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## **Abbreviations**

GPS: Global Positioning System

GLE: Governor-led Eradication

MCN: Ministry of Counter Narcotics

UNODC: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

AGE: Anti Government Element

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TYPICAL GROWTH STAGES OF POPPY	
	
Emergence stage	Cabbage stage
	
Stem-elongation stage	Flowering stage
	
Capsule stage	Lancing stage

## Summary

- MCN & UNODC are joint partners to monitor and verify Governor-led eradication of poppy.
- In 2012 a total of **9,672 hectares** of Governor-led eradication of poppy fields were verified in **18** provinces of Afghanistan namely Badakhshan, Badghis, Baghlan, Day Kundi, Farah, Faryab, Ghor, Hilmand, Hirat, Kabul, Kandahar, Kapisa, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nimorz, Uruzgan and Zabul. Compared to last year, there was an increase of **154%** in Governor-led eradication of poppy fields in Afghanistan. This is due to the special efforts taken by the Ministry of Counter Narcotics towards increased interventions in the pre planting campaigns, pre eradication campaigns and coordination with other ministries such as Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Defense.
- Last year a total of **3,810 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in **18** provinces.
- The highest poppy eradication was verified in Hilmand province (**3,637 hectares**), showing an increase of **87%** than the eradication carried out last year in the same province.
- Quality control of eradication verification was carried out using satellite data in Badakhshan, Baghlan, Day Kundi, Farah, Hilmand, Kabul, Kandahar, Kapisa, Laghman, Nangarhar, Uruzgan and Zabul provinces. Final figures for eradication in these provinces are confirmed after checking with high resolution satellite imageries supported by Heli-pictures. For the other provinces namely Badghis, Faryab, Ghor, Hirat, Kunar and Nimroz provinces, the quality checks for eradication verification was made by scrutinizing the survey forms, checking the area measurement calculations and with the help of field photographs.
- Security situation continued to be unfavorable for Governor-led eradication campaigns this year in all provinces where eradication was carried out. Farmers and AGE resisted against poppy eradication operations since the beginning of Governor-led eradication in different ways. The resistances were in the form of direct attack on eradication team, mine explosions, flooding poppy fields and demonstrations. A total of **117** attacks on GLE teams carried out during the eradication in 2012 showing an increase of **144%** compared to last year when the eradication teams were attacked **48** times. This increase in the attacks on GLE teams in 2012 could be because of more eradication in 2012. Eradication teams have been attacked **3** times in Badakhshan province, **6** times in Badghis province, **3** times in Farah province, **10** times in Faryab province, **46** times in Hilmand province, **2** times in Hirat province, **4** times in Kabul province, **11** times in Kandahar province, **5** times in Kunar province, **4** times in Laghman province, **21** times in Nangarhar province and **2** times in Nimroz province. In these attacks, **102** lives were lost (**29** police, **12** National Army and **61** others) and **127 personnel** were injured (**89** police, **8** National Army and **30** others). In comparison to 2011, there was an increase of **410%** in the number of personnel killed (**20** killed in 2011) and **182%** in the number of personnel injured (**45** injured in 2011) during the eradication campaign.

## 1. Introduction

The Ministry of Counter Narcotics (MCN) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) have joint responsibility of monitoring and verifying opium poppy eradication activities led by the Governors.

Governor-led eradication activities are envisaged in all poppy cultivating provinces. The verifiers in the field were recruited and selected jointly by MCN/UNODC survey coordinators. Two MCN/UNODC reporters were assigned to collect the daily reports from the field verifiers and two MCN staff members were assigned to verify eradication with satellite imageries under UNDOC supervision as part of capacity building activity.

### *Eradication in Target Area*

The Government's National Drugs Control Strategy calls for targeted eradication in areas where it is assessed that opportunities for alternative livelihoods exist. The assessment is made against a range of socio-economic indicators based on a wide range of data-sets. Governors were requested to carry out eradication within target zones. The target zones were demarcated by MCN supported by the UK Government under the programme 'Survey, Monitoring, Training and Verification (SMTV)'. This year, five of the highest cultivating provinces were identified for eradication within target areas (Farah, Hilmand, Kandahar, Nangarhar and Uruzgan).

### *Governor led eradication verification*

Provincial Governors are responsible for eradication of poppy crops in their respective provinces with the support of district governors. Governor-led eradication activities were envisaged in all poppy cultivating provinces of Afghanistan.

Detailed methodology of Governor-led eradication verification is given in **Annex 1**. The areas verified by the eradication verifiers were checked by satellite imageries wherever acquisition of imageries was possible. A total of **112** eradication verifiers were trained on eradication verification techniques and deployed in the field based on eradication plan received from Governors. The eradication verifiers are part of the eradication teams led by the respective provincial Governors. Trained verifiers were deputed in the provinces well in advance before the eradication activities started.

**Table 1: Distribution of verifiers by province**

No	Province	No. of verifiers
1	Badakhshan	11
2	Badghis	5
3	Baghlan	2
4	Day Kundi	2
5	Farah	7
6	Faryab	4
7	Ghor	2
8	Hilmand	26
9	Hirat	4
10	Kabul	6
11	Kandahar	11
12	Kapisa	4
13	Kunar	4
14	Laghman	2
15	Nangarhar	13
16	Nimroz	2
17	Uruzgan	5
18	Zabul	2
<b>Total verifiers</b>		<b>112</b>



## 2. Results

Governor-led poppy eradication were verified and reported from Badakhshan, Badghis, Baghlan, Day Kundi, Farah, Faryab, Ghor, Hilmand, Hirat, Kabul, Kandahar, Kapisa, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nimroz, Uruzgan and Zabul provinces. The areas verified and reported by the eradication verifiers were checked by satellite imageries where satellite imageries. Table 2 below shows the area of Governor-led poppy eradication along with number of fields and villages covered at province level. Detail of Governor-led eradication at district level is given in *Annex 2*.

**Table 2: Governor-led poppy eradication by province, 2012**

Province	Eradication verified (ha)	No. of fields eradication reported	No. of villages eradication reported
Badakhshan	1,784	4,871	208
Badghis	53	40	5
Baghlan	252	435	57
Day Kundi	236	807	13
Farah	316	700	28
Faryab	50	226	19
Ghor	11	47	8
Hilmand	3,637	6,594	289
Hirat	600	2,484	69
Kabul	103	937	35
Kandahar	922	1,364	106
Kapisa	54	731	11
Kunar	70	313	26
Laghman	76	460	7
Nangarhar	784	3,756	65
Nimroz	148	238	9
Uruzgan	485	1,259	42
Zabul	88	224	30
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9,672</b>	<b>25,486</b>	<b>1,027</b>

In 2012, **9,672 hectares** of poppy eradication were verified by physical measurement of **25,486** poppy fields in **1,027** villages and **18** provinces. Quality checks using high resolution satellite image was carried out to authenticate the eradication area reported by verifiers in Badakhshan, Baghlan, Day Kundi, Farah, Hilmand, Kabul, Kandahar, Kapisa, Laghman, Nangarhar, Uruzgan and Zabul provinces. The total eradication verified in 2012 indicates an increase of **154%** compared to last year. In 2011, the total verified Governor-led eradication was **3,810 hectares** in **10,774** poppy fields, **593** villages and **18** provinces.



**Table 3: Governor-led poppy eradication and percentage change, 2012-2011**

Province	Eradication verified (ha) 2011	Eradication verified (ha) 2012	% Change
Badakhshan	367	1,784	386%
Badghis	36	53	47%
Baghlan	31	252	705%
Day Kundi	235	236	0.6%
Farah	212	316	49%
Faryab	2	50	1,967%
Ghor	43	11	-73%
Hilmand	1,940	3,637	87%
Hirat	227	600	164%
Kabul	80	103	28%
Kandahar	287	922	221%
Kapisa	5	54	920%
Kunar	1	70	6,689%
Laghman	21	76	260%
Nangarhar	61	784	1178%
Nimroz	20	148	639%
Uruzgan	154	485	215%
Zabul	85	88	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>9,672</b>	<b>154%</b>

### 3. Eradication inside/outside target Area (Targeted Provinces)

The eradication verified within and outside target area is given in Table 4. Farah, Hilmand, Kandahar, Nangarhar and Uruzgan provinces were targeted provinces for eradication; however Nangarhar province was excluded from the targeted provinces at later stage.

**Table 4: Eradication area in targeted provinces inside/outside target area**

Province	Eradication inside target area-(ha)	Eradication outside target area-(ha)	Eradicated area (ha) - could not be confirmed inside or outside target area	% of Eradication inside target area	Total eradication Verified (ha)
Farah	206	110	0	65%	316
Hilmand	3,143	495	0	86%	3,637
Kandahar	485	97	340	53%	922
Uruzgan	323	162	0	67%	485
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,157</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>5,361</b>

*Note: Initially Nangarhar province was included in the targeted provinces, however at a later stage as decided by EWG, the eradication target area was not considered in Nangarhar province.*

### 4. Quality control of eradication by using satellite imageries

Cross checking of eradication verification reported by field verifiers was carried out using high resolution satellite images. UNODC procured the satellite images based on the field coordinates recorded by verifiers in the eradicated poppy fields to validate authenticity of the reported eradication area. The Governor-led eradication of opium poppy of Badakhshan, Baghlan, Day Kundi, Farah, Hilmand, Hirat, Kabul, Kandahar, Kapisa, Laghman, Nangarhar, Uruzgan and Zabul provinces were checked with satellite imageries. The verification of

quality of eradication with satellite imageries as well as field pictures indicates that the quality of eradication in Hilmand, Hirat and Farah provinces was very good. The verification with satellite imageries was supported with heli-pictures collected through over flights by ALCIS in the provinces of Baghlan, Nangarhar and Laghman.

## Hilmand province:


Out of **3,958 hectares** of GLE reported by verifiers in Hilmand province **2,280 hectares** of eradicated poppy fields were checked with satellite imageries and an over reporting to the extent of **321 hectares** was confirmed. The final eradication figure in Hilmand province has been corrected to **3,637 hectares**.

