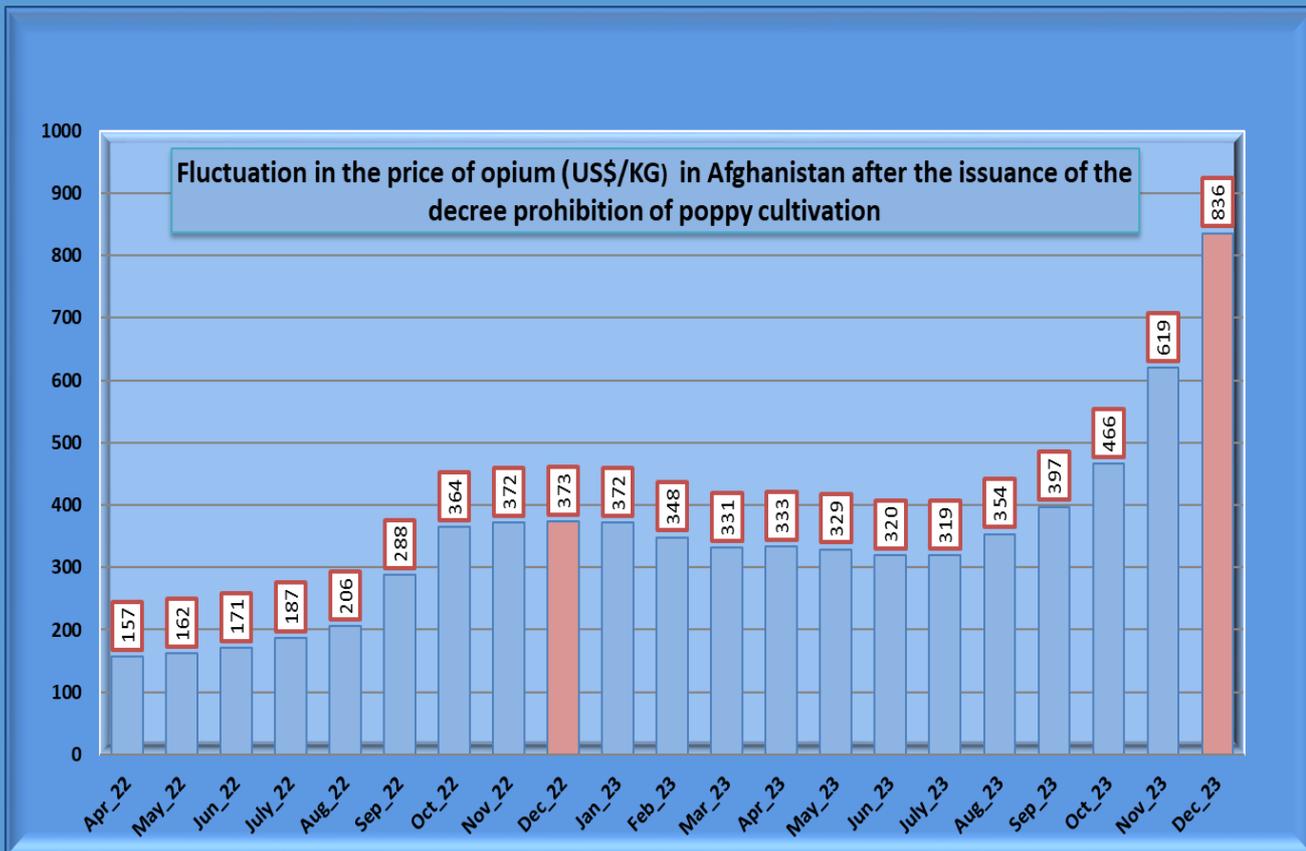




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1. Key Findings

1.1. Trends of Drug prices

Table1: Summary of Drug Prices

Types of drug	By Month			By Year		
	November_2023	December_2023	Change %	December_2022	December_2023	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	603	818	+36%	358	818	+129%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	619	836	+35%	373	836	+124%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	585	626	+7%	249	626	+151%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	598	641	+7%	258	641	+149%
Heroin Batan_100 (US\$/Kg)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 60% (US\$/Kg)	6422	7960	+24%	3705	7960	+115%
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 40% (US\$/Kg)	5696	6396	+12%	3165	6396	+102%
Morphine (US\$/Kg)	4621	6012	+30%	-	6012	-
Cannabis resin (Garda # 1) Price in (US\$/Kg)	184	200	+9%	94	200	+113%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 2) Price in (US\$/Kg)	131	136	+4%	68	136	+100%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 3) Price in (US\$/Kg)	102	108	+6%	33	108	+225%
Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.73	1.79	+3%	0.8	1.79	+121%
Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.20	1.42	+19%	1.46	1.42	-3%
Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.90	2.28	+20%	1.08	2.28	+112%
Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.75	0.82	+9%	0.85	0.82	-4%
MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	17.6	15.6	-11%	11.7	15.6	+34%
MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	11.1	10.0	-10%	8.2	10.0	+22%
MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7.7	7.0	-8%	7.0	7.0	+1%
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	3.40	3.51	+3%	3.21	3.51	+9%

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. Opium price collected from 22 provinces in December 2023. 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 Synthetic drugs which are included in the report since October 2019. And from the September 2023 on, the price of Ephedra plant, which is used in Methamphetamine production, is also used in this report. On the last page, the methodology section explained the method, that we prepared this report.

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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\$ 818/kg) at the end of December 2023 which is 36% Higher compared to the price reported in November 2023 (US\$ 603/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in December 2023 is 129% higher than the price reported in December 2022 which was (US\$ 358/kg).

Figure 1: National average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from (June 2004 - December 2023)

