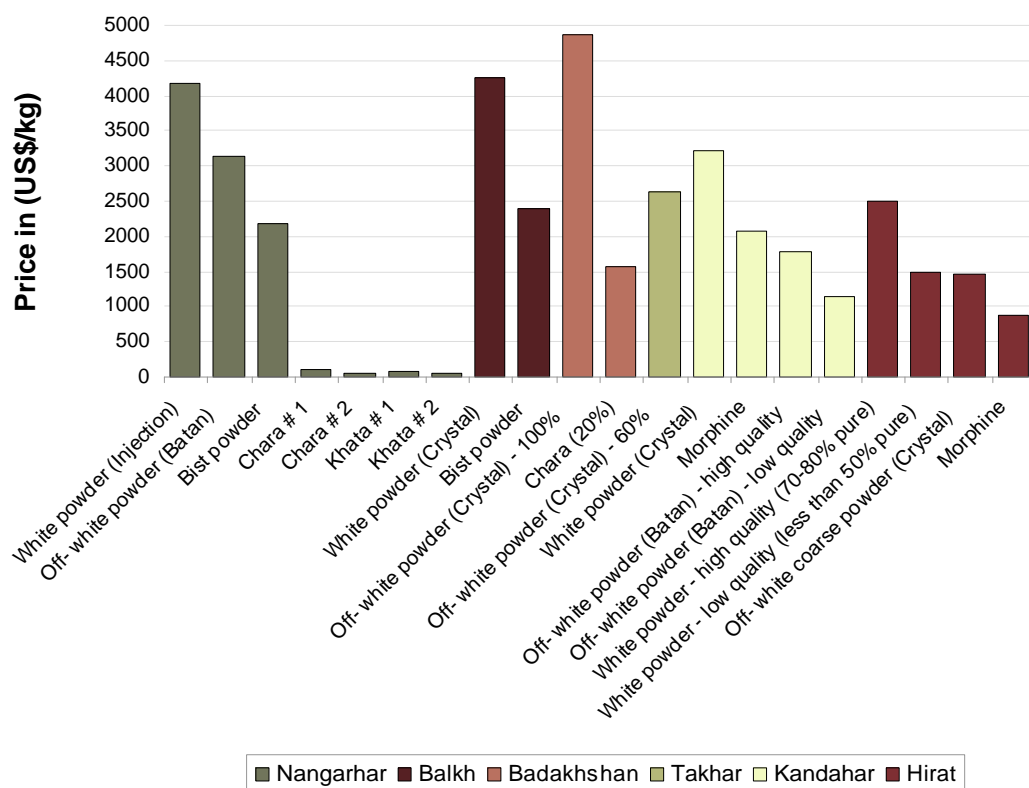


Table 8: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of Heroin in local currency

Province	Types of heroin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of heroin in local currency		Change (Nov-Oct) %
			Oct-12	Nov-12	
Badakhshan	Chara (20%)	Afghani	80,000	80,000	+0%
	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 100%	Afghani	250,000	250,000	+0%
Balkh	Bist powder	Afghani	123,000	127,000	+3%
	White powder (Crystal)	Afghani	224,000	225,000	+0%
Hirat	Morphine	Iranian Tuman	3000000	2800000	-7%
	Off- white coarse powder (Crystal)	Iranian Tuman	4900000	4700000	-4%
	White powder - high quality (70-80% pure)	Iranian Tuman	8250000	8000000	-3%
	White powder - low quality (less than 50% pure)	Iranian Tuman	5000000	4800000	-4%
Kandahar	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	200,000	200,000	+0%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	170,000	170,000	+0%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	110,000	110,000	+0%
	White powder (Crystal)	Pakistani Rupee	310,000	310,000	+0%
Nangarhar	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	220,000	210,000	-5%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	11,000	11,000	+0%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	6,000	6,000	+0%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	7,000	7,000	+0%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	5,000	5,000	+0%
	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	332,000	300,000	-10%
	White powder (Injection)	Pakistani Rupee	438,000	400,000	-9%
Takhar	Off- white powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	135000	135000	+0%

Note: Price of White powder-high quality heroin in Hirat province was collected for the first time during May 2012.