The snap shots showing the **over reporting** by the verifiers on satellite imageries are shown below:

	<p>Over reporting in Musa Qala district of Hilmand province.  Date of eradication: 2 April 2012  Verifier reported: <b>1.84 ha</b>  Checked with satellite: <b>0.43 ha</b>  <i>Figures in white: reported by verifiers</i>  <i>Figures in yellow: calculated from satellite imagery</i></p>
	<p>Over reporting in Naher-i-Saraj district of Hilmand province.  Date of eradication: 1 April 2012  Verifier reported: <b>10.73 ha</b>  Checked with satellite: <b>3.39 ha</b>  <i>Figures in white: reported by verifiers</i>  <i>Figures in yellow: calculated from satellite imagery</i></p>



The snap shots showing the **under reporting** by the verifiers on satellite imageries are shown below:

	<p>Under reporting in Naher-i-Saraj district of Hilmand province.</p> <p>Date of eradication: 26 March 2012</p> <p>Verifier reported: <b>2.4 ha</b> Checked with satellite: <b>4.04 ha</b></p> <p><i>Figures in white: reported by verifiers</i></p> <p><i>Figures in yellow: calculated from satellite imagery</i></p>
	<p>Eradicated fields not reported by verifiers in Lashkargah district of Hilmand province.</p> <p>Date of eradication: 26 March 2012</p> <p>Verifier reported: <b>1.65 ha</b> Checked with satellite: <b>2.45 ha</b></p> <p><i>Figures in white: reported by verifiers</i></p> <p><i>Figures in yellow: calculated from satellite imagery</i></p>
	<p>Good matching between verifier's report and check with satellite imagery in Lashkargah district of Hilmand province</p> <p>Date of eradication: 22 March 2012</p> <p>Verifier reported: <b>0.76 ha</b> Checked with satellite: <b>0.78 ha</b></p> <p><i>Figures in white: reported by verifiers</i></p> <p><i>Figures in yellow: calculated from satellite imagery</i></p>



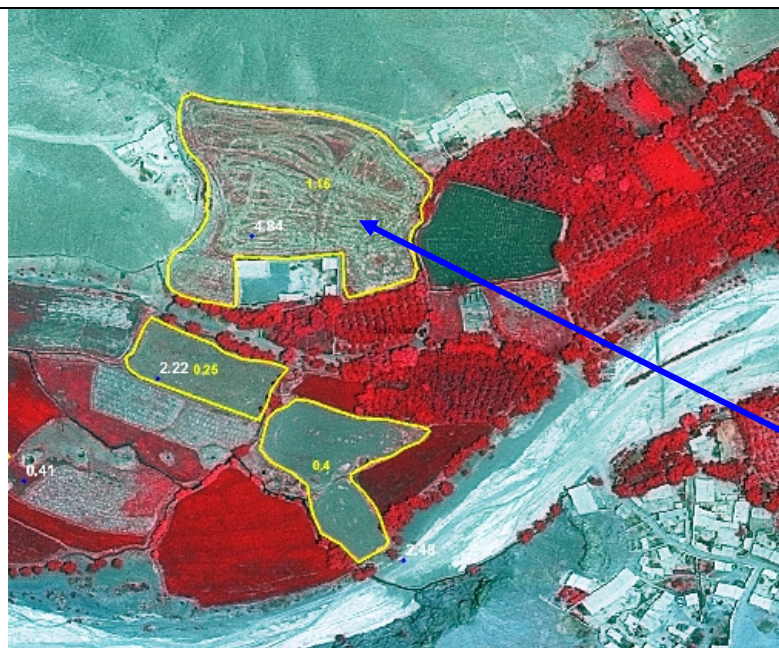
Out of **480 hectares** of GLE reported by verifiers in Farah province, **339 hectares** of eradicated poppy fields were checked with satellite imageries and an over reporting to the extent of **163 hectares** was confirmed. The final eradication figure in Farah province has been corrected to **316 hectares**.

	<p>Over reporting in Bala Buluk district of Farah province.</p> <p>Date of eradication: 18 April 2012</p> <p>Verifier reported: <b>5.62 ha</b> Checked with satellite: <b>2.02 ha</b></p> <p><i>Figures in white: reported by verifiers</i></p> <p><i>Figures in yellow: calculated from satellite imagery</i></p>
	<p>Over reporting in Bala Buluk district of Farah province.</p> <p>Date of eradication: 18 April 2012</p> <p>Verifier reported: <b>3.46 ha</b> Checked with satellite: <b>1.15 ha</b></p>

Out of **2,458 hectares** of GLE reported by verifiers in Kandahar province, **2,030 hectares** of eradicated poppy fields were checked with satellite imageries and an over reporting to the extent of **1,536 hectares** was confirmed. The final eradication figure in Kandahar province has been corrected to **922 hectares**.

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Over reporting in Shah Wali Kot district of Kandahar province.

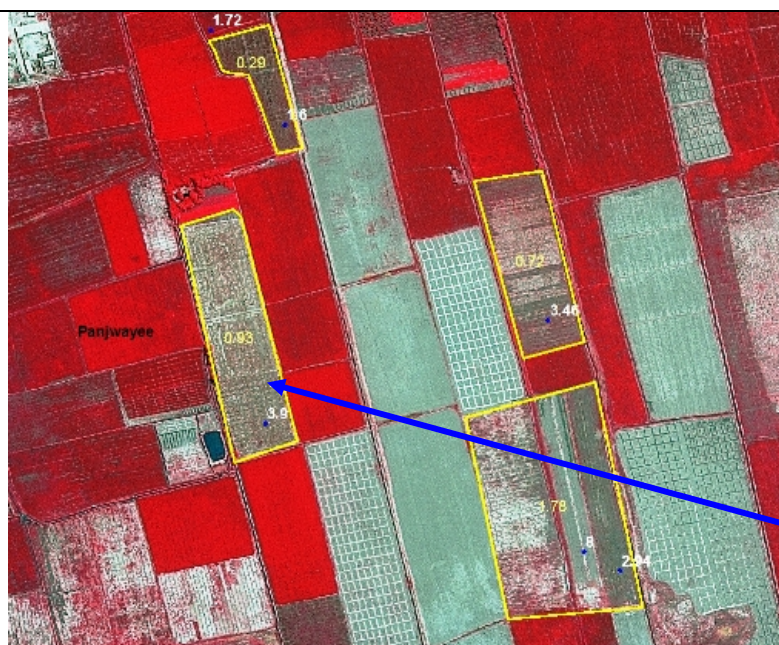
Date of eradication: 22 April 2012

Verifier reported: **9.54 ha**

Checked with satellite: **1.8 ha**

*Figures in white: reported by verifiers*

*Figures in yellow: calculated from satellite imagery*



Over reporting in Panjwayee district of Kandahar province.

Date of eradication: 26 March 2012

Verifier reported: **19.9 ha**

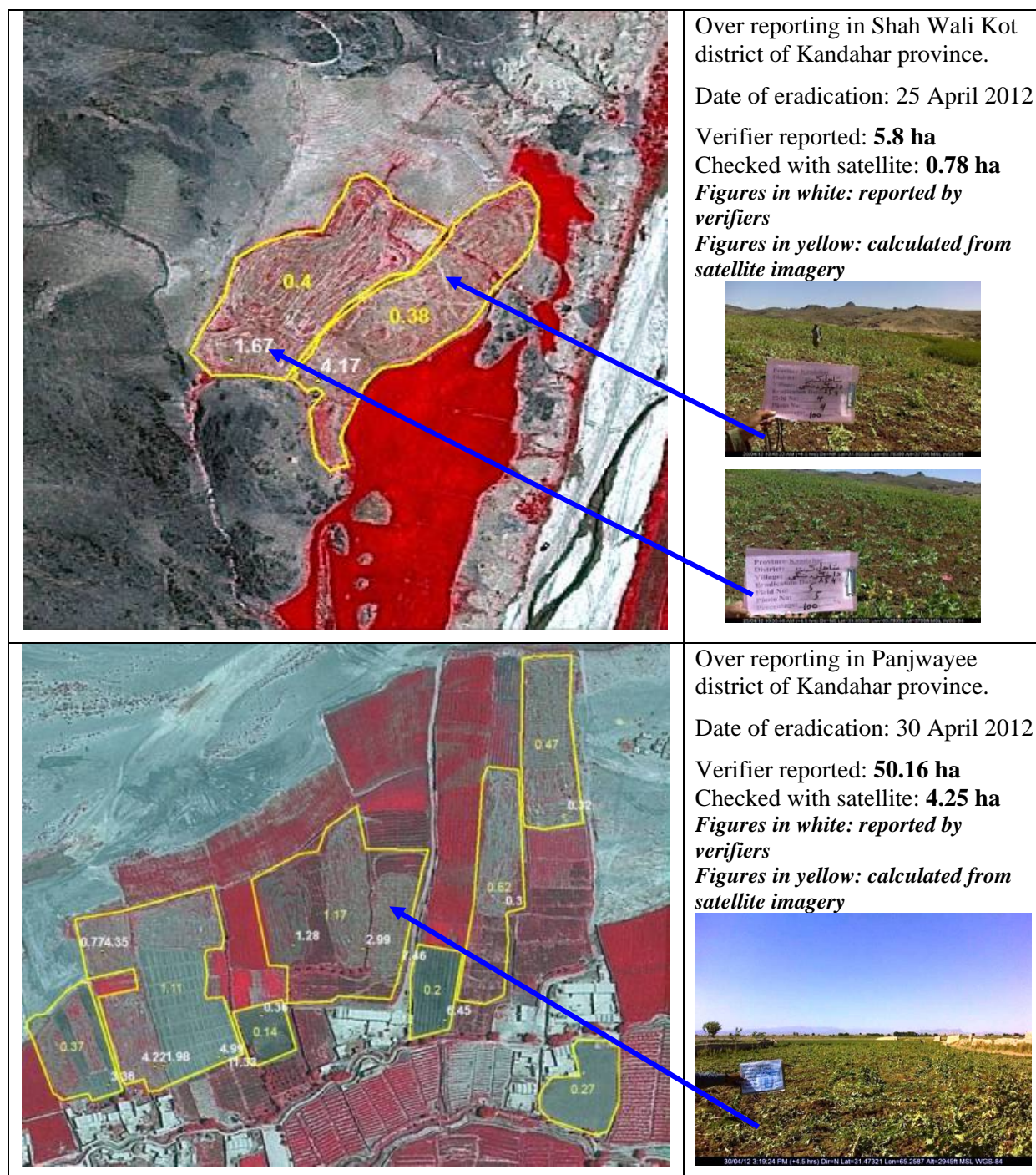
Checked with satellite: **3.72 ha**

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*Figures in yellow: calculated from satellite imagery*







### Nangarhar province:

Out of **1,204 hectares** of GLE reported by verifiers in Nangarhar province, **809 hectares** of eradicated poppy fields were checked with satellite imageries and an over reporting to the extent of **420 hectares** was confirmed. The final eradication figure in Nangarhar province has been corrected to **784 hectares**.