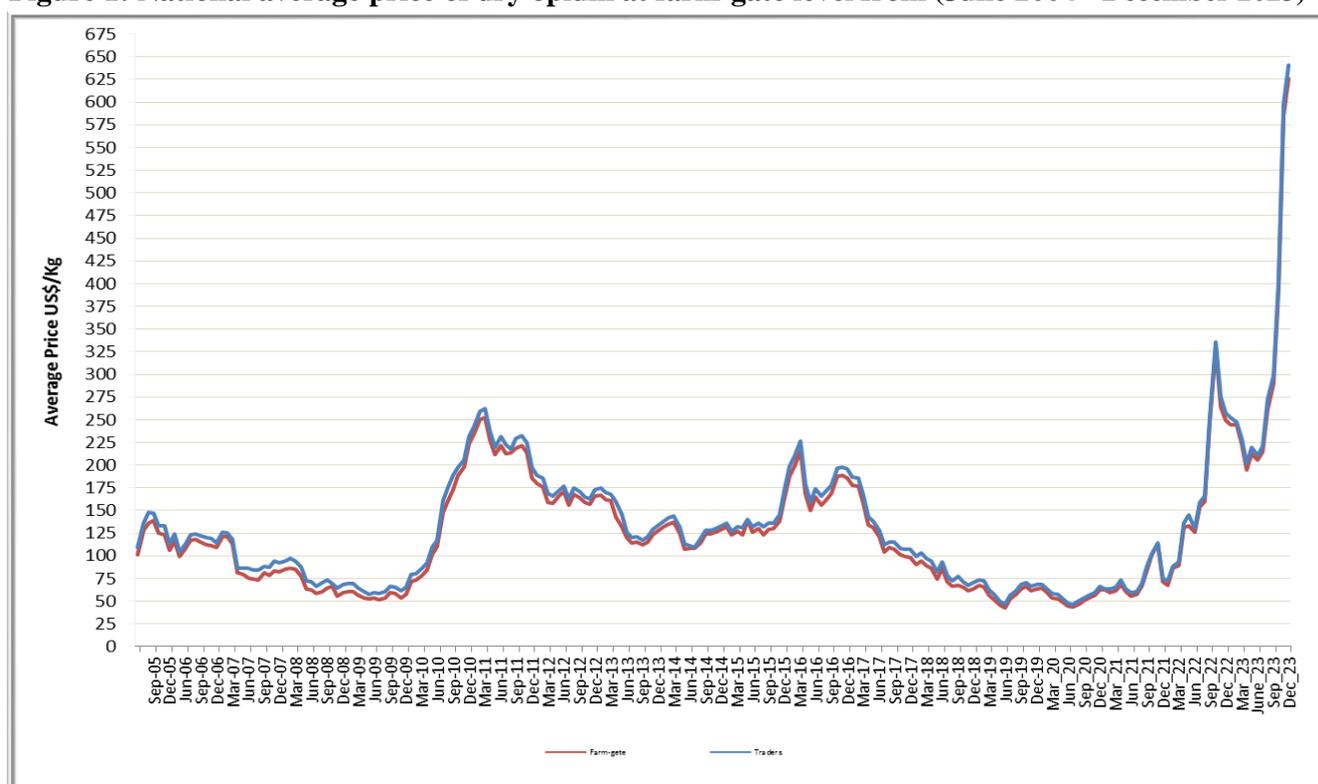


Table 2: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (November 2023 to December 2023)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Nov-23	Dec-23	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	685	958	+40%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	891	869	-3%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	686	932	+36%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	308	718	+133%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	524	586	+12%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	603	650	+8%
Average	603	818	+36%

3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was (US\$ 836/kg) at the end of December 2023 showing 35% increase compared to the price reported last month November 2023 (US\$ 619/kg). The average dry opium price at trader level in December 2023 is 124% higher than the price reported last year December 2022 which was (US\$ 373/kg).

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 134%, 40%, 35%, 11% in North-eastern, Eastern, Western and Northern regions. Price has decreased by 7% in Southern regions respectively.

Figure 2: National average price of dry opium at trader level US\$/kg (December 2022 to December 2023)

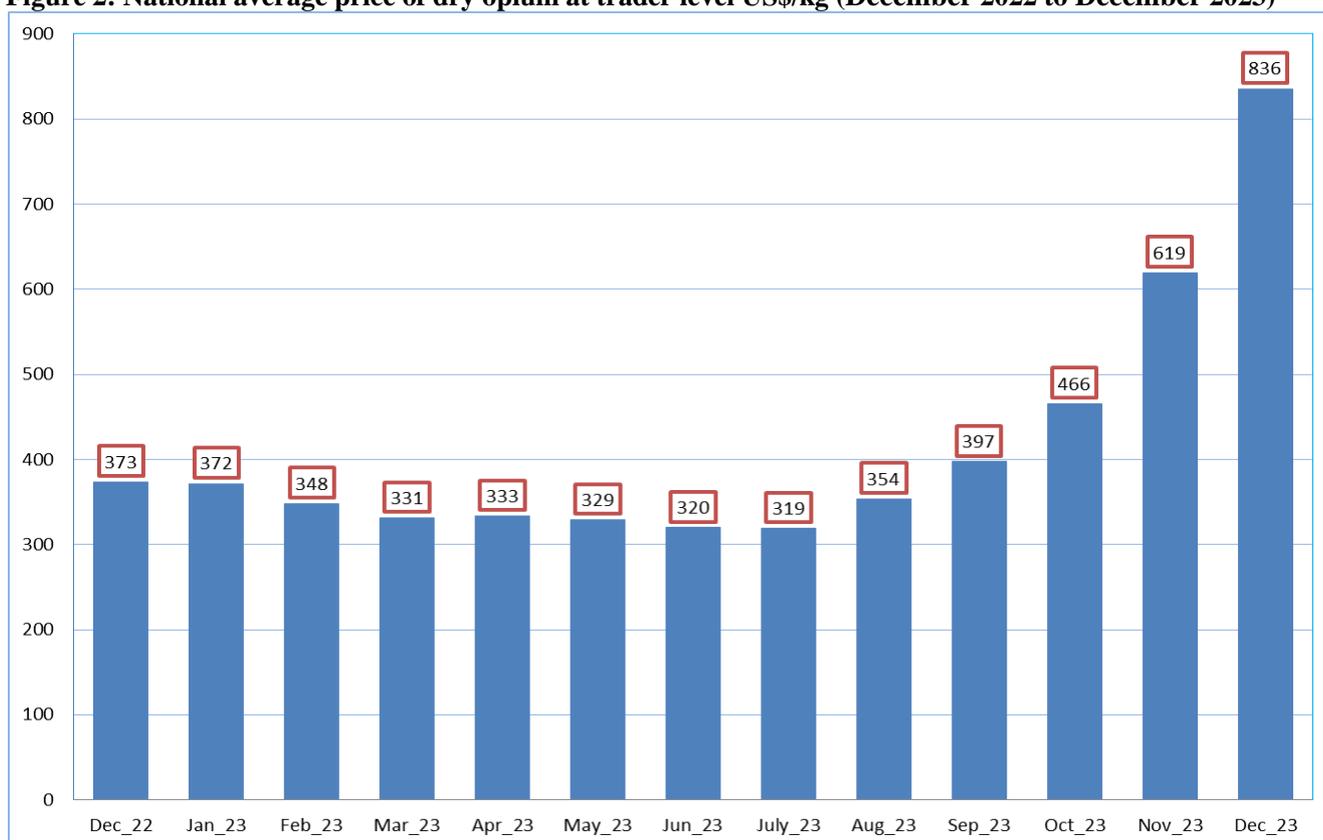


Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (November 2023 to December 2023)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Nov-23	Dec-23	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	688	961	+40%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	935	872	-7%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	707	957	+35%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	322	753	+134%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	532	593	+11%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	-	-	-
Average	619	836	+35%