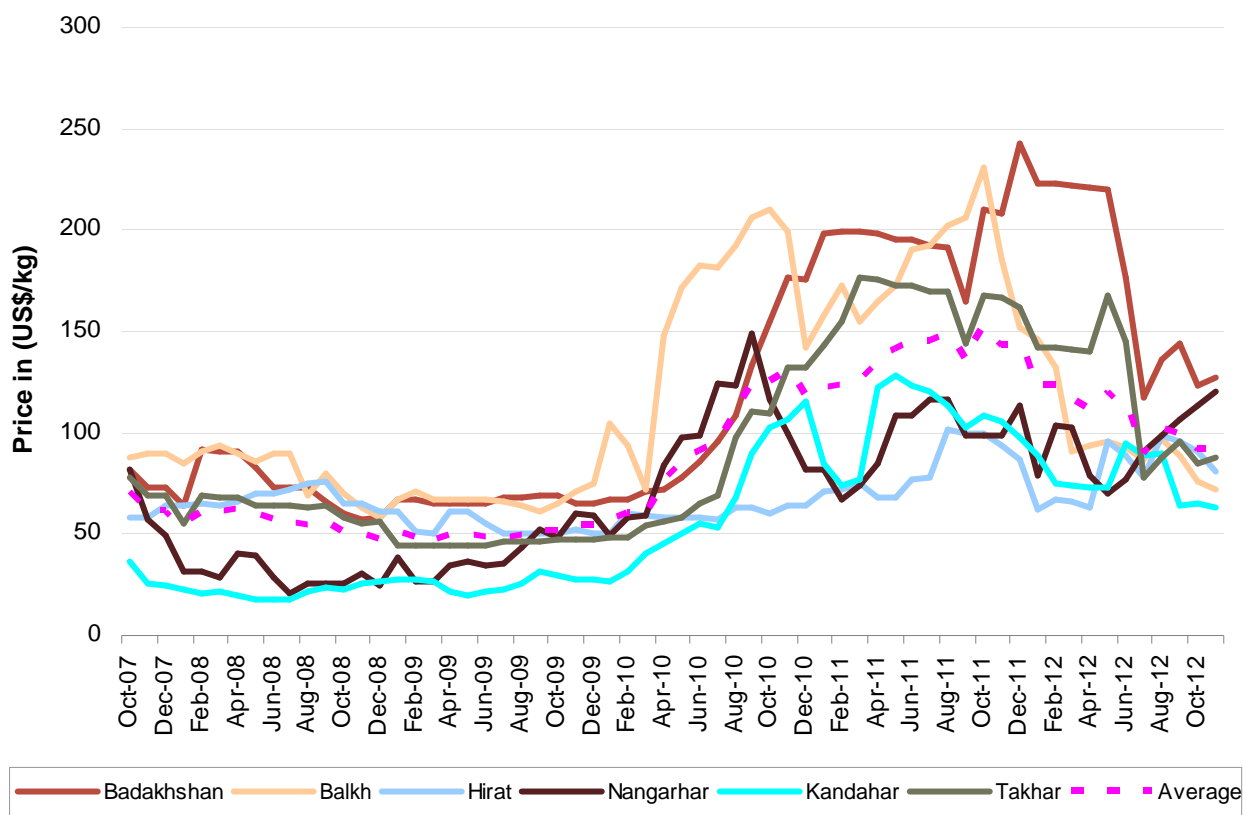
CANNABIS RESIN:

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 has become 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 its blending with lower quality hashish.