The snap shots showing the over reporting by the verifiers on satellite imageries are shown below:

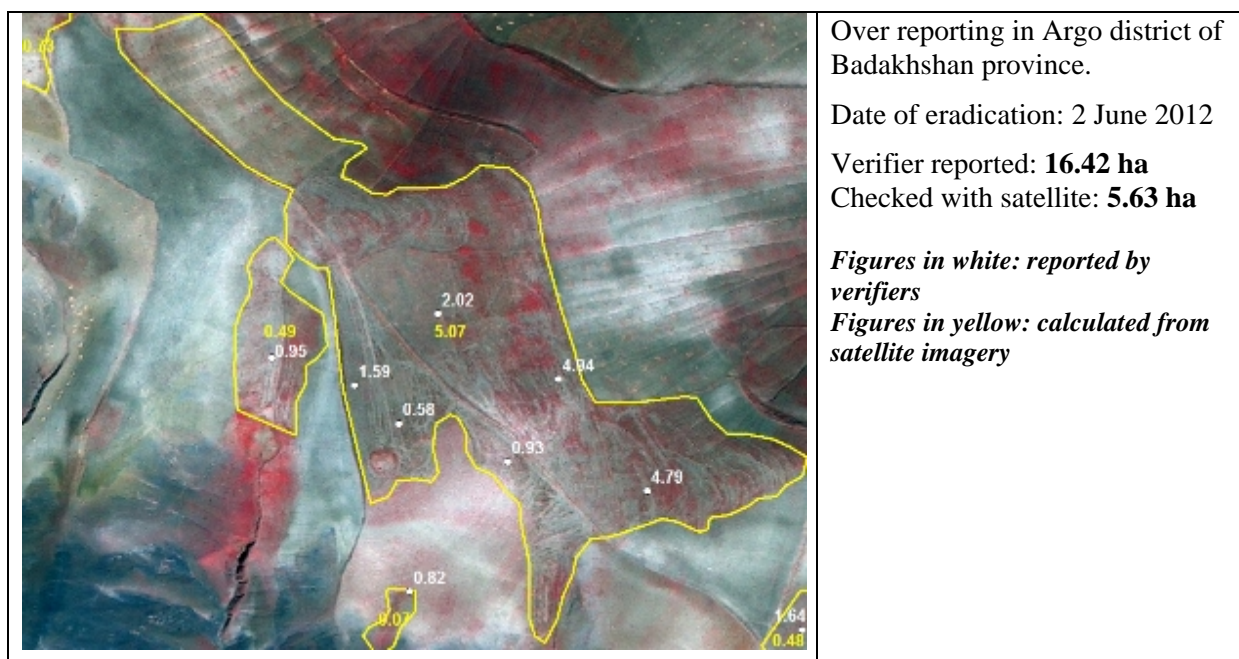


	<p>Over reporting in Khogyani district of Nangarhar province.</p> <p>Date of eradication: 1 April 2012</p> <p>Verifier reported: <b>4.06 ha</b></p> <p>Checked with satellite: <b>1.09 ha</b></p> <p><i>Figures in white: reported by verifiers</i>  <i>Figures in yellow: calculated from satellite imagery</i></p>
	<p>Over reporting in Pachir Wa Agam district of Nangarhar province.</p> <p>Date of eradication: 27 March 2012</p> <p>Verifier reported: <b>6.72 ha</b></p> <p>Checked with satellite: <b>2.1 ha</b></p> <p><i>Figures in white: reported by verifiers</i>  <i>Figures in yellow: calculated from satellite imagery</i></p>

### Badakhshan province:

In Badakhshan province an over reporting to the extent of **610 hectares** was confirmed. The final eradication figure in Badakhshan province has been corrected to **1,784 hectares**.

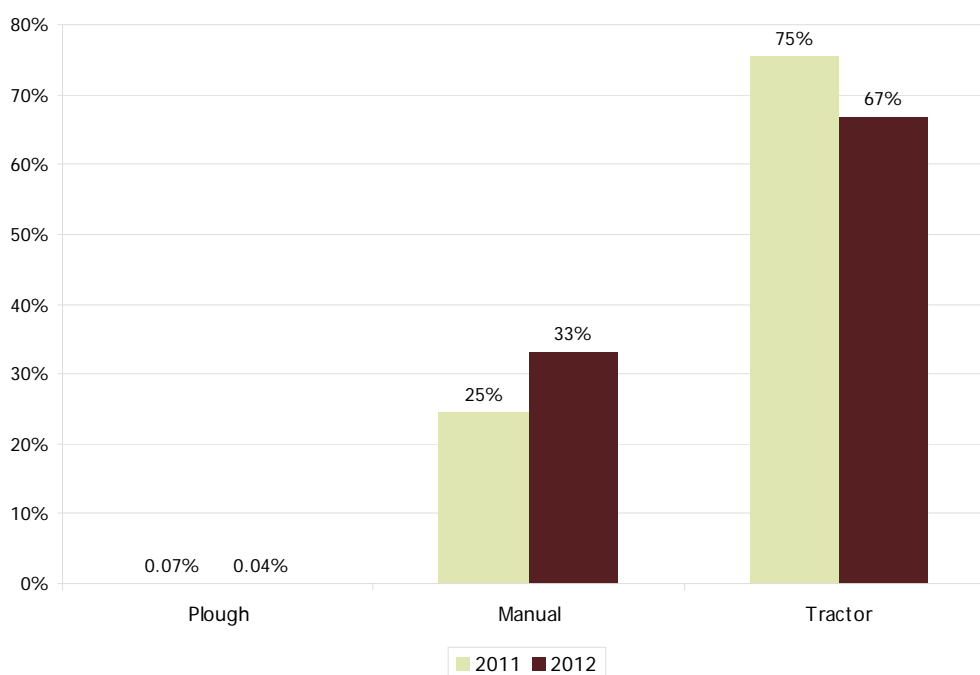
The snap shot showing the over reporting by the verifiers on satellite imageries is shown below:



## 5. Methods of Poppy Eradication

Methods of Governor-led poppy eradication include tractor, manual eradication (using sticks, blade and uprooting by hand) and animal plough. **67%** of the Governor-led eradication was carried out by tractor, **33%** by manual and **0.04%** by animal plough.

**Figure 1: Percentage of poppy eradication by different methods in 2012 and 2011**

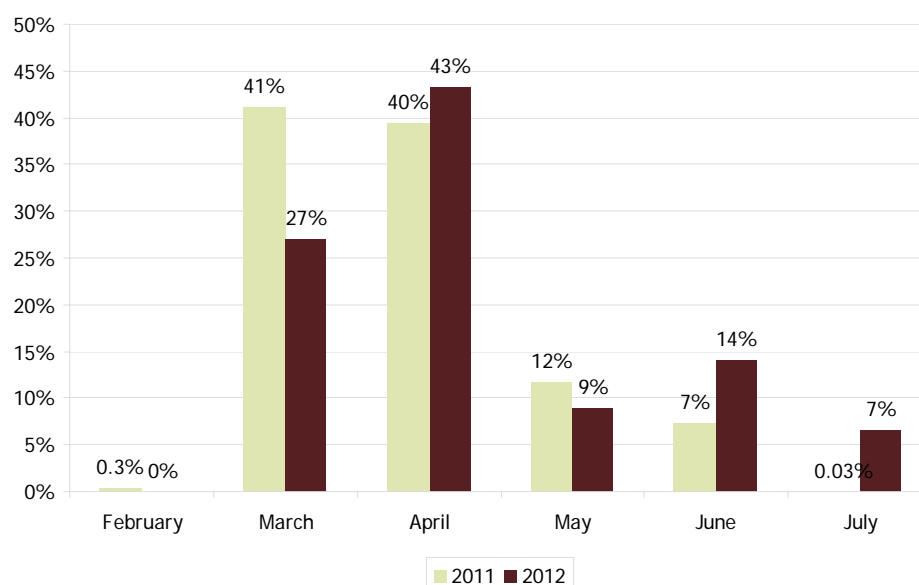




## 6. Timing of Poppy Eradication

The best timing of eradication of opium is when poppy is at cabbage stages since poppy plant can be easily recognized at this stage. Eradication of poppy started earlier in the Central, East, South and West regions (March/April) while it was later in North and North-east regions (May). **79%** of eradication was carried out during the three months from March 2012 to May 2012.

**Figure 2: Percentage of poppy eradication by month in 2012 and 2011**



**Table 5: Start and end dates of Governor-led eradication, 2012**

Region	Province	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Eradication (ha)
Central	Kabul			05-May 22-May			103
	Kapisa		29-Apr	16-May			54
East	Kunar		07-Apr	15-May			70
	Laghman	27-Mar		15-May			76
	Nangarhar	11-Mar		13-May			784
North	Baghlan			30-May		19-Jul	252
	Faryab			21-May	20-Jun		50
North-east	Badakhshan			23-May		16-Jul	1,784
South	Day Kundi		30-Apr	09-May			236
	Hilmand	07-Mar	27-Apr				3,637
	Kandahar	17-Mar		08-May			922
	Uruzgan		19-Apr	11-May			485
	Zabul		30-Apr	05-May			88
West	Badghis		23-Apr	03-May			53
	Farah	17-Mar	29-Apr				316
	Ghor				11-Jun	04-Jul	11
	Hirat	26-Mar		09-May			600
	Nimroz	27-Mar	08-Apr				148