3.2. Dry Opium (Chaynaki Quality)

3.2.1. Farm-gate price

From the point of view of quality, the price of dry opium has not changed 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\$ 936/kg) in December 2023 showing an increase of 2% compared to the price reported in November 2023 (US\$ 915/kg). The average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province is (US\$ 1117/kg) in December 2023 showing a decrease of 7% compared to the price reported in November 2023 (US\$ 1198/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Dec-Nov) %	Hilmand		Price change (Dec-Nov) %
	Nov-23	Dec-23		Nov-23	Dec-23	
Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	915	936	+2%	1198	1117	-7%

3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 943/kg) in December 2023 showing an increase of 2% compared to the price reported in November 2023 (US\$ 922/kg). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level is (US\$ 1124/kg) in December 2023 showing a decrease of 7% compared to the price reported in November 2023 (US\$ 1204/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Dec-Nov) %	Hilmand		Price change (Dec-Nov) %
	Nov-23	Dec-23		Nov-23	Dec-23	
Trader price (US\$/Kg)	922	943	+2%	1204	1124	-7%

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 (Dec-Nov) (%)	Change at trader level (Dec-Nov) (%)
		Nov-23		Dec-23			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	193772	194718	268527	269308	+39%	+38%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul and diykundi)	Pakistani Rupee	253662	266044	243369	244480	-4%	-8%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	41408	43266	56611	58850	+37%	+36%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	37879687	38301307	48748931	49482553	+29%	+29%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	21074	22022	49557	52010	+135%	+136%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	35666	36309	40396	40896	+13%	+13%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	41000	-	44500	-	+9%	-

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

3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of December 2023, the national average price of fresh opium increased by **7%** from **(US\$ 585/kg)** in November 2023 to **(US\$ 626/kg)** in December 2023 at the farm-gate level. (Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level increased by **7%** from **(US\$ 598/kg)** in November 2023 to **(US\$ 641/kg)** in December 2023.

Figure 3: National average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level US\$/kg (June 2005 to December 2023)

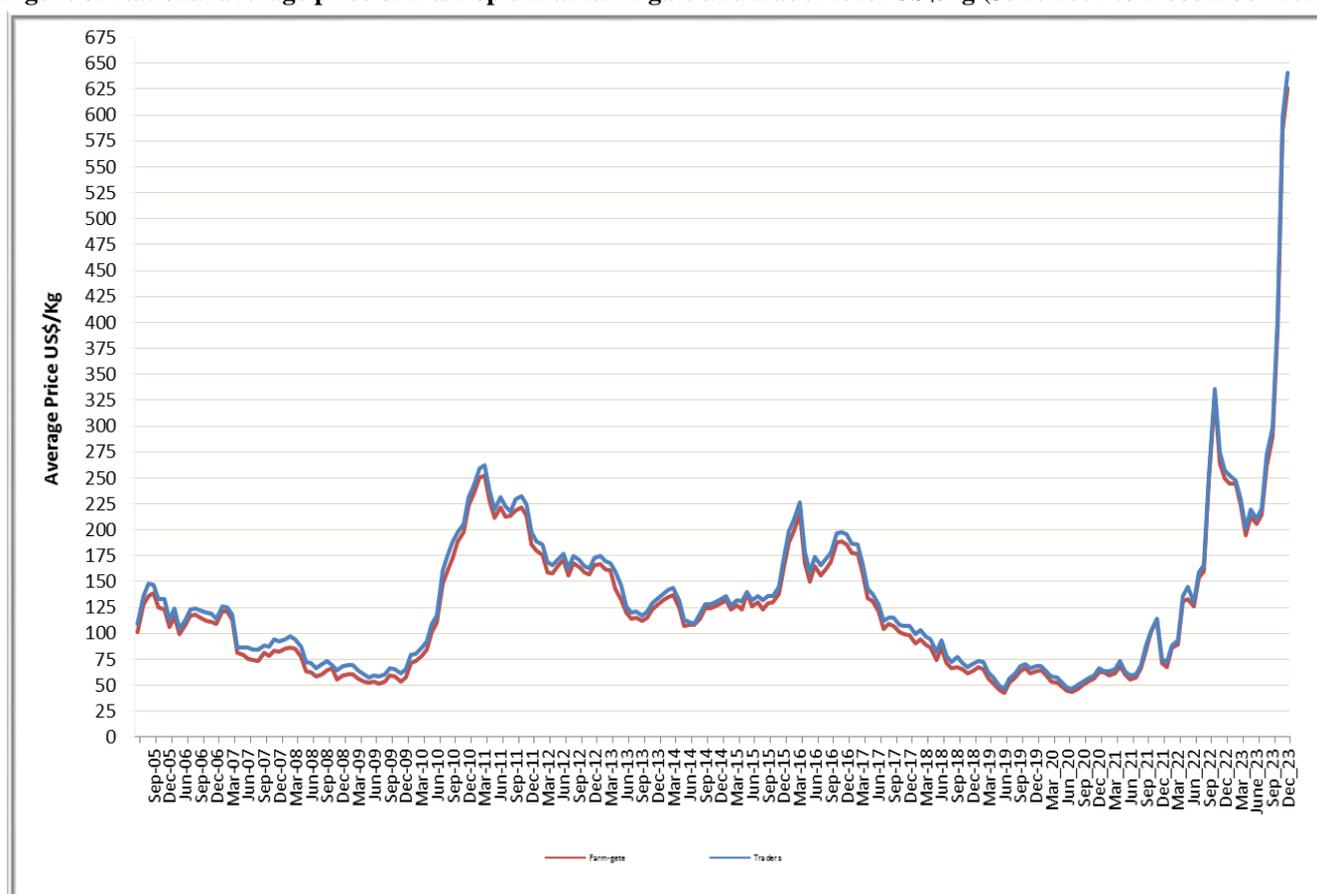


Table 7: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				change at farm-gate level (Dec-Nov) (%)	Change at trader level (Dec-Nov) (%)
		Nov-23		Dec-23			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-	-	-	
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul and diykundi)	Pakistani Rupee	180275	182711	174764	176559	-3%	
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	36637	38206	40151	42167	+10%	
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	29315107	29694328	34907046	35585509	+19%	
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	-	-	-	-	-	
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	26275	26942	32867	33389	+25%	
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	39250	-	42000	-	+7%	

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

4. Heroin

There are several types of heroin available in Afghanistan with different qualities. The prices of off-white powder (Batan) in Nangarhar province, white powder (Batan) high and low quality in Kandahar, Helmand, Balkh and Faryab Provinces, Batan 100% and white powder (Crystal)-60% in Badakhshan, Takhar and Kunduz provinces and white powder (Crystal)-60%, white powder (Crystal)-40%, Morphine and bist powder in Hirat, Farah, Nimroz and Badghis provinces are the most expensive heroin reported in Afghanistan. The cheapest heroin (US\$ 143/kg) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

Table 8: Prices of different types of heroin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), December 2022–December 2023