Table 9: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), Nov 2011 - Nov 2012

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Change (Nov-Oct) %
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	208	243	223	223	222	221	220	177	117	136	144	123	127	+3%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	186	152	146	132	91	94	96	93	87	97	89	76	72	-5%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	155	112	109	91	50	60	64	68	62	78	73	60	57	-5%
Hirat	Garda # 1	94	87	63	68	66	63	96	89	78	99	96	91	81	-11%
	Garda # 2	64	59	43	46	45	42	60	56	48	62	67	65	53	-18%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	106	98	89	75	74	73	73	95	89	90	64	65	63	-2%
	Garda # 2	72	65	60	47	45	44	44	67	64	65	45	47	46	-3%
	Garda # 3	44	38	33	22	22	22	22	36	31	33	21	24	23	-4%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	99	113	79	104	103	79	70	77	91	99	107	113	120	+6%
	Garda # 2	58	49	63	72	72	39	31	46	46	53	61	63	82	+30%
	Garda # 3	33	16	24	32	32	24	17	23	23	23	23	26	33	+28%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	167	162	142	142	141	140	168	145	78	88	96	85	88	+4%

Graph 5: Average¹² price of cannabis resin (Garda # 1, best quality) in US\$/kg, Oct 2007 - Nov 2012



¹² Simple average of all observations

Graph 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), November 2012

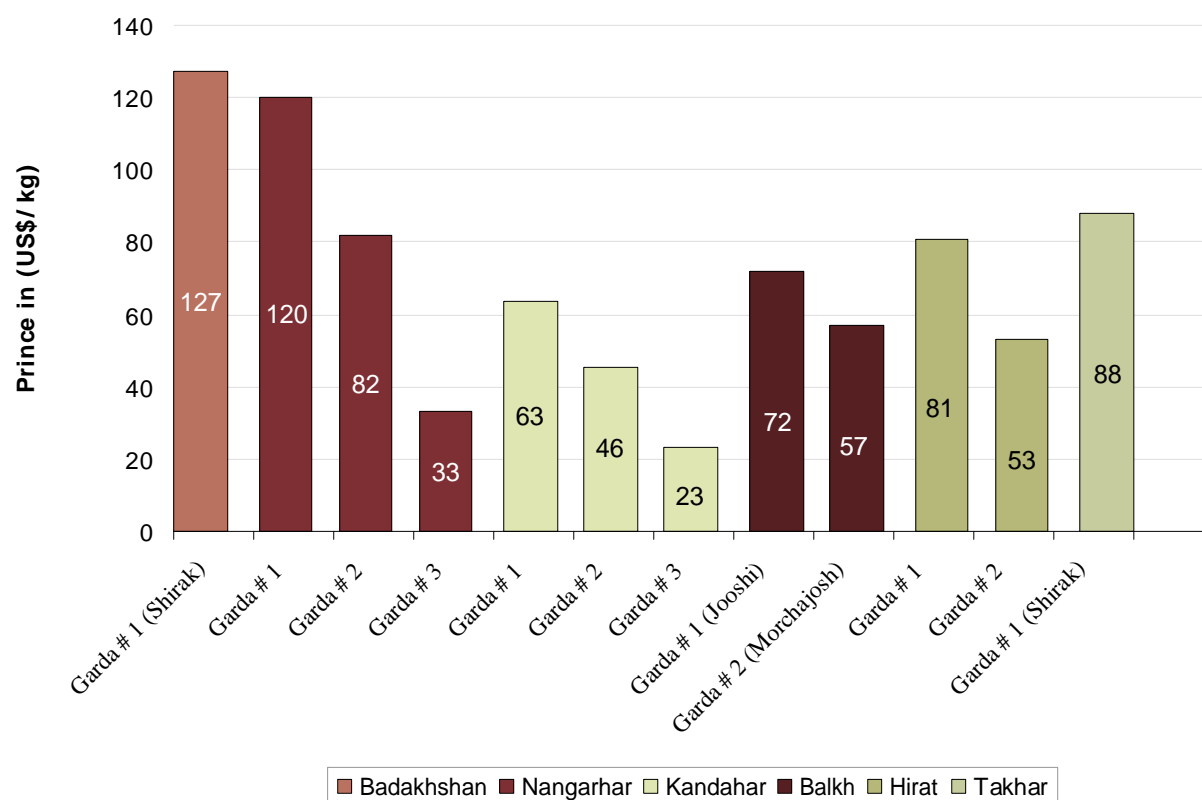


Table 10: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan in local currency, October 2012- November 2012

			Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Nov-Oct) %
Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Oct-12	Nov-12	
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	6500	6500	+0%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Afghani	4000	3800	-5%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	3200	3000	-6%
Hirat	Garda # 1	Iranian Tuman	290000	260000	-10%
	Garda # 2	Iranian Tuman	205000	170000	-17%
Kandahar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	6,111	6,089	+0%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	4,400	4,378	-1%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	2,222	2,222	+0%
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	10,714	11,571	+8%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	6,000	7,857	+31%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	2,429	3,214	+32%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	4,500	4,500	+0%

LICIT CROPS:

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

Table 11: Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan in local currency, November 2012

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	22	0.4
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	85	1.7
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	58	1.1
Balkh	Wheat	-	17	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	31	0.6
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	77	1.5
Balkh	Rice Local	-	60	1.2
Hirat	Wheat	-	20	0.4
Hirat	Cotton	-	90	2
Hirat	Saffron	-	95,000	1805
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	75	1.4
Hirat	Rice Local	-	64	1.2
Kandahar	Wheat	52	-	0.5
Kandahar	Cotton	210	-	2.2
Kandahar	Rice Imported	110	-	1.1
Nangarhar	Wheat	33	-	0.3
Nangarhar	Cotton	136	-	1
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	123	-	1
Nangarhar	Rice Local	43	-	0.4
Takhar	Wheat	-	20	0.4
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	80	1.6
Takhar	Rice Local	-	55	1.1

CANNABIS AND POPPY SEEDS:

Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds are collected in eighteen provinces of Afghanistan are shown in below table.

Table 12: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in local currency, October 2012 – November 2012

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Nov-Oct) (%)
			Oct-12	Nov-12	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	30	30	+0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	25	25	+0%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	25	30	+20%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	10	12	+20%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	50	+25%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	10	15	+50%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	35	33	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	40	28	-30%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	50	60	+20%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	15	20	+33%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	37	38	+3%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	20	20	-2%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	45	48	+7%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	45	-10%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	30	28	-7%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	38	42	+12%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	19	19	-1%
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	28	32	+14%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	64	64	+0%
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	43	43	+0%
Logar	Cannabis seed	Afghani	27	25	-7%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	100	100	+0%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	21	21	+0%
Paktya	Cannabis seed	Afghani	26	25	-4%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	30	30	+0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	18	18	+0%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	38	40	+6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	18	18	-2%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	40	42	+6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	22	21	-3%

PRICES OF HEROIN, OPIUM AND HASHISH AT CONSUMER LEVEL:

The consumer prices of heroin, opium and hashish collected in different regions of Afghanistan are as below. The quality of product varies in different regions.

Graph 7: Regional average¹³ prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in (US\$/Kg), November 2012