## 7. Comparison of Governor-led poppy eradication in 2012 and 2011

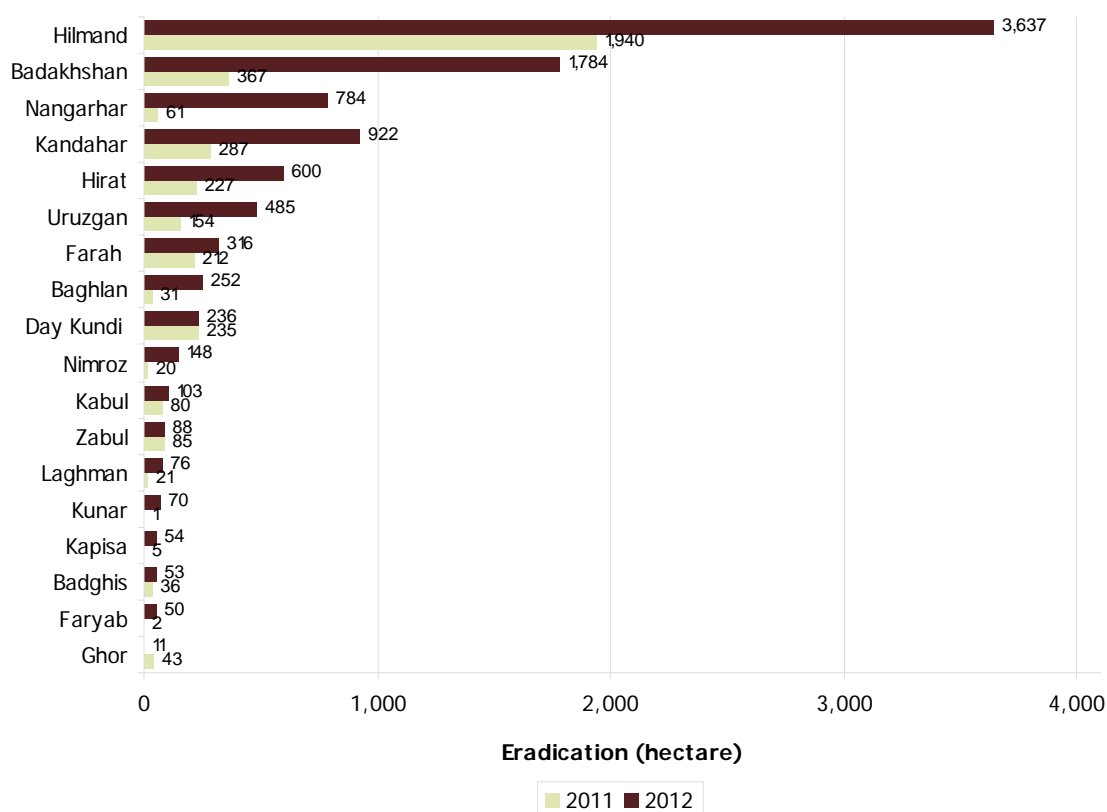
*Major observations on eradication campaign in 2012 and 2011 are:*

- Total poppy eradication carried out in 2012 was **154%** more than 2011. This year the total Governor-led poppy eradication carried out was **9,672 hectares** in **18** provinces compared to **3,810 hectares** in **18** provinces in 2011.
- This year Governor-led poppy eradication campaign commenced in March in most of the regions, while in 2011 the eradication activities began in February in Hilmand and Kandahar provinces in the South region.
- Governor-led poppy eradication campaigns were more active in all regions in 2012 compared to last year.
- This year, the number of security incidents (farmers and AGE resistance) during the eradication campaign was much more than the year 2011. GLE teams were attacked **117** times in 2012 while there were only **48** attacks on GLE teams in 2011. The increase in the security incidents could be because of more eradication carried out in 2012. The number of fatalities was significantly more than last year. This year a total of **102** people were killed during poppy eradication campaign against **20** in 2011.

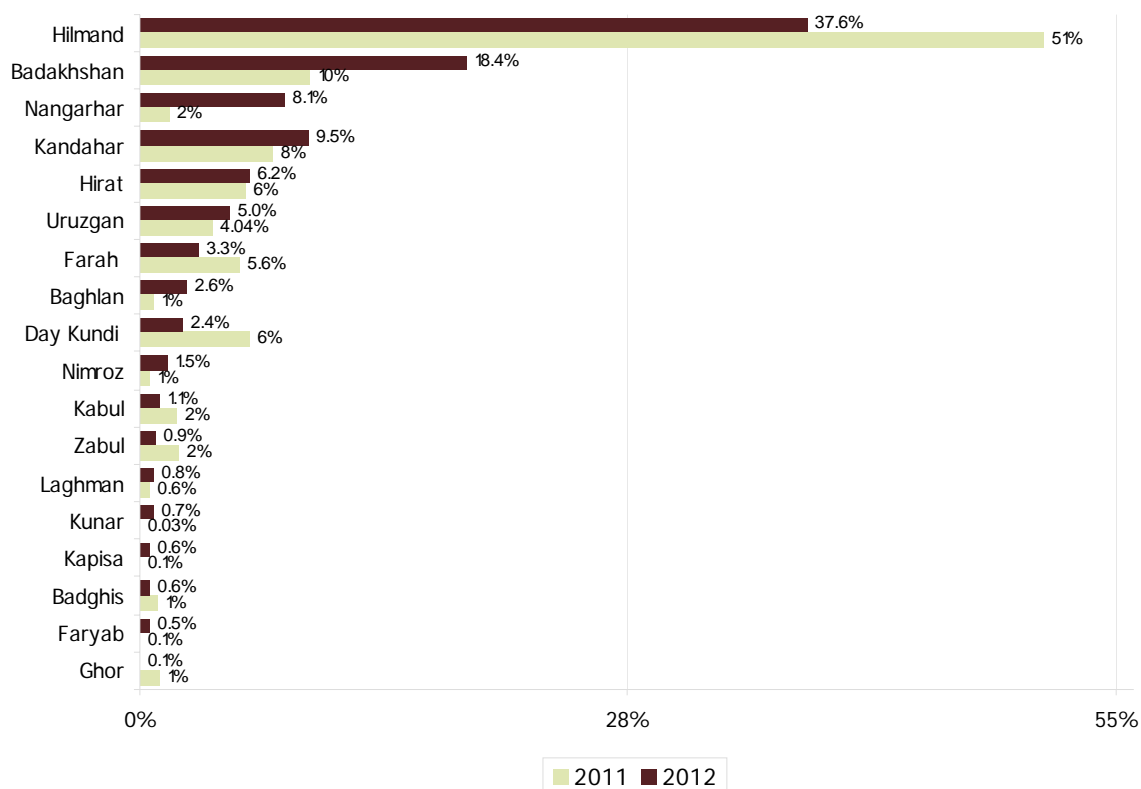
**Table 6: Governor-led eradication and opium poppy cultivation, 2005-2012**

Year	Eradication (ha)	Number of provinces where GLE activities reported	Cultivation (ha)
2005	4,007	11	104,000
2006	13,051	19	165,000
2007	17,035	26	193,000
2008	4,306	17	157,000
2009	2,687	12	123,000
2010	2,316	11	123,000
2011	3,810	18	131,000
2012	9,672	18	NA

**Figure 3: Governor-led Eradication in 2012 and 2011 (hectare)**



**Figure 4: Governor-led Eradication in 2012 and 2011 (Percentage)**



## 8. Regional findings

### Eastern region (Kapisa, Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar):

- *Nangarhar*: A total of **784 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Achin, Chaparhar, Deh Bala, Hesarak, Khugyani, Nazyan and Pachir Wagam districts.
- *Laghman*: A total of **76 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified Alingar, Alishing and Mehterlam (Provincial Center) districts.
- *Kunar*: A total of **70 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Chawkay, Dangam, Narang, Noor Gal, Pech (Manogay), Sar Kani and Shigal Wa Sheltan districts.
- *Kapisa*: A total of **54 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Hissa-i-Awal Kohistan, Koh Band, Nijrab and Tagab districts.

	
<p>Governor-led Eradication in Achin district of Nangarhar province</p>	<p>Governor-led Eradication in Alingar district of Laghman province</p>
	
<p>Governor-led Eradication in Narang district of Kunar province</p>	<p>Governor-led Eradication in Tagab district of Kapisa province</p>

### Southern region (Day Kundi, Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul):

- *Day Kundi*: A total of **252 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Kejran and Kiti districts.



- **Hilmand:** A total of **3,637 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Garm Ser, Lashkargah (Provincial Center), Musa Qala, Nad-Ali (Marja), Naher-i-Saraj, Nawa-i-Barukzai, Nawzad, Regi-i-Khan Nishin and Sangin districts.
- **Kandahar:** A total of **922 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Arghandab, Kandahar (Provincial Center), Maiwand, Panjwayee, Shah Wali Kot and Zhire districts.
- **Uruzgan:** A total of **485 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Dihrawud and Tirinkot (Provincial Center) districts.
- **Zabul:** A total of **88 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Arghandab, Mizan, Qalat (Provincial Center) and Tarnak Wa Jaldak districts.

 <p>Province: Helmand District: <i>لشکرگاه</i> Village: <i>گرم سر</i> Eradication Date: 13/03/12 Field No: 12 Photo No: 12 Percentage: 100%</p> <p>13/03/12 1:13:03 PM (+4.5 hrs) Dir=NNW Lat=31.50842 Lon=64.24394 Alt=2547ft MSL WGS-84</p>	 <p>Province: Helmand District: <i>موسا قالا</i> Village: <i>موسا قالا</i> Eradication Date: 18/04/12 Field No: 3 Photo No: 3 Percentage: 100%</p> <p>17/04/12 11:20:56 AM (+4.5 hrs) Dir=SSW Lat=32.1846 Lon=64.8404 Alt=3140ft MSL WGS-84</p>
<p>Governor-led Eradication in Lashkargah (Provincial Center) district of Hilmand province</p>	<p>Governor-led Eradication in Musa Qala district of Hilmand province</p>
 <p>Province: Helmand District: <i>نادر علی</i> Village: <i>نادر علی</i> Eradication Date: 11/03/12 Field No: 10 Photo No: 10 Percentage: 100%</p> <p>11/03/12 12:03:34 PM (+4.5 hrs) Dir=ENE Lat=31.53168 Lon=64.24992 Alt=2549ft MSL WGS-84</p>	 <p>Province: Kandahar District: <i>ارغنداب</i> Village: <i>ارغنداب</i> Eradication Date: 15/04/12 Field No: 10 Photo No: 10 Percentage: 100%</p> <p>15/04/12 5:12:41 PM (+4.5 hrs) Dir=SSE Lat=31.66026 Lon=65.56582 Alt=3346ft MSL WGS-84</p>
<p>Governor-led Eradication in Nad Ali district of Hilmand province</p>	<p>Governor-led Eradication in Arghandab district of Kandahar province</p>

	
<p>Governor-led Eradication in Panjwayee district of Kandahar province</p>	<p>Governor-led Eradication in Zhire district of Kandahar province</p>
	
<p>Governor-led Eradication in Tirinkot (Provincial Center) district of Uruzgan province</p>	<p>Governor-led Eradication in Mizan district of Zabul province</p>

### Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat, Nimroz):



- *Badghis*: A total of **53 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Muqur district.
- *Farah*: A total of **316 hectares** of Governor-led eradication were verified in Bala Buluk and Farah (Provincial Center) districts.
- *Ghor*: A total of **11 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Chighcheran (Provincial Center) district.
- *Hirat*: A total of **600 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Shindand district.
- *Nimroz*: A total of **148 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Chakhansur, Char Burjak, Khashrod and Zaranj (Provincial Center) districts.