Provinces	Types of heroin	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Change (Dec-Nov) %
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,024	4,018	3,890	4,015	3,983	3,890	4,043	4,079	4,201	4,823	4,547	4,932	9,634	+95%
Takhar	Batan (100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,312	4,315	4,095	4,226	4,158	4,299	4,245	4,278	4,294	4,873	4,749	5,036	10,141	+101%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	3,047	3,059	2,559	2,641	2,577	2,149	2,021	2,089	2,173	2,386	2,223	2,365	7,876	+233%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,599	4,589	4,095	4,226	4,100	4,504	4,346	4,378	4,481	5,178	4,901	5,242	11,140	+113%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	1,308	1,284	739	1,043	1,073	1,132	1,139	1,147	1,109	1,148	1,218	1,467	5,653	+285%
	Bist powder	667	663	582	539	568	566	569	575	558	577	620	771	5,236	+579%
	Chara # 1	87	87	69	64	71	73	75	77	75	80	88	148	838	+465%
	Chara # 2	60	59	48	46	57	59	62	63	61	64	74	103	642	+526%
	Khata # 1	58	56	46	44	52	52.4	54.2	55	53	56	63	95	178	+87%
	Khata # 2	40	39	35	33	37	40	41	43	42	44	49	81	143	+75%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,751	3,766	3,821	3,680	3,756	3,678	3,844	2,664	4,018	4,327	4,653	5,715	5,740	+0.4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,931	2,933	2,957	2,853	2,934	2,857	2,957	2,959	3,092	3,349	3,682	4,103	4,121	+0.4%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,605	3,416	3,523	3,437	3,515	3,437	3,643	3,650	3,847	4,147	4,519	5,423	5,593	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,558	2,391	2,443	2,330	2,519	2,447	2,543	2,543	2,654	2,962	3,305	3,884	4,097	+5%
	Bist powder - 20%	1,209	1,139	1,159	1,107	1,172	1,142	1,230	1,236	1,339	1,597	1,780	2,081	2,179	+5%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,021	3,718	3,256	2,835	2,794	2,796	2,792	2,798	3,685	3,929	4,226	7,247	6,638	-8%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,888	3,499	3,065	2,658	2,617	2,656	2,653	2,728	3,350	3,758	4,081	7,000	6,424	-8%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	5,176	5,095	4,463	3,898	4,208	4,368	4,293	4,547	6,700	6,970	7,440	10,905	10,456	-4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	5,420	4,942	4,329	3,757	4,067	4,123	4,119	4,268	6,097	6,355	6,790	10,535	10,242	-3%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	2,910	2,930	3,294	2,840	2,794	2,761	2,758	2,763	3,618	3,758	4,081	7,282	6,638	-9%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,821	1,968	3,065	2,663	2,652	2,621	2,618	2,624	3,250	3,553	3,828	7,035	6,424	-9%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	5,109	5,030	4,405	3,906	3,890	4,228	4,258	4,477	6,700	6,901	7,368	10,905	10,349	-5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	5,376	4,855	4,252	3,693	3,678	3,914	4,049	4,198	6,030	6,491	6,934	10,570	10,099	-4%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	1,838	1,735	1,726	1,937	1,991	1,841	2,010	2,060	2,191	2,252	2,422	2,640	2,752	+4%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,413	2,454	2,616	3,111	3,280	3,087	3,055	2,985	3,104	3,710	4,845	4,841	6,954	+44%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	1,608	1,541	1,536	1,702	1,757	1,864	2,468	2,341	2,678	3,020	3,668	5,134	6,084	+19%
	Bist powder	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,290	3,277	3,469	3,840	4,429	5,354	7,968	+49%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	2,738	3,114	3,043	3,165	3,384	3,599	3,814	5,940	+56%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,298	2,569	2,389	3,005	3,010	3,029	2,938	2,985	3,408	3,775	4,637	5,721	7,823	+37%
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	-	-	-	3,287	3,303	3,495	3,173	3,195	3,651	3,983	5,122	6,161	8,692	+41%
	Morphine	-	-	-	2,630	2,636	2,679	2,350	2,376	3,104	3,319	4,429	5,427	6,084	+12%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,240	3,368	3,185	3,287	3,280	2,932	2,409	2,751	2,775	3,020	3,211	3,814	4,418	+16%
Nimroz	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	-	-	-	2,583	2,577	2,563	1,998	2,282	2,215	2,689	2,860	3,227	3,549	+10%
	Bist powder	-	-	-	-	-	4,077	3,643	3,804	3,773	3,840	4,083	5,134	5,795	+13%
	Morphine	-	-	-	2,524	2,518	4,427	3,996	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 currencies other than USD

Province	Types of heroin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of heroin in local currency		Change (Dec-Nov) %
			Nov-23	Dec-23	
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	Afghani	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	336,960	665,000	+97%
Takhar	Batan (100)	Afghani	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	344,078	700,000	+103%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	161,560	543,650	+237%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	358,122	769,000	+115%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	415,000	1,585,000	+282%
	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	218,000	1,468,000	+573%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	42,000	235,000	+460%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	29,000	180,000	+521%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	27,000	50,000	+85%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Afghani	390,000	397,000	+2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Afghani	280,000	285,000	+2%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Afghani	370,000	385,000	+4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Afghani	265,000	282,000	+6%
	Bist powder - 20%	Afghani	142,000	150,000	+6%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	2,050,000	1,860,000	-9%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,980,000	1,800,000	-9%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	3,084,615	2,930,000	-5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	2,980,000	2,870,000	-4%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	2,060,000	1,860,000	-10%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,990,000	1,800,000	-10%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	3,084,615	2,900,000	-6%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	2,990,000	2,830,000	-5%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	180,000	190,000	+6%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	330,000	480,000	+45%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	350,000	420,000	+20%
	Bist powder	Afghani	365,000	550,000	+51%
	Morphine	Afghani	260,000	410,000	+58%
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	390,000	540,000	+38%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	420,000	600,000	+43%
	Morphine	Afghani	370,000	420,000	+14%
Nimruz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	260,000	305,000	+17%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	220,000	245,000	+11%
	Bist powder	Afghani	350,000	400,000	+14%
	Morphine	Afghani	-	-	-