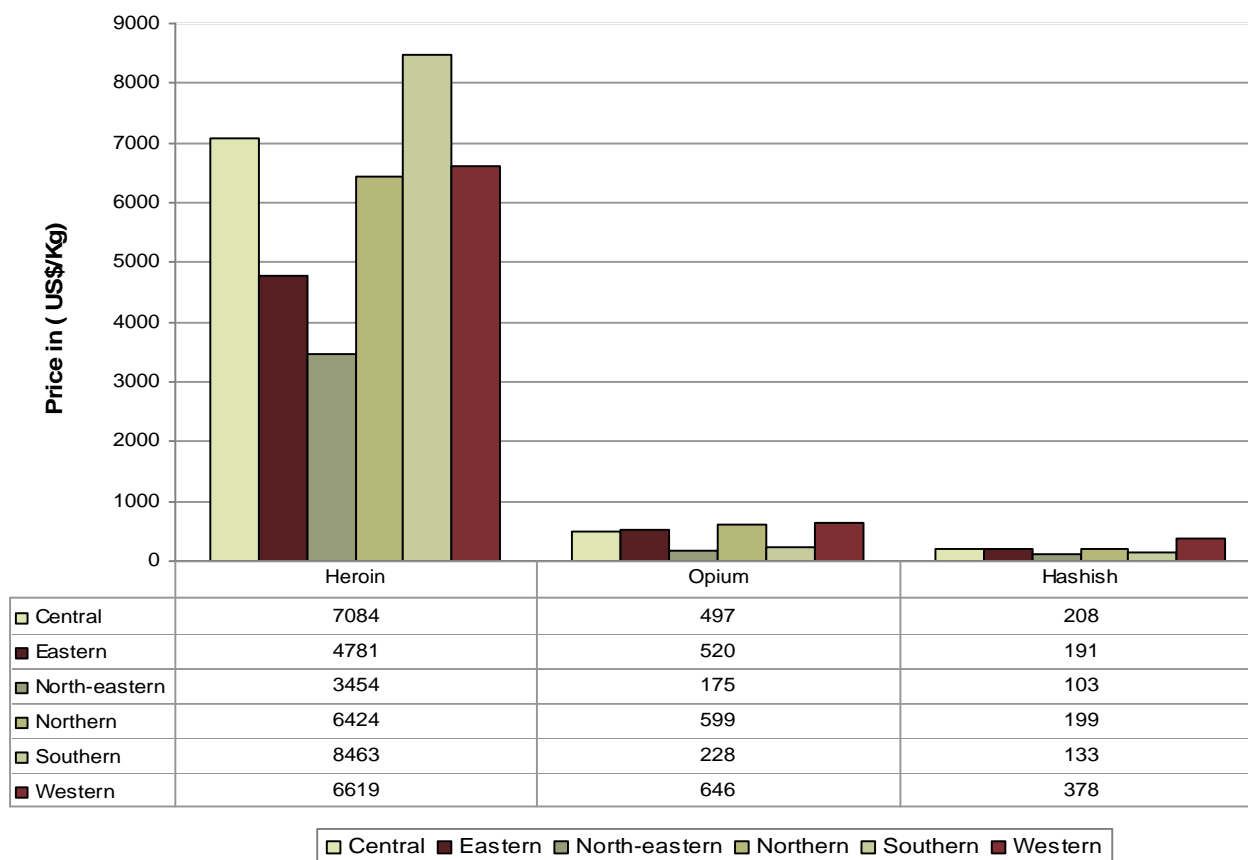


Table 13: Average¹⁴ prices of Heroin, Opium and Hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan, (US\$/kg), November 2011- November 2012

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Nov-Oct) (%)
	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	
Heroin	6,419	6,582	6,397	6,179	6,078	6,716	6,414	6,635	6,460	6,715	6,379	6,070	5,922	-2%
Opium	567	537	539	509	499	488	494	492	471	436	438	423	456	+8%
Hashish	274	276	282	272	263	253	255	245	224	211	206	213	210	-1%

¹³ Simple average of all observations

¹⁴ Simple average of all observations

PRICES OF DRUGS IN PAKISTAN:

The prices of different types of opium, heroin and hashish reported from Quetta and Peshawar in Pakistan are as below:

A. PESHAWAR

OPIUM:

There are three types of dry opium namely Opium - Afghanistan (opium of Afghanistan), Opium - Terra and Opium - Tapa (adulterated) available in Peshawar, Pakistan. Opium-Terra is the most expensive opium reported in Peshawar.

Table 14: Prices of different types of opium in Peshawar, Pakistan in (US\$/Kg):

Types of opium	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Change (Nov-Oct) %
Opium - Terra	461	447	438	481	471	457	463	424	409	406	455	455	478	+5%
Opium - Afghanistan	427	413	405	425	416	397	385	361	350	342	381	392	405	+3%
Opium - Tapa (adulterated)	219	212	214	268	263	253	253	180	181	176	196	201	239	+19%

HEROIN:

There are three types of heroin namely White (Injection), Yellow (Batan) and Saada (Ordinary) available in Peshawar, Pakistan. White (injection) is the most expensive one. White (injection) heroin is the most expensive heroin reported in Peshawar.