 <p>19/04/12 10:48:37 AM (+4.5 hrs) Dir=N Lat=32.60596 Lon=62.4657 Alt=2488ft MSL WGS-84</p>	 <p>31/03/12 9:48:14 AM (+4.5 hrs) Dir=S Lat=33.3502 Lon=62.22475 Alt=3801ft MSL WGS-84</p>
<p>Governor-led Eradication in Farah (Provincial Center) district of Farah province</p>	<p>Governor-led Eradication in Shindand district of Hirat province</p>
 <p>23/04/12 9:13:44 AM (+4.5 hrs) Dir=SE Lat=35.10056 Lon=63.38919 Alt=3198ft MSL WGS-84</p>	 <p>31/03/12 10:21:11 AM (+4.5 hrs) Dir=W Lat=30.17023 Lon=62.59494 Alt=1799ft MSL WGS-84</p>
<p>Governor-led Eradication in Muqur district of Badghis province</p>	<p>Governor-led Eradication in Khashrod district of Nimroz province</p>

### Northern region (Baghlan, Faryab):





- *Baghlan*: A total of **252 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Andarab (Bano), Deh Salah and Pul-i-Hisar districts.
- *Faryab*: A total of **50 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Kohistan, Pashtun Kot and Qaisar districts.

 <p>Province: Faryab District: Kohistanat Village: Ghalmori Date: 15/06/2012 Field NO: (01) N: 35.21464 E: 64.40908</p>	 <p>Province: BAGHLAN District: PUL-I-HESAR Village: CHAMN Date: 07/06/2012 N: 35.66649 E: 69.39569 Field NO: 06</p> <p>Baghlan Pul-e-hesar Chaman 07/06/2012 (6)</p>
<p>Governor-led Eradication in Kohistanat district of Faryab province</p>	<p>Governor-led Eradication in Pul-i-Hisar district of Baghlan province</p>





## North-eastern region (Badakhshan):

- Badakhshan:** A total of **1,784 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Argo, Baharak, Darayim, Jurm, Khash, Kishim, Shahri Buzurg and Tashkan districts.

	
<p>Governor-led Eradication in Argo district of Badakhshan province</p>	<p>Governor-led Eradication in Darayim district of Badakhshan province</p>
	
<p>Governor-led Eradication in Khash district of Badakhshan province</p>	<p>Growth stage of wheat in Jurm district of Badakhshan province</p>

## Central region (Kabul):

- Kabul:** A total of **103 hectares** of Governor-led poppy eradication were verified in Surubi district.

	
<p>Governor-led Eradication in Surubi district of Kabul province</p>	<p>Governor-led Eradication in Surubi district of Kabul province</p>



## 9. Farmers/AGE resistance and Security incidents during GLE-2012

Farmers and Anti-Government elements resisted against poppy eradication. The resistances were in the form of direct attack, mine explosions, flooding poppy fields and demonstrations. The security incidents in the form of direct attack and mine explosions resulted in the death of **102** people (**29** National Police, **12** National Army and **60** farmers and **1** verifier) and injuring of **127** people (**89** National Police, **8** National Army and **30** farmers). Last year **20** people were killed during GLE (**13** Police and **7** farmers) and **45** were injured (**40** Police and **5** farmers/tractor driver).

**Table 7: Security incidents and casualties during GLE, 2012**

Province	Number of security incident	Number of people dead	Number of people injured	Eradication (ha)
Badakhshan	3	0	1	1,784
Badghis	6	5	3	53
Baghlan	0	0	0	252
Day Kundi	0	0	0	236
Farah	3	0	6	316
Faryab	10	2	4	50.4
Ghor	0	0	0	11
Hilmand	46	29	48	3,637
Hirat	2	0	2	600
Kabul	4	0	2	103
Kandahar	11	5	9	922
Kapisa	0	0	0	54
Kunar	5	0	1	70
Laghman	4	13	4	76
Nangarhar	21	48	47	784
Nimroz	2	0	0	148
Uruzgan	0	0	0	485
Zabul	0	0	0	88
<b>Total:</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>9,672</b>



Security incidents in Hilmand and Kandahar provinces during eradication campaign 2012

**Table 8: Detail of casualties reported during GLE, 2012**

PROVINCE	DISTRICT	Number of police dead	Number of police injured	Number of National Army dead	Number of National Army injured	Number of other dead	Number of other injured	Eradication (ha)
Badakhshan	Argo	0	1	0	0	0	0	792
	Bahark	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Darayim	0	0	0	0	0	0	291
	Jurm	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
	Khash	0	0	0	0	0	0	131
	Kishim	0	0	0	0	0	0	138
	Shahri Buzurg	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
	Tashkan	0	0	0	0	0	0	360
<b>Badakhshan Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,784</b>
Badghis	Muqur	0	1	5	1	0	1	53
<b>Badghis Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>53</b>
Baghlan	Andarab (Bano)	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
	Deh Salah	0	0	0	0	0	0	126
	Puli-i-Hisar	0	0	0	0	0	0	116
<b>Baghlan Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>252</b>
Day Kundi	Kejran	0	0	0	0	0	0	150
	Kiti	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
<b>Day Kundi Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>236</b>
Farah	Bala Buluk	0	6	0	0	0	0	200
	Farah (Provincial Center )	0	0	0	0	0	0	116
<b>Farah Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>316</b>
Faryab	Kohistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
	Pashtun Kot	1	3	1	1	0	0	6
	Qaisar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
<b>Faryab Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>
Ghor	Chighcheran (Provincial Center)	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
<b>Ghor Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>
Hilmand	Garm Ser	0	0	0	0	4	4	194
	Lashkargah (Provincial Center)	3	18	0	0	0	1	1,182
	Musa Qala	3	1	0	0	0	0	117
	Nad Ali (Marja)	5	7	0	0	5	0	926
	Naher-i- Saraj	1	12	0	0	0	0	311
	Nawa-i- Barukzai	0	1	0	0	7	0	321
	Nawzad	0	2	0	0	0	0	189
	Regi-i-Khan Nishin	0	0	0	0	0	0	280
	Sangiin Qala	1	2	0	0	0	0	117
<b>Hilmand Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3,637</b>
Hirat	Shindand	0	0	0	2	0	0	600
<b>Hirat Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>600</b>
Kabul	Surubi	0	2	0	0	0	0	103
<b>Kabul Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103</b>
Kandahar	Arghandab	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
	Kandahar (Provincial Center)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Maiwand	4	4	0	0	0	1	492
	Panjwayee	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
	Shah Wali Kot	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
	Zhire	0	0	0	4	1	0	278
		<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>922</b>
Kapisa	Hissa-i-Awal Kohistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.86
	Koh Band	0	0	0		0	0	16
	Nijrab	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Tagab	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
<b>Kapisa Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>
Kunar	Chawkay	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
	Dangam	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
	Narang	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
	Noor Gal	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
	Pech (Manogay)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Sar Kani	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Shigal Wa Sheltan	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
<b>Kunar Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>
Laghman	Alingar	0	4	6	0	7	0	40
	Alishing	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
	Mehterlam (Provincial Center)	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
<b>Laghman Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76</b>
Nangarhar	Achin (Speen Ghar)	0	5	0	0	1	2	362
	Chaparhar	0	0	0	0	0	0	175
	Deh Bala	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
	Hesarak	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
	Khugyani	10	17	0	0	35	19	76
	Nazyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
	Pachir Wagam	1	2	0	0	1	2	94
<b>Nangarhar Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>784</b>
Nimroz	Chakhansur	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
	Char Burjak	0	0	0	0	0	0	73
	Khashrod	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
	Zaranj (Provincial Center)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2
<b>Nimroz Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>148</b>
Uruzgan	Dihrawud	0	0	0	0	0	0	119
	Tirinkot (Provincial Center)	0	0	0	0	0	0	366
<b>Uruzgan Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>485</b>
Zabul	Arghandab	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
	Mizan	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
	Qalat (Provincial Center)	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Tamak Wa Jaldak	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
<b>Zabul Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9,672</b>