5. Synthetic Drugs

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

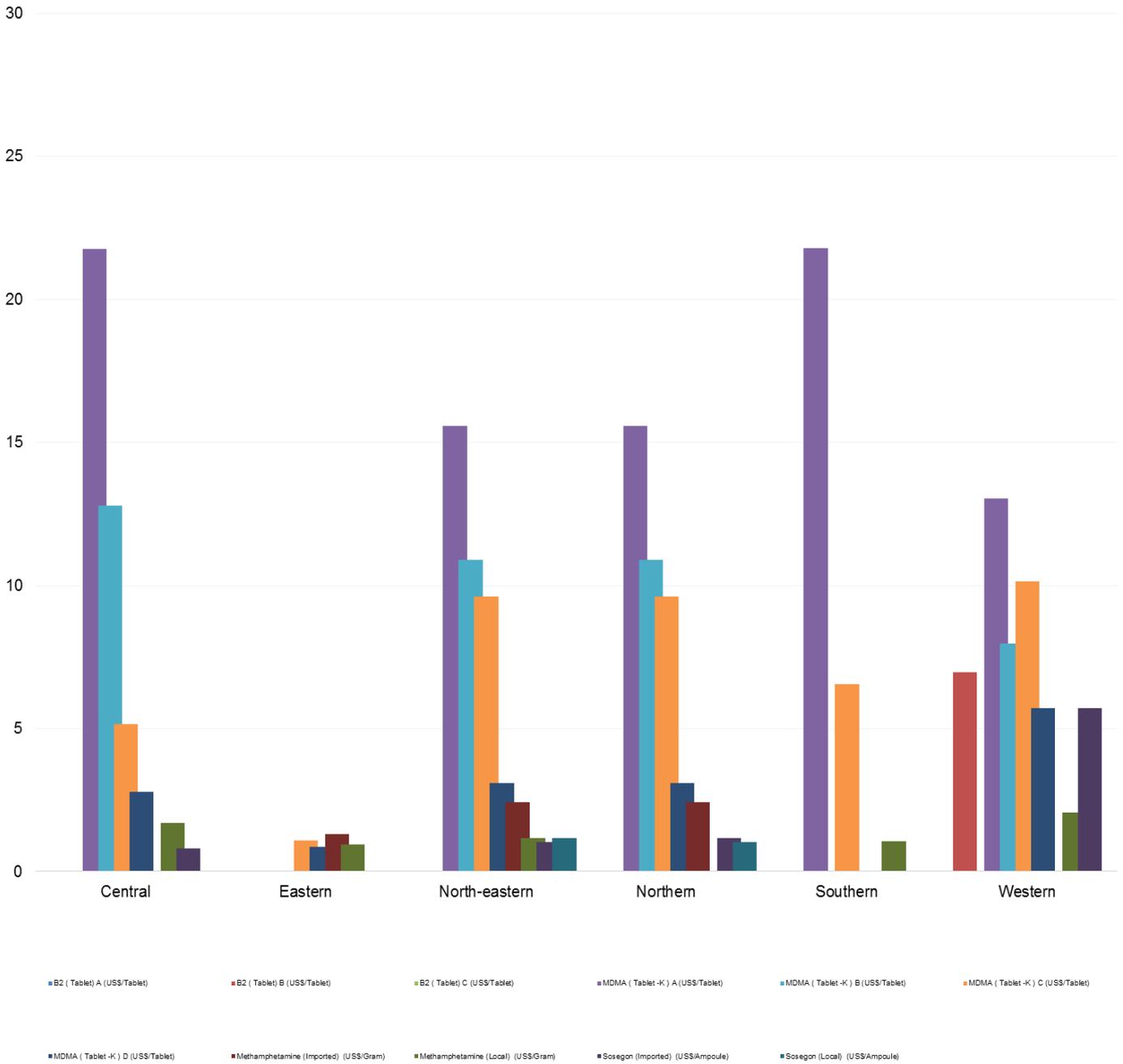
Synthetic drugs, could be addictive and creates a serious threat on the health of every one in daily life. Methamphetamine, Tablet K and Sosegon are available in Afghanistan, which Methamphetamine is sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine, for details of its cheap price and accessible for youth.

^Y 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.

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

Region	Types of Synthetic Drugs	Dec_23
Central	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.69
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.8
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	21.8
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	5.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	12.8
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	2.8
Eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.3
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	0.9
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	1.3
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	0.9	
North-eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.0
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	2.8
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	12.3
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.5
Northern	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5.5
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	2.4
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.2
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	15.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	10.9
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	9.6
Southern	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	3.1
	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	21.8
Western	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.5
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	2.1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	5.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	13.0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	8.0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	10.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5.7
B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-	
B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	7.0	

Figure 4: Types of Synthetic Drugs in US Dollar- December 2023



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 (Patnosi) 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), Dec 2022–Dec 2023

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Types of resin	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Change (Dec-Nov) %
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Garda # 1	43	43	37	34	36	39	39	40	37	41	47	49	86	+74%
Nangarhar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	33	35	31	28	32	33	34	36	33	36	39	42	64	+53%
Nangarhar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	20	22	18	16	18	21	19	21	19	21	25	28	43	+53%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	82	121	142	116	129	116	130	132	129	124	148	220	224	+2%
Faryab	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Garda # 2	70	89	91	87	94	98	106	111	103	103	121	176	188	+7%
Faryab	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	47	63	68	58	64	60	71	77	73	64	81	147	159	+9%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Garda # 1	93	128	136	122	117	107	122	126	110	108	135	176	189	+7%
Balkh	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Garda # 2	70	99	102	99	94	86	94	98	85	79	94	147	145	-1%
Balkh	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	37	57	68	51	59	50	59	61	49	41	54	117	116	-1%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Garda # 1	88	118	148	117	141	133	139	141	121	121	152	205	210	+2%
Baghlan	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Garda # 2	59	97	114	93	117	110	114	118	97	98	120	147	152	+4%
Baghlan	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	40	64	80	58	82	74	85	87	73	68	90	117	116	-1%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	75	78	77	80	74	64	80	85	176	189	187	208	217	+5%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	84	82	82	85	80	73	88	94	183	195	194	217	235	+8%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	58	66	57	51	59	58	54	53	54	71	74	189	182	-3%
Kandahar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	38	39	34	25	28	28	27	27	30	46	48	149	143	-4%
Kandahar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	23	22	20	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	207	205	202	188	199	204	200	205	219	247	249	264	275	+4%
Hirat	Garda # 2 (Morhajoshi)	Garda # 2	138	137	148	94	100	105	100	94	103	111	118	125	123	-1%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Garda # 1	116	114	113	89	118	110	111	98	89	116	111	125	180	+44%
Panjshir	Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Garda # 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Figure 5: Average price of cannabis resin (Garda #1, best quality) in US\$/kg, Dec 2022–Dec 2023