Table 15: Prices of different types of heroin in Peshawar, Pakistan in (US\$/Kg):

Types of heroin	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Change (Nov-Oct) %
Heroin - White (Injection)	5,073	4,913	4,835	4,919	4,820	5,124	5,066	4,934	4,990	4,913	5,084	5,031	5,041	+0%
Heroin - Yellow (Batan)	4,843	4,690	4,666	4,752	4,656	4,904	4,845	4,668	4,725	4,700	4,872	4,872	4,833	-1%
Heroin - Saada (Ordinary)	1,499	1,452	1,462	1,789	1,753	1,873	2,037	1,772	1,752	1,784	1,906	1,959	2,027	+3%

HASHISH:

There are three types of hashish namely Hashish - Garda # 1, # 2 and # 3 available in Peshawar, Pakistan. Hashish-Garda#1 is the most expensive hashish reported in Peshawar.

Table 16: Prices of different types of Hashish in Peshawar, Pakistan in (US\$/Kg):

Types of hashish	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Change (Nov-Oct) %
Hashish - Garda # 1	577	558	585	630	624	628	551	541	573	566	572	551	551	+0%
Hashish - Garda # 2	380	369	371	391	383	408	418	403	393	385	392	381	405	+6%
Hashish - Garda # 3	242	235	236	235	230	253	363	340	340	331	318	307	218	-29%

Table 17: Prices of different types of drugs in Peshawar, Pakistan in local currency, (Pak Rupee/kg):

		Price in (Pakistani Rupee)/kg	
Types of drugs	Oct-12	Nov-12	Change (Nov-Oct) %
Opium -Afghanistan	37,000	39,000	+5%
Opium -Tapa (Adulterated)	19,000	23,000	+21%
Opium -Terra	43,000	46,000	+7%
Heroin -White (Injection)	475,000	485,000	+2%
Heroin -Yellow (Batan)	460,000	465,000	+1%
Heroin -Saada (Ordinary)	185,000	195,000	+5%
Hashish -Garda # 1	52,000	53,000	+2%
Hashish -Garda # 2	36,000	39,000	+8%
Hashish -Garda # 3	29,000	21,000	-28%

B. QUETTA

OPIUM:

Table 18: Prices of different quality of opium in Quetta, Pakistan in (US\$/Kg):

Quality of opium	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Change (Nov-Sep) %
High quality	427	455	488	488	+0%
Medium quality	385	402	424	446	+5%
Low quality	320	371	371	382	+3%

HEROIN:

Table 19: Prices of different quality of heroin in Quetta, Pakistan in (US\$/Kg):

Quality of heroin	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Change (Nov-Sep) %
High quality (Crystal)	6,409	6,355	6,362	6,365	+0.1%
Medium quality	3,739	3,601	3,817	3,819	+0.1%
Low quality	2,670	2,383	2,121	2,016	-5%

HASHISH:

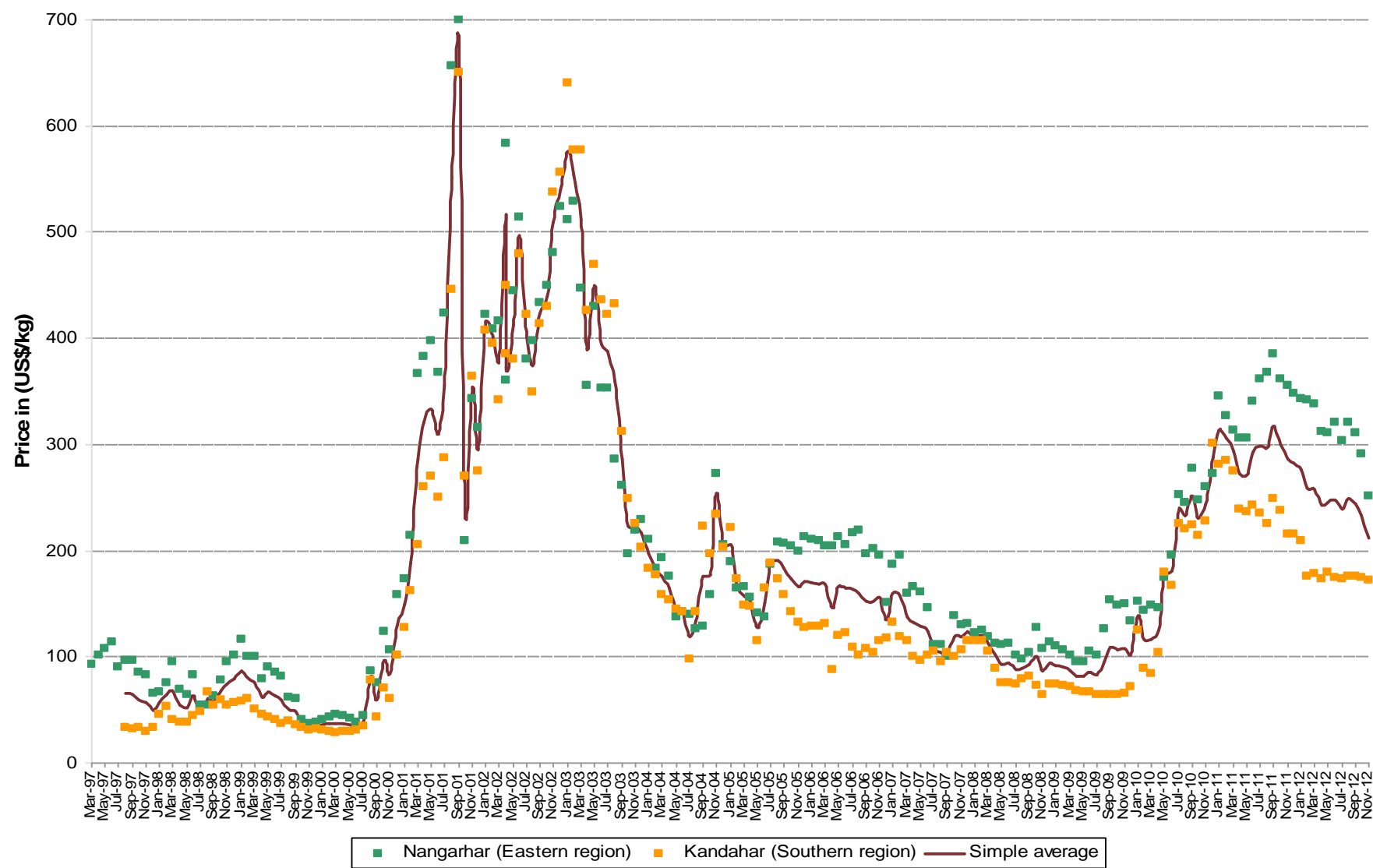
Table 20: Prices of different quality of Hashish in Quetta, Pakistan in (US\$/Kg):

Quality of hashish	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Change (Nov-Sep) %
High quality	342	360	382	382	+0%
Medium quality	299	318	339	339	+0%