**Table 9: Farmers and AGEs resistance by district during GLE, 2012**

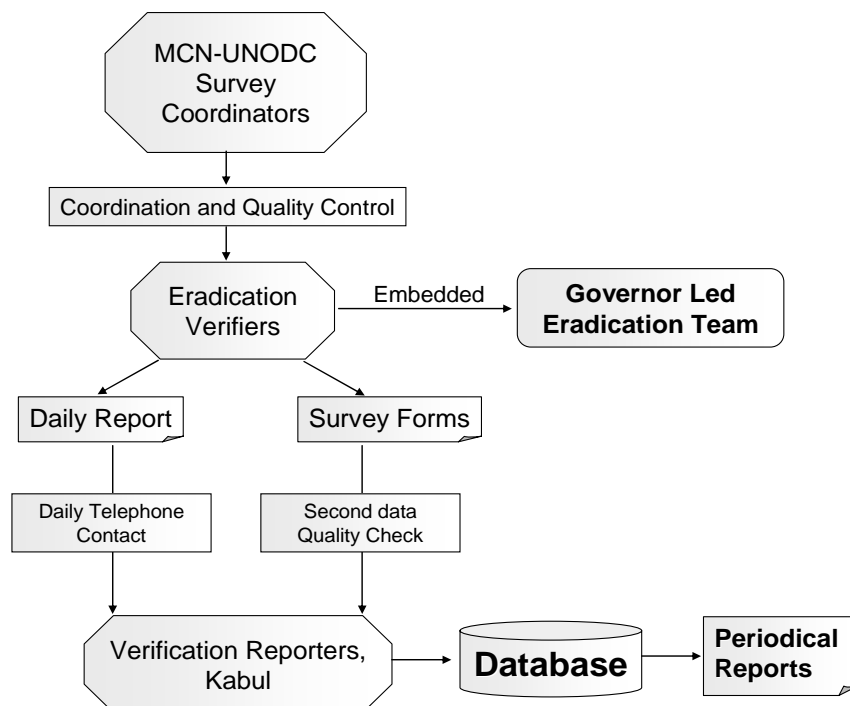
PROVINCE	DISTRICT	Farmers' resistance	Number of resistance
Badakhshan	Argo	Attack	2
	<b>Argo Total</b>		<b>2</b>
	Darayim	Attack and Demonstration	1
	<b>Darayim Total</b>		<b>1</b>
Badghis	Muqur	Attack	4
		Attack and Mine blast	2
	<b>Muqur Total</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Badghis Total</b>			<b>6</b>
Farah	Bala Buluk	Attack	3
		Watering Field	9
	<b>Bala Buluk Total</b>		<b>12</b>
	Farah (Provincial Center )	Watering Field	8
	<b>Farah (Provincial Center ) Total</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Farah Total</b>			<b>20</b>
Faryab	Pashtun Kot	Attack	8
	<b>Pashtun Kot Total</b>		<b>8</b>
	Qaisar	Attack	2
	<b>Qaisar Total</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Faryab Total</b>			<b>10</b>
Hilmand	Garm Ser	Mine blast and Watering field	2
		Watering Field	13
	<b>Garm Ser Total</b>		<b>15</b>
	Lashkargah (Provincial Center)	Attack	6
		Attack and Mine blast	4
		Attack and Watering Field	14
		Attack, Mine blast and Watering Field	3
		Mine blast	1
		Watering Field	16
	<b>Lashkargah (Provincial Center) Total</b>		<b>44</b>
	Musa Qala	Attack	3
		Attack and Mine blast	2
		Attack and Watering Field	8
		Watering Field	2
	<b>Musa Qala Total</b>		<b>15</b>
	Nad Ali (Marja)	Attack	7
		Attack and Mine blast	2
		Attack and Watering Field	14
		Attack, Mine blast and Watering Field	6
		Watering Field	28
	<b>Nad Ali (Marja) Total</b>		<b>57</b>
	Naheer-i- Saraj	Attack	2
		Attack and Watering Field	28
		Attack, Mine blast and Watering Field	27
		Mine blast and Watering field	6
		Watering Field	6
	<b>Naheer-i- Saraj Total</b>		<b>69</b>
	Nawa-i- Barukzai	Attack and Watering Field	2
		Mine blast	1
		Mine blast and Watering field	1
		Watering Field	16
	<b>Nawa-i- Barukzai Total</b>		<b>20</b>
	Nawzad	Attack	5
		Attack and Watering Field	6
		Mine blast	2
		Watering Field	3
	<b>Nawzad Total</b>		<b>16</b>
	Sangiin Qala	Attack and Watering Field	10
		Watering Field	14
	<b>Sangiin Qala Total</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>Hilmand Total</b>			<b>260</b>
Hirat	Shindand	Attack	1
		Demonstration	1
		Mine blast	1
		Watering Field	61
	<b>Shindand Total</b>		<b>64</b>
<b>Hirat Total</b>			<b>64</b>
Kabul	Surubi	Attack	3
		Attack and Watering Field	2
	<b>Surubi Total</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Kabul Total</b>			<b>5</b>

**Table 9: Contd.....**

PROVINCE	DISTRICT	Farmers' resistance	Number of resistance
Kandahar	Arghandab	Attack, Watering Field and Demonstration	3
		Demonstration	1
		Watering Field and Demonstration	10
	Arghandab Total		14
	Maiwand	Attack	2
		Attack and Watering Field	4
		Demonstration	1
		Mine blast	1
		Watering Field	7
		Watering Field and Demonstration	8
	Maiwand Total		23
	Panjwayee	Demonstration	1
		Watering Field and Demonstration	10
	Panjwayee Total		11
	Shah Wali Kot	Attack and Watering Field	4
		Watering Field	12
		Watering Field and Demonstration	8
Shah Wali Kot Total		24	
Zhire	Attack	4	
	Mine blast	1	
Zhire Total		5	
Kandahar Total		77	
Kapisa	Koh Band	Watering Field	2
	Koh Band Total		2
Kapisa Total		2	
Kunar	Chawkay	Attack and Watering Field	4
	Chawkay Total		4
	Narang	Attack	1
	Narang Total		1
	Noor Gal	Watering Field	7
	Noor Gal Total		7
	Sar Kani	Attack	1
	Sar Kani Total		1
	Shigal Wa Sheltan	Attack	2
		Watering Field	2
Shigal Wa Sheltan Total		4	
Kunar Total		17	
Laghman	Alingar	Attack	1
		Attack and Mine blast	2
	Alingar Total		3
	Alishing	Attack	1
		Watering Field	1
Alishing Total		2	
Laghman Total		5	
Nangarhar	Achin (Speen Ghar)	Attack	1
		Mine blast	2
	Achin (Speen Ghar) Total		3
	Chaparhar	Attack, Mine blast	2
		Mine blast	2
	Chaparhar Total		4
	Hesarak	Demonstration	1
	Hesarak Total		1
	Khugyani	Attack	3
		Attack and Mine blast	6
		Attack, Mine blast, Watering Field and Demonstration	16
		Watering Field and Demonstration	4
	Khugyani Total		29
Pachir Wagam	Attack and Watering Field	2	
	Attack, Mine blast and Watering Field	3	
	Watering Field	6	
Pachir Wagam Total		11	
Nangarhar Total		48	
Nimroz	Chakhansur	Watering Field	2
	Chakhansur Total		2
	Khashrod	Attack, Mine blast and Watering Field	3
		Watering Field	3
	Khashrod Total		6
Nimroz Total		8	
Uruzgan	Dihrawud	Demonstration	3
	Dihrawud Total		3
	Tirinkot (Provincial Center)	Watering Field	2
		Watering Field and Demonstration	2
	Tirinkot (Provincial Center) Total		4
Uruzgan Total		7	
Grand Total		532	

## Annex 1

### Methodology: Governor-led eradication verification



1. Eradication verifiers are part of the governor-led eradication teams.
2. The verifiers take measurements of each eradicated field, collect its GPS coordinates and photographs using new GPS camera.
3. The verifiers draw sketch maps of each field as a reference for area calculations done at a later stage in the Kabul office.
4. The verification reporting officers in Kabul obtain the provisional data from the verifiers through telephone (mobile/satellite phones) and update the database on a daily basis.
5. The verifiers fill in hardcopy survey forms and submit them to the UNODC regional offices. The forms are then sent to the Kabul office for data entry. Quality control is undertaken by MCN/UNODC survey inspectors and regional survey coordinators at the regional level.
6. In Hilmand province, the area calculations of the eradicated poppy fields is facilitated by calculating the area of fields automatically using a standard template in Excel file, thus avoiding manual calculation errors at field level.
7. MCN/UNODC publishes periodical reports to inform stakeholders on eradication activities. The eradication figures provided in these reports are provisional.
8. The updated eradicated area figure for each province is reported in the periodical reports.
9. Further validation of the results is done using data obtained through helicopter flights, as well as from satellite imagery to calculate the final area of eradicated poppy fields wherever possible.
10. Pressure of any kind on verifiers to influence their reporting may lead to the suspension or cancellation of the verification survey in that region.
11. The verification survey does not cover self-eradication.



## Annex 2:

### Governor-led poppy eradication by district, 2012

Province	DISTRICT	Eradication verified (ha)	No. of fields eradication reported	No. of villages eradication reported
Badakhshan	Argo	792	2,261	85
	Bahark	1	4	1
	Darayim	291	729	38
	Jurm	51	249	17
	Khash	131	497	16
	Kishim	138	670	24
	Shahri Buzurg	21	52	4
	Tashkan	360	409	23
<b>Badakhshan Total</b>		<b>1,784</b>	<b>4,871</b>	<b>208</b>
Badghis	Muqur	53	40	5
<b>Badghis Total</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5</b>
Baghlan	Andarab (Bano)	10	29	5
	Deh Salah	126	241	30
	Pul-i-Hisar	116	165	22
<b>Baghlan Total</b>		<b>252</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>57</b>
Day Kundi	Kejran	150	523	10
	Kiti	86	284	3
<b>Day Kundi Total</b>		<b>236</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>13</b>
Farah	Bala Buluk	200	452	17
	Farah (Provincial Center)	116	248	11
<b>Farah Total</b>		<b>316</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>28</b>
Faryab	Kohistan	44	160	9
	Pashtun Kot	6	61	8
	Qaisar	0.5	5	2
<b>Faryab Total</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>19</b>
Ghor	Chighcheran (Provincial Center)	11	47	8
<b>Ghor Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>8</b>
Hilmand	Garm Ser	194	265	27
	Lashkargah (Provincial Center)	1,182	2,095	40
	Musa Qala	117	285	18
	Nad Ali (Marja)	926	2,141	71
	Naher-i- Saraj	311	448	37
	Nawa-i- Barukzai	321	766	29
	Nawzad	189	188	20
	Regi-i-Khan Nishin	280	186	26
	Sangin Qala	117	220	21
<b>Hilmand Total</b>		<b>3,637</b>	<b>6,594</b>	<b>289</b>
Hirat	Shindand	600	2,484	69
<b>Hirat Total</b>		<b>600</b>	<b>2,484</b>	<b>69</b>
Kabul	Surubi	103	937	35
<b>Kabul Total</b>		<b>103</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>35</b>
Kandahar	Arghandab	80	73	8
	Kandahar (Provincial Center)	3	8	2
	Maiwand	492	338	21
	Panjwayee	68	235	17
	Shah Wali Kot	88	166	19
	Zhire	278	544	39
<b>Kandahar Total</b>		<b>922</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>106</b>

Annex2: Contd....