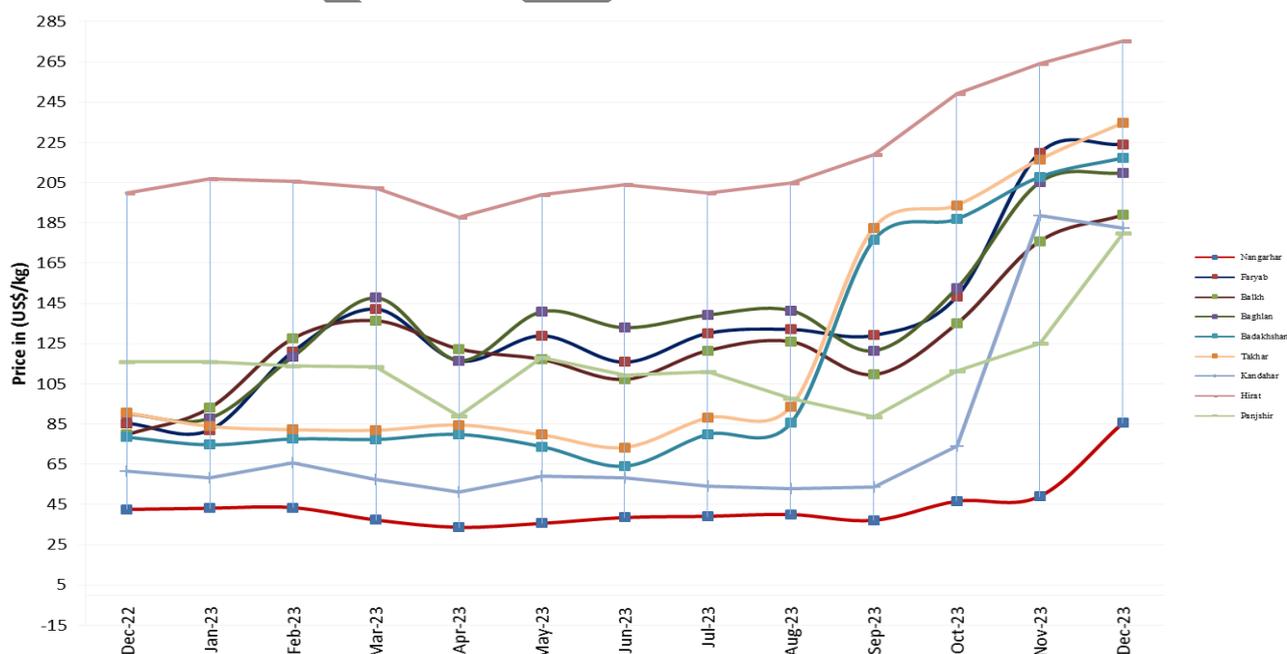


Figure 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), December 2023

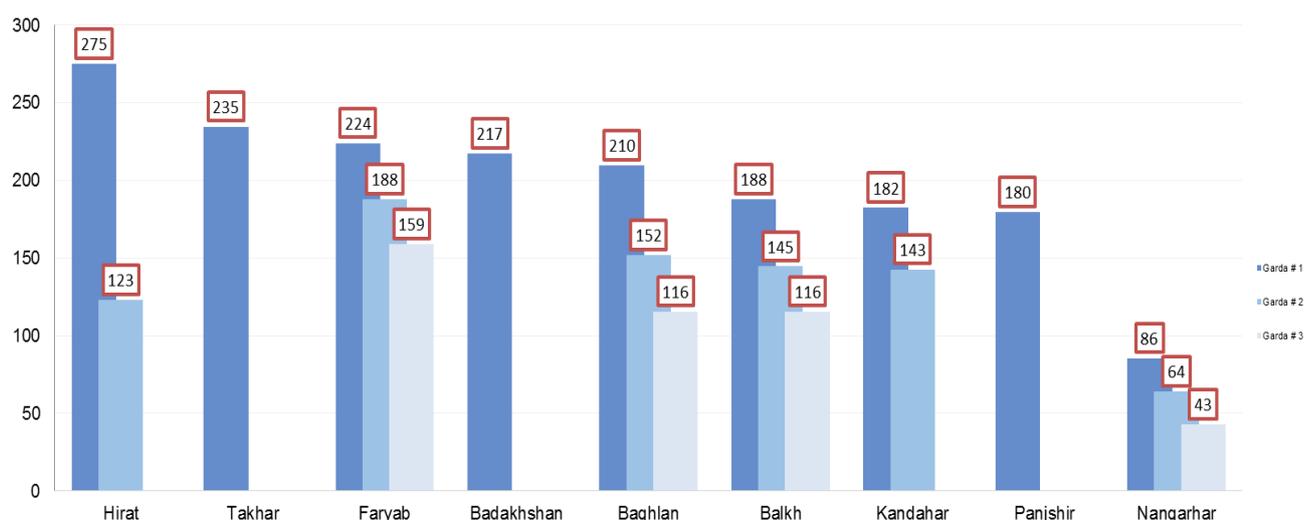


Table 12: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in local currency, Nov 2023–Dec 2023

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Dec-Nov) %
			Nov-23	Dec-23	
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	14,000	24,000	+71%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	12,000	18,000	+50%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	8,000	12,000	+50%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Afghani	15,000	15,500	+3%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	12,000	13,000	+8%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	10,000	11,000	+10%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Afghani	12,000	13,000	+8%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	10,000	10,000	0%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	8,000	8,000	0%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Afghani	14,000	14,500	+4%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	10,000	10,500	+5%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	8,000	8,000	-
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	14,200	15,000	+6%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	14,800	16,200	+9%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Pakistani Rupee	53,333	51,111	-4%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	42,222	40,000	-5%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	18,000	19,000	+6%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	8,500	8,500	-
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Pakistani Rupee	8,500	12,300	+45%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	-	-	-

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, November–December 2023

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Dec-Nov) (%)
			Nov-23	Dec-23	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	70	90	+29%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	73	85	+16%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	75	110	+47%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	77	90	+17%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	90	90	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	60	70	+17%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	85	86	+1%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	72	-4%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	110	+10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	60	70	+17%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	180	170	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	140	140	0%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	150	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	70	0%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	85	98	+15%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	51	52	3%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	91	104	+15%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	59	60	+3%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	96	109	+14%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	53	63	+18%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	-	96	-
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	-	57	-
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	425	465	+9%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	115	135	+17%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	350	380	+9%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	80	110	+38%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	195	200	+3%
Ghazni	Cannabis seed	Afghani	-	-	-
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	80	-38%

Table 14: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), December 2022–December 2023

Types of seeds	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Increase / Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.979	0.827	0.849	1.000	1.765	0.909	0.832	0.882	0.923	0.929	0.924	0.933	1.105	+18%
Poppy seed	1.632	1.432	1.474	1.779	2.840	1.328	1.272	1.314	1.336	1.442	1.417	1.603	1.978	+23%