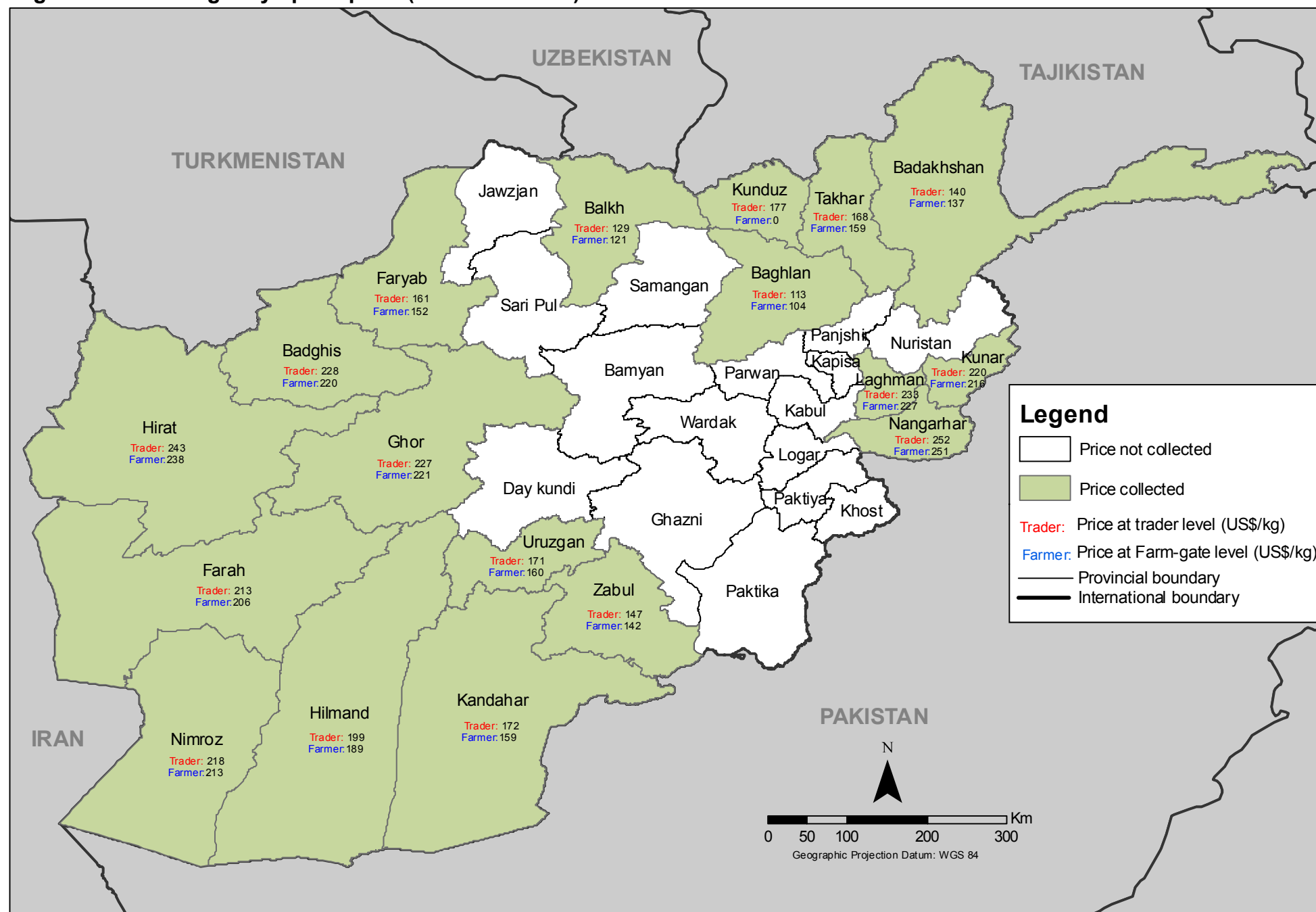
Table 21: Prices of different types of drugs in Quetta, Pakistan in local currency, (Pak Rupee/kg):

Types of drugs	Price in (Pakistani Rupee)/kg		
	Oct-12	Nov-12	Change (Nov-Oct) %
Opium -High quality	46,000	46,000	+0%
Opium -Medium quality	40,000	40,000	+0%
Opium -Low quality	35,000	35,000	+0%
Heroin -High quality (Crystal)	600,000	600,000	+0%
Heroin -Medium quality	360,000	360,000	+0%
Heroin -Low quality	200,000	200,000	+0%
Hashish -High quality	36,000	36,000	+0%
Hashish -Medium quality	32,000	32,000	+0%

Graph 8: Average price of dry opium collected from traders in Nangarhar and Kandahar provinces (US\$/Kg), March 1997 – November 2012



Afghanistan: Average dry opium price (November 2012)



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

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Regional grouping of provinces for the opium poppy survey in Afghanistan



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