Province	DISTRICT	Eradication verified (ha)	No. of fields eradication reported	No. of villages eradication reported
Kapisa	Hissa-i-Awal Kohistan	0.86	13	1
	Koh Band	16	319	3
	Nijrab	6	73	3
	Tagab	32	326	4
<b>Kapisa Total</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>11</b>
Kunar	Chawkay	16	62	6
	Dangam	9	36	2
	Narang	5	20	3
	Noor Gal	12	77	7
	Pech (Manogay)	3	12	2
	Sar Kani	5	16	2
	Shigal Wa Sheltan	21	90	4
<b>Kunar Total</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>26</b>
Laghman	Alingar	40	196	2
	Alishing	17	140	4
	Mehterlam (Provincial Center)	19	124	1
<b>Laghman Total</b>		<b>76</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>7</b>
Nangarhar	Achin (Speen Ghar)	362	1,954	32
	Chaparhar	175	536	3
	Deh Bala	38	211	3
	Hesarak	28	139	5
	Khugyani	76	533	12
	Nazyan	11	40	2
	Pachir Wagam	94	343	8
<b>Nangarhar Total</b>		<b>784</b>	<b>3,756</b>	<b>65</b>
Nimroz	Chakhansur	11	38	2
	Char Burjak	73	46	2
	Khashrod	64	152	4
	Zaranj (Provincial Center)	0.20	2	1
<b>Nimroz Total</b>		<b>148</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>9</b>
Uruzgan	Dihrawud	119	443	25
	Tirinkot (Provincial Center)	366	816	17
<b>Uruzgan Total</b>		<b>485</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>42</b>
Zabul	Arghandab	47	95	10
	Mizan	15	40	5
	Qalat (Provincial Center)	4	8	5
	Tarnak Wa Jaldak	22	81	10
<b>Zabul Total</b>		<b>88</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>9,672</b>	<b>25,486</b>	<b>1,027</b>

**Legend**

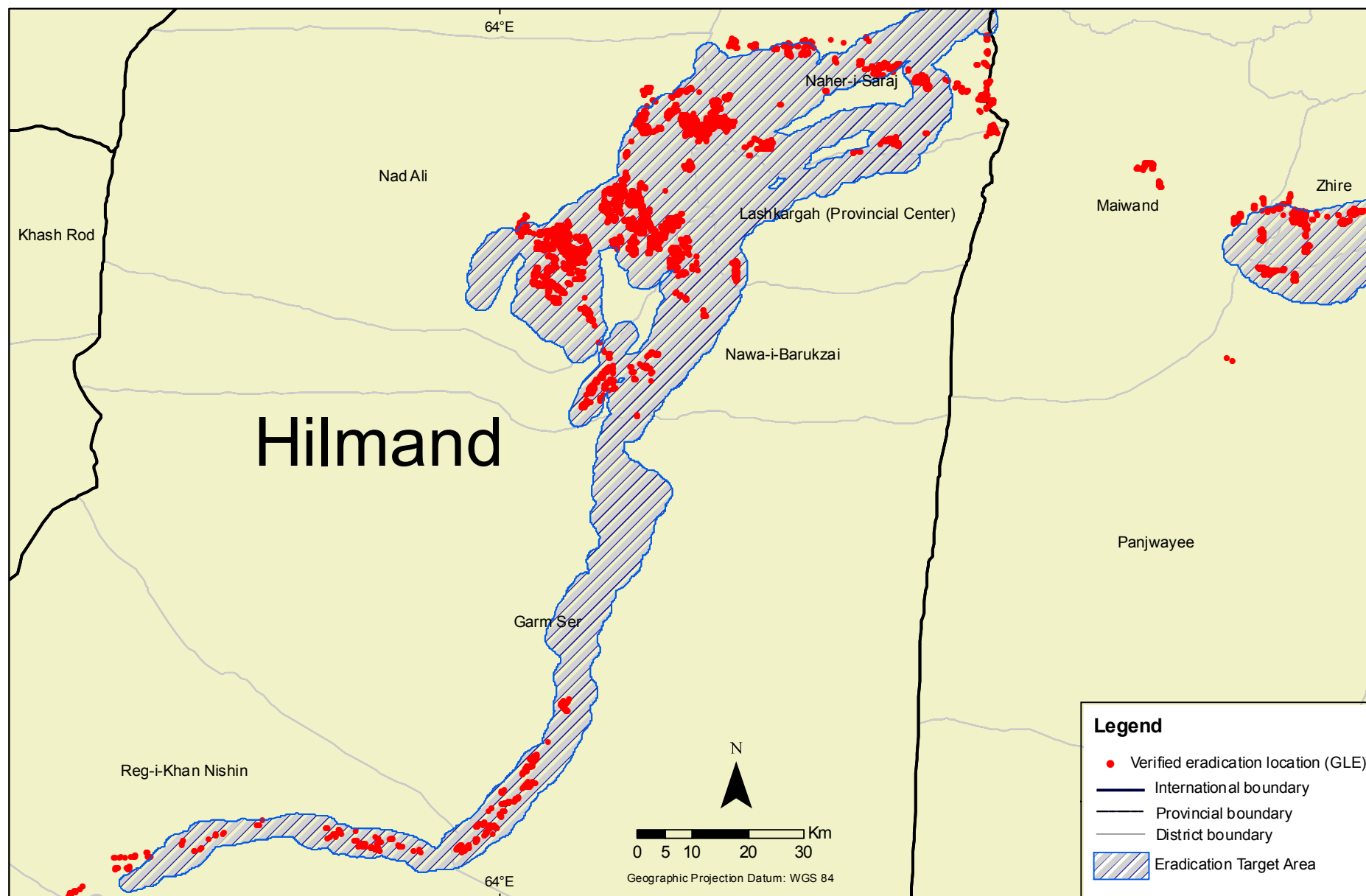
- Provinces without eradication
- Provinces with eradication
- Verified eradication location (GLE)
- International boundaries
- Provincial boundary
- District boundary
- Eradication Target Areas

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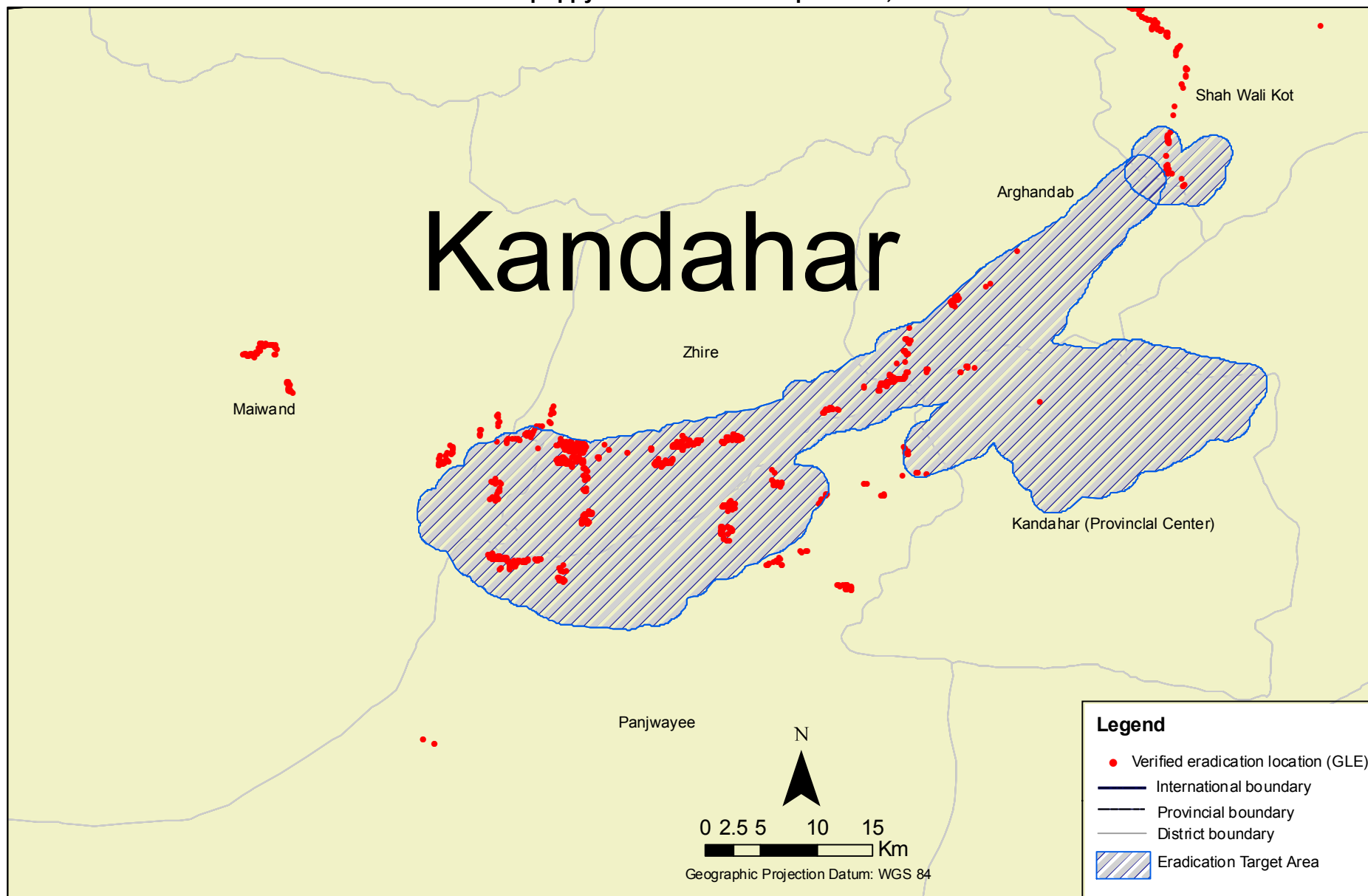
#### Annex 4: Locations of Governor-led eradication of poppy fields in Hilmand province, 2012