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), December 2023

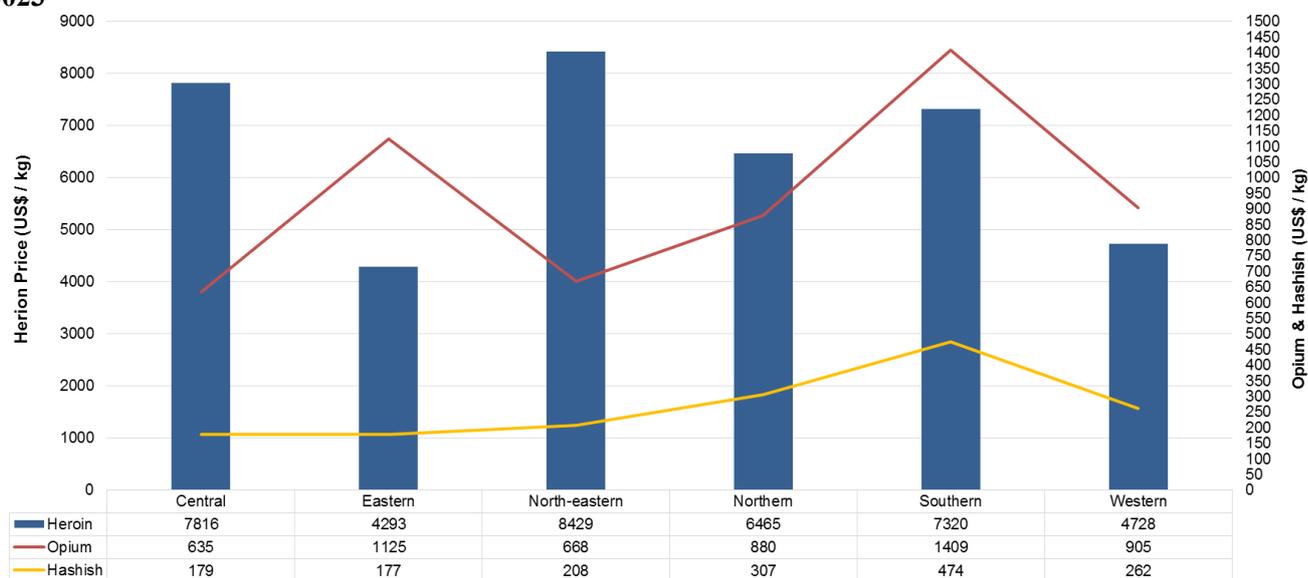


Table 15: Average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), Dec 22 – Dec 23

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Dec-Nov) (%)
	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	
Heroin	3,058	2,902	2,915	2,835	2,822	3,286	3,520	3,611	3,782	4,413	4,463	5,605	7,997	+43%
Opium	352	344	366	348	369	355	355	383	413	456	496	592	1,502	+154%
Hashish	143	138	133	131	141	132	145	141	136	148	165	216	264	+22%

9. Price of Acetic Anhydride

Table 16 Average Price of Acetic Anhydride in Afghanistan (US\$/Lit) December 2022–December 2023

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Increase / Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A* (Garmani)	152	202	194	198	147	127	139	140	159	160	178	191	182	-5%
Acetic Anhydride - B* (Japani)	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acetic Anhydride - C* (Indian)	58	59	58	55	57	58	59	59	58	66	72	91	143	+57%
Acetic Anhydride - D* (Pakistani)	44	46	46	47	54	53	54	56	55	57	61	88	136	+55%
Acetic Anhydride - E* (Chinees)	146	110	143	149	155	128	138	143	169	168	179	182	203	+12%
Acetic Anhydride - F* (Irani)	67	89	89	72	67	78	80	77	81	85	92	108	116	+8%

10. Price of Ephedra

Ephedra is a low evergreen shrub with small scaly leaves. It has a long history of medicinal use in China and India to treat colds, fever, headaches, and coughing, wheezing, and other conditions.

Where is Ephedra found?

A group of about 40 species found from southern Europe, North Africa to Asia as well as the mountains of North and South America, Ephedra are typically plants of dry and desert regions.

Ephedra is found naturally in different zones of Afghanistan and is used in the production of methamphetamine. From September 2023, the Deputy Ministry for Counter Narcotics had also included the price of Ephedra in the monthly drug price report.

Table 17: Average price of Ephedra in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), November 2023–December 2023

Average Price Of "Ephedra" For Each Zone (US\$/Kg)			
Region	Nov-23	Dec-23	Change (Dec-Nov) %
Northern	0.48	0.66	+38%
North-east	1.28	1.18	-8%
Western	1.35	1.56	+15%
Central	-	-	-
Southern	0.64	0.42	-35%
Eastern	1.17	1.16	-1%
Average Prices for Afghanistan	0.91	0.97	+6%

11. Licit Crops

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

Table 18: Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan in local currency, December 2023

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Nangarhar	Wheat	-	39	0.6
Nangarhar	Cotton	-	110	1.6
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	-	110	1.6
Nangarhar	Rice Local	-	58	0.8
Balkh	Wheat	-	22	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	100	1.5
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	105	1.5
Balkh	Rice Local	-	58	0.8
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	28	0.4
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	127	1.8
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	63	0.9
Takhar	Wheat	-	22	0.3
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	115	1.7
Takhar	Rice Local	-	60	0.9
Helmand	Wheat	120	-	0.4
Helmand	Cotton	550	-	2.0
Helmand	Rice Imported	300	-	1.1
Kandahar	Wheat	120	-	0.4
Kandahar	Cotton	570	-	2.0
Kandahar	Rice Imported	295	-	1.1
Hirat	Wheat	-	25	0.4
Hirat	Cotton	-	170	2.5
Hirat	Saffron	-	70000	1014
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	125	1.8
Hirat	Rice Local	-	90	1.3

Table 19: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported, and local rice in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), December 2022–December 2023

Types of crops	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Increase / Decrease (%)
Wheat (Local)	0.60	0.58	0.56	0.54	0.45	0.34	0.33	0.36	0.36	0.40	0.41	0.41	0.40	-1%
Cotton	2.57	2.40	2.18	2.20	1.87	2.12	2.14	1.97	1.97	2.07	2.13	2.07	1.90	-8%
Saffron	977	856	852	871	879	874	846	852	852	911	969	1100	1014	-8%
Rice (Imported)	1.29	1.33	1.30	1.23	1.26	1.37	1.37	1.42	1.42	1.51	1.50	1.56	1.51	-3%
Rice (Local)	0.76	0.72	0.70	0.67	0.66	0.82	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.84	0.82	0.88	0.95	+8%

12. Reasons for rising and falling narcotic drug prices during this month

Causes of rising narcotic drug prices:

- ❖ Implementation of the decree of Amir al-Mominin on the prohibition of the cultivation, production, use, and smuggling of narcotic drugs.
- ❖ Approval and publication of Articles No. 13 and 32 of Mutahed Al-Mal regarding the determination of special penalties for types of drug activities.
- ❖ Eradication of poppy cultivation and drug processing factories.
- ❖ The determination of the authorities of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan to prevent the cultivation of poppy and hashish and to destroy its fields.
- ❖ Disrupting the order of drug stock markets and reducing drug stocks.
- ❖ Presence of local, regional, and international demand for drug use.
- ❖ Pursuing drug smugglers.

First Part Poppy: In these zones (**East, Northeast, North, Center, and West Zone**), the prices of drugs have increased compared to last month. The reasons for the increase are the implementation of the law, security firmness, the eradication of poppy cultivation, the lack of poppy cultivation, the supply of opium, the blocking of smuggling routes, and the high demand of the people. Apart from the reasons mentioned above, another reason for the increase in the price of opium in the eastern zone is that smugglers store opium for the future so that they can get more profit. That is why the price of opium is increasing day by day.