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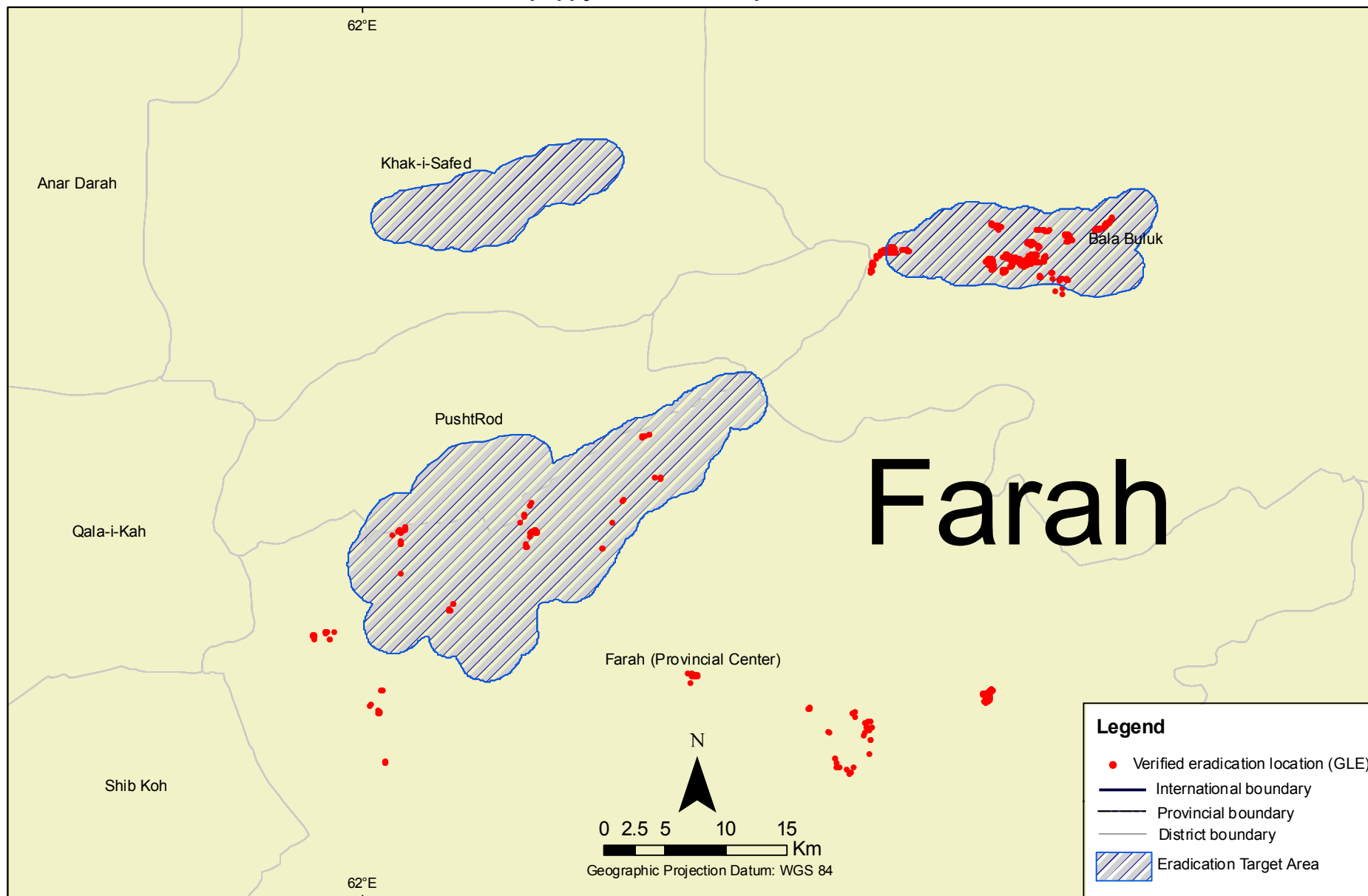
## Annex 5: Locations of Governor-led eradication of poppy fields in Kandahar province, 2012



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## Annex 6: Locations of Governor-led eradication of poppy fields in Farah province, 2012

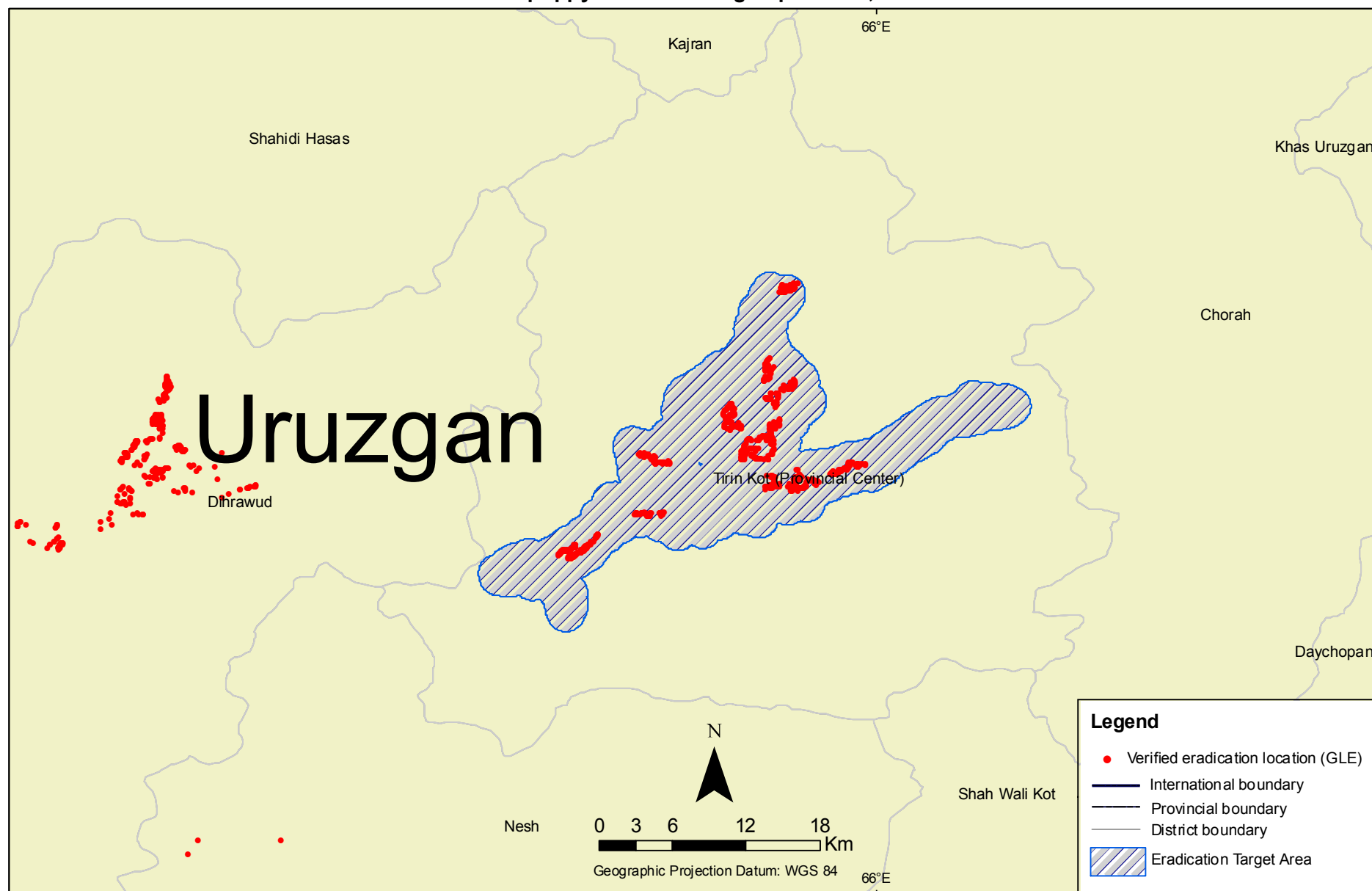


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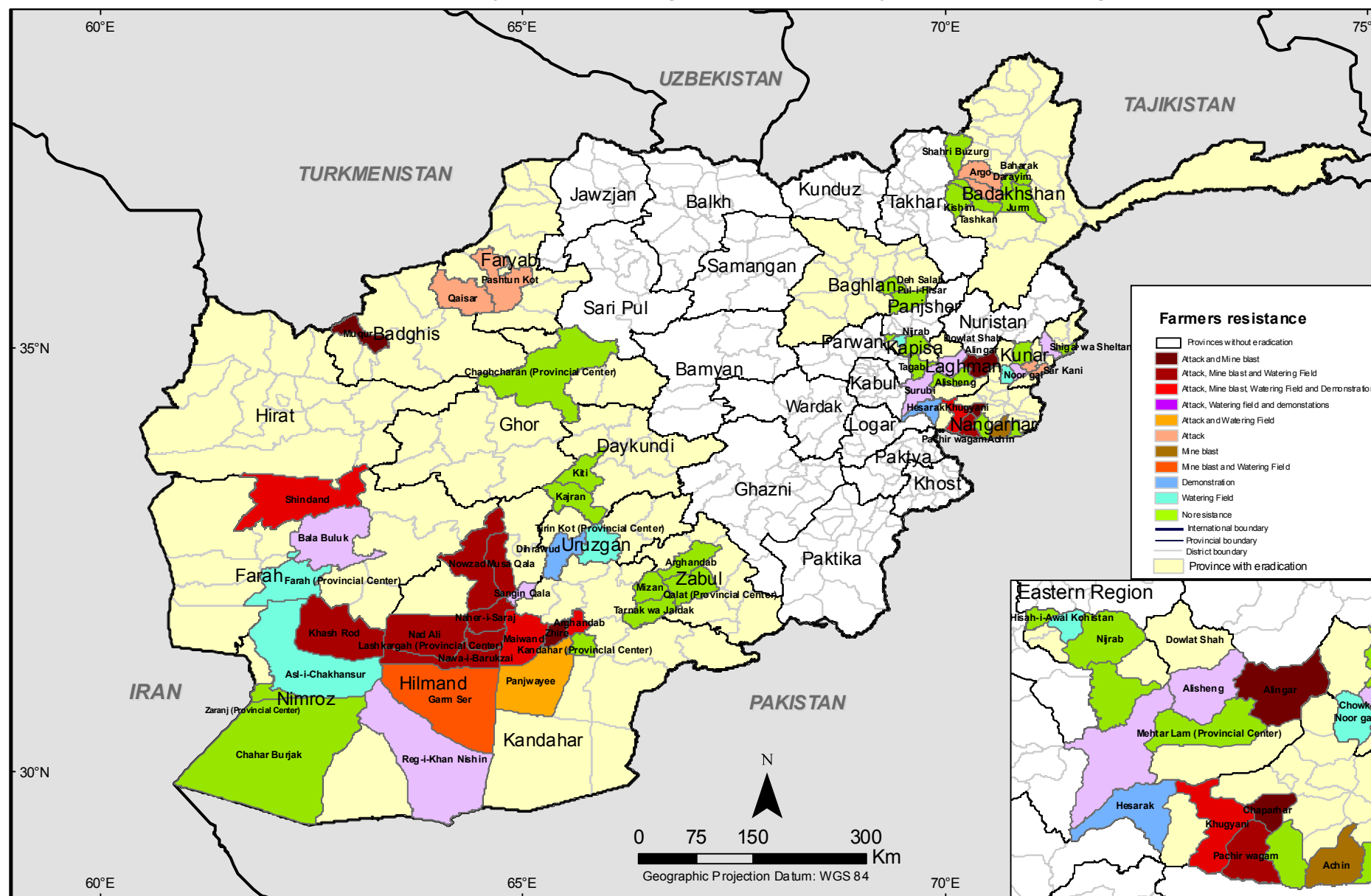
## Annex 7: Locations of Governor-led eradication of poppy fields in Uruzgan province, 2012



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## Annex 8: Farmers and AGEs resistance/security incidents during Governor-led poppy eradication campaigns, 2012



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