According to field data, the price of opium in the southern zone has decreased due to the increase in poppy cultivation in Pakistan.

Second Part Cannabis: The implementation of the law, security firmness, the shortage of water, the eradication of cannabis cultivation, the prevention of the cultivation of cannabis, and the decrease in supply of cannabis are the reasons that have increased the price of cannabis.

Only in the southern zone of the country has the price of cannabis decreased due to the increase in the cultivation of cannabis in Pakistan.

Third Part Heroin: Since heroin is made from opium, the rise in the price of opium leads to the rise in the price of heroin.

Fourth Part Synthetic Drugs: At the level of Afghanistan, synthetic drugs such as Sosegon, and methamphetamine have increased for both local and imported types.

- ❖ The only reason for the increase in local synthetic drugs is the decrease in their supply as a result of the destruction of drug processing factories by the anti-narcotics police.
- ❖ The reason for the increase in the price of imported synthetic drugs is the prevention of their entry into the country as a result of good border control by the active forces and authorities of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.
- ❖ The reason for the decrease in the prices of foreign tablet types may be that the users refer to the domestic tablets because of their cheapness, and on the other hand, this has caused the price of the domestic tablets to increase.

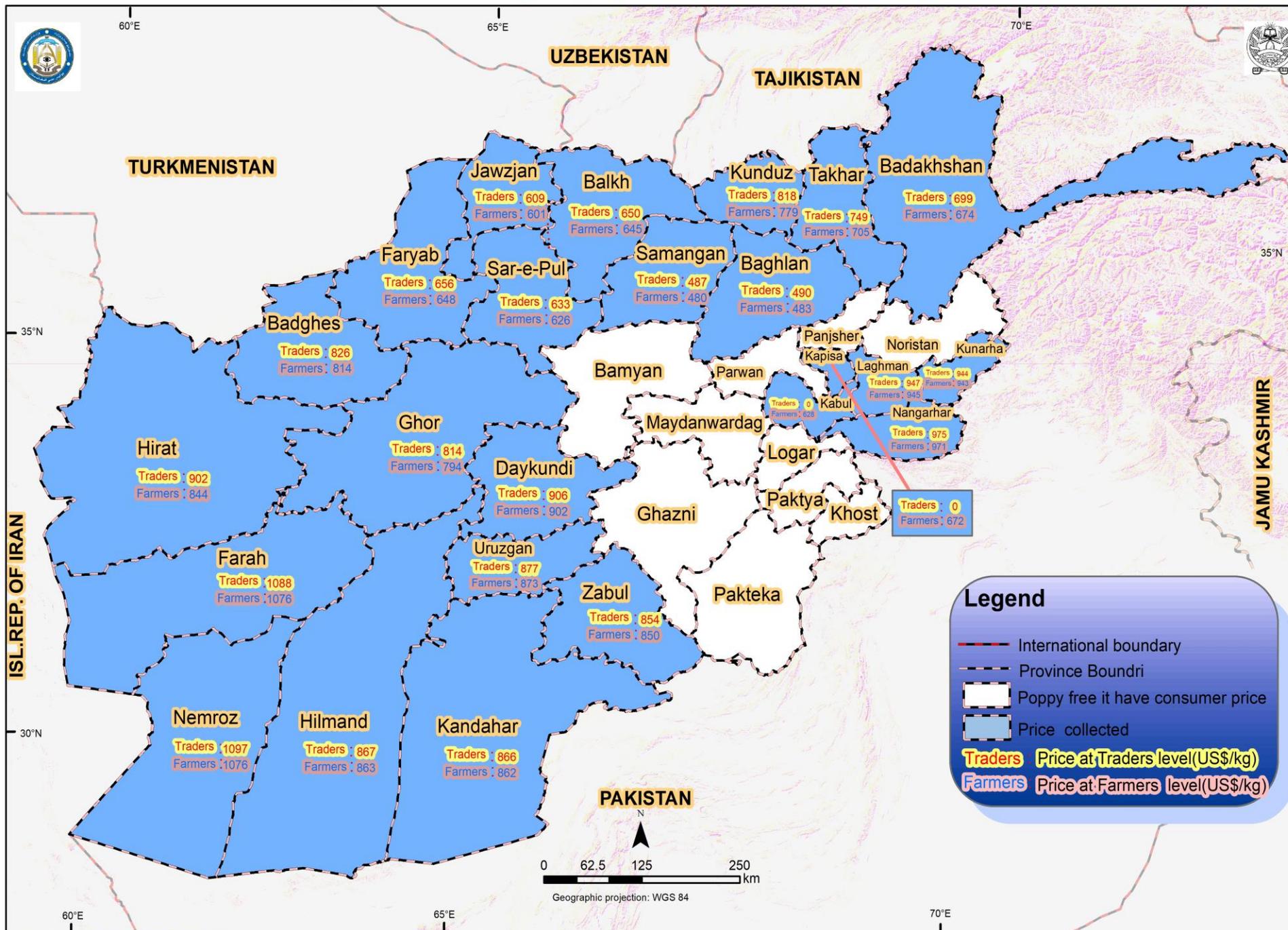
13. Methodology

- ❖ 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 25 out of 34 provinces namely Kabul, Ghazni, Kapisa, Badakhshan, Baghlan, Badghis, Balkh, Farah, Faryab, Ghor, Hilmand, Hirat, Kandahar, Kunar, Kunduz, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nimroz, Uruzgan, Takhar, Sur-Pul, Samangan, Jawzjan and Zabul. The prices of dry and fresh opium are collected from farmers (at farm-gate level) and traders (at trader level).
- ❖ Different varieties of heroin, morphine collected from twelve provinces of Afghanistan namely Badakhshan, Takhar, Kunduz, Balkh, Faryab, Badghis, Hilmand, Kandahar, Nangarhar, Hirat, Nimroz and Farah, and cannabis resin prices are collected from eight provinces of Afghanistan namely Badakhshan, Balkh, Hirat, Nangarhar, Kandahar and Takhar. (Garda # 1(Patnosi)) in Balkh province is a new Garda of cannabis resin reported in January 2021 year.
- ❖ Prices of some licit crops such as, wheat, saffron, and cotton, imported and local rice is also collected from seven 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 (Nimroz and Farah,) 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.
- ❖ The synthetic drugs (Methamphetamine per gram, Sosegon per Ampoul, Tablet K per Tablet are reported from six regions (Kabul, Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar, Faryab, Jawzjan, Sari-pul, Balkh, Samangan, Baghlan, Hilmand, Kandahar, Zabul, Badghis, Hirat, Ghor, Farah, Nimroz, Badakhshan, Takhar, and Kunduz) provinces of the country in US\$, Methamphetamine is sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine.

Table 20: 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	170	168	24
Fresh Opium	71	69	15

Afghanistan: Average dry Opium Price (December 2023)



Source: NSAD/DM-CN/MoIA